

**OUR PARISH LENTEN RETREAT
PRAYER TIME
WE REMEMBER, WE CELEBRATE, WE BELIEVE**

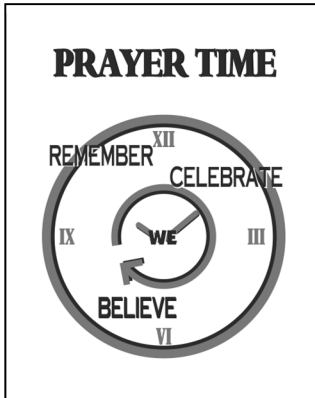
What Time is it for You?

Feeling frazzled by no time?

Bored with too much time on your hands?

It is time to wake up!

God can help you every time. God is always with you in the nick of time, whenever you make time to pray. God's presence, wisdom and peace are with you, here in this moment. The time is now.



The clock reminds us that Time is God's gift. When you see a clock or watch, remember that it is always **Prayer Time**. Prayer closes the circle of our past, present and future with our God who is here for us. Prayer makes us aware of God right now! **We Remember** our past blessings, lifting our hands in **faith**. **We Celebrate** God's presence now, opening our hands, in **hope**, with trust. **We Believe** that our future is our mission to do Christ's Work, empowering us to reach out our hands in **love** and **service**.

Always Prayer Time

Time Out!

Waiting is an opportunity to pray. Wait with God. While at a red light, on line, on hold or while watching the computer download, be mindful of God.

Got Five Minutes?

Time is God's gift to us; we return the gift by giving God our time in prayer. There are 720 minutes in only 12 waking hours; giving God five minutes is less than 1%. How to use the time? Find a quiet place alone. Take some deep breaths in and out using the Latin word for peace, *pacem*- pa- --cem. Follow the guide below.

Turn the Hands of Time in Prayer

Turning the hands of time in prayer involves three sweeping moves into your past, present and future.

We Remember: call to mind your **past** blessings and **thank** God. God did provide. Gratitude grows **Faith**.

We Celebrate: affirm God's presence with you in this very moment. Pray, "Lord, I trust that you are with me **now** in mind, body and spirit. My **hope** lies is in you." God is providing.

Trust gives hope.

We Believe: you were created to receive and to give love. Imagine your **future**. How is God inviting you to live your mission in doing Christ's work? God will provide all that you need. Second by second, you are being endlessly supplied and empowered to **love** and to offer **service** to others.

LENTEN HYMN and PRAYER

We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe

Marty Haugen Adapted

We remember in our prayer time we've been blessed,
And so we celebrate for you are with us here.
And we believe that you entrust us
With your work, of love and service, Lord.
We remember, we celebrate, we believe.

No Time at All? You have Time for this Prayer!



THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

Make the sign of the cross. As you do, know that this desire to pray is God's gift. You are praying.

- Touch your forehead...
Remember God's blessings in your life. Say, "Thank You" which is the perfect prayer.
- Touch your heart...
Celebrate God's presence in you. Smile.
- Touch your left and right shoulders...
Believe that you were created to receive and give love.
What love and service are you giving next?

Lent Reflection Week II

We Remember that Time is God's Gift to Us . . . Now

The story of our human place in God's time is worth remembering. Imagine the history of our earth as the length of a football field which is 100 yards. The starting zone marks 4.5 billion years ago when the earth was formed through God's provident creation. Every inch that follows is 1.3 million years. God's creation of humanity would fall in the last one-eighth inch of the end zone! (YouTube, *Earth's History Plays Out on a Football Field*)

In light of the history of our world, our individual lives may seem unspeakably insignificant but that is not true. God creates each one of us and gifts us not only with our time on earth, but also with the promise of eternal life. We remember that God loves us as beloved daughters and sons. We remember that God trusts us with the purpose and mission for which we are created.

Prayer is the time to remember and to thank God for our creation, for the gift of time and for our purpose.

Remembering God's gifts and blessings in prayer opens our hearts in gratitude to God. Gratitude grows Faith.

Prayer Time Activity:

Use God's gift of time now. Choose a quiet place. Breathe deeply. With your imagination remember the following gifts and blessings. Thank God during your prayer:

- most beautiful place that you have seen in creation
- a delicious food or drink
- something delightful to touch
- the loveliest smell
- your favorite music or song
- the kindest words ever spoken to you
- the faces of those who loved you
- an act of sacrifice given for your good
- a time when you were a gift to another person
- the most loving words that you have spoken
- a time when God felt near to you

What action, in word or in deed, will you take this day to be a blessing or a gift to another person?

SEASON OF LENT OPPORTUNITIES

Renew your faith and your spiritual life for service and love for one another.

Lenten Practices:

- Participating in weekly or even daily celebration of the **Eucharist** is the most perfect prayer and Lenten observance
- Engage in the variety of opportunities for community and private prayer and reflection in our Parish Retreat, **Prayer Time: *We Remember, We Celebrate, We Believe***
- **Meditation Hours:** Thursday, April 6th at 7 PM in Marian Hall
- **Adoration/Benediction Hour:** Tuesday, March 28th 7:00 PM in Church
- **WELCOME HOME:** Sacrament of **Reconciliation;** Mondays 7:00 to 8:30 PM
Saturdays 11:00 AM to 12 Noon
Saturday, April 8th 10:00 AM to 12 Noon in church
- **Stations of the Cross:** Fridays 7:00 PM in Church
Living Stations of the Cross: Friday, April 7th
- **Lenten penance** includes acts of self-denial as a tool for mindfulness of God's bountiful gifts and presence and/or an increase in charitable acts and works of kindness.
- Days of **Fast and Abstinence:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence when we refrain from eating meat and have one full meal and two lesser meals. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence.
- **Lenten Bible Study:** *St. John's Gospel* - Seven week series Mondays at 11 AM in the Molloy Center
- **CRS Rice Bowls** which support Catholic Relief Services and Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Service Programs are available in the vestibule of the Church.

BIBLE STUDY

The theme, We remember, We celebrate, We Believe is part of our Lenten Bible journey as we remember the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus, while studying the latter chapters of St John's Gospel.

We meet every Monday of Lent beginning at 11 AM in the Molloy Center with 30 participants. Everyone is welcome.

RCIA

Journey with Us - Discover the Keys to the Kingdom

Join us on **Monday, March 13th** at **7:00 PM**

in the Russo Room

as Phyllis Sullivan discusses the Sacrament of Confirmation.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR DOOR COLLECTION

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish on **Saturday & Sunday, March 18th & 19th, 2017**. The Little sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES SCHEDULE

Grades 1, 3, 4, 5, and 6: March 26, April 2

Grade 2: March 19, 26, April 2

Grades 7, 8: March 19, April 2, May 7

Confirmation Grade 9, 10: March 19, April 2, May 7

YOUTH MINISTRY

Our next SEARCH retreat weekend is **March 30 – April 2**. This retreat experience is open to all 10th, 11th and 12th grade students. Please contact Andrew ASAP if interested.

ST. PHILIP PREPARATORY SCHOOL

The students have been working hard all year and now all that work was applied as grades K through 7 took their Terra Nova tests. We know they all did a wonderful job!

The 8th grade is working on their annual musical production. This year they will be performing Aladdin.

The school will be celebrating the feasts of St. Patrick and St. Joseph on Friday, March 17th and the First Grade will be performing at the Saturday evening mass on March 18th

2017 TRICKY TRAY

St. Philip Prep Annual Tricky Tray

School Auditorium

797 Valley Rd., Clifton

Friday, March 24, 2017

Doors open at 5:30 PM

Tickets \$15 per person

(includes 1 sheet of General Bidding Tickets)

Tickets on sale now!

See Karen Powers at the front desk in school lobby

from 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Monday – Friday

or contact Carol Urquhart at 973-472-3523

No one under 18 permitted

MINISTRIES AND ORGANIZATIONS

COLUMBIETTES BLANKET MINISTRY

The blanket ministry will meet Thursday, **March 16th** at 9:45 AM in the Molloy Center. All crafters are welcome! For questions or fabric/yarn donations, call Cathie Murtha 973-471-1275.

COLUMBIETTES PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Columbiettes will host a pancake breakfast at Applebee's, 375 Route 3 East, Clifton, NJ from 8-10 AM on **Saturday, March 25, 2017**. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage. The cost is \$11 for adults and \$7 for children 10 and under. For tickets and information, contact Cathie Murtha 973-471-1275. Tickets will be sold at the door!

WIDOW/WIDOWERS

- The Monday Night Group: **March 13th** (in left Conference Room), **March 27th** at 6:30 PM.
- The New & Recently Bereaved Group: **TUESDAY, March 21st** at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY SOCIETY

Monday, March 13th is the date for our next Rosary Society meeting. It will begin at 6:30 PM with the Rosary followed by Mass in Marian Hall. We had 30 people participate in the Rosary conference call in February -- a special thanks to all those who were able to join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Fish & Chips Dinner

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring, for the first time, a Fish & Chips Dinner Fund Raiser catered by Thistle Fish & Chips on **Friday, March 31, 2017** from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM in St. Philip the Apostle Auditorium. All tickets must be purchased in advance (no sales at the door) and are \$15.00 each. Dinner includes fish, chips, coleslaw, coffee, tea, water or soda and dessert. Beer and wine are also available. Take out is also available. Fried chicken dinners are also available and children's portions (under 10) are \$12.00. A 50/50 raffle will be held - winner need not be present. For tickets and/or information contact, Mike Cervine (973)220-3095, Rich Donkersloot (973)650-3327 or Mike Andolino (201)953-4724.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DISPENSATION

A dispensation has been granted from the laws of fast and abstinence to all Roman Catholics living in or visiting this diocese on **Friday, March 17, 2017** by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli. This dispensation is given with the strong recommendation that the faithful honor both Saint Patrick and this holy season of Lent by some special work of charity or exercise of piety in place of abstinence.

PRAY FOR

THE SICK: Joan Hughes, Silvia Berardo, Lara Buell, Ryan G. Micale, Jayce Mazza, Patsy Sinisi, Barbara Sikora, Margaret Sikora, Steve Kuchta, Sister Beverly Aiazzino, Linda Brady, Gus Perez, Joseph Villano, Marie Nattvo, Jennie Marto, Antoinette Van Setters, Alexander Bancey, Josephine Pipitone, Zigrig Roman, Derrick Medeiros, Maria Ligato, Philip Kutzenco, Susan Russell, Evelyn Wescott, Ana Cabezas, Theresa Buhler, Annette Wanamaker, Daniel Marty, Alan Graf, Jim Lacava, Catherine Jackson, Virginia Mascolo, Christine Carpenter, Robert Wagner, Mildred Nerone, Lenor Calvi, Michael Chiamonte

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

SUNDAY, MARCH 12, 2017

- 8:00** Albert Mazzola, John Burke
- 10:00** Walter Stefanacci – 5th Anniversary
Pietro & Felicia Mannarino
Kitty Colca
Ida Pompeo
- 12:00** Ann Fasoli, Claire Chidiac

MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2017

- 7:00** Joseph Mangino
- 9:00** Regina Pellegrino

TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2017

- 7:00** Stella and George Preston
- 9:00** Rev. Michael Judge

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2017

- 7:00** Special Intention: Joshua Roque
- 9:00** Joseph Donnelly

THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

- 7:00** Sean Days
- 9:00** Rev. Joseph Curry

FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2017

- 7:00** Deceased membes of the S. J. Lardear Family
- 9:00** Deceased members of the Hughes Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2017

- 9:00** Murphy Family, Tosi Family
- 5:30** Edward Kishel
Robert Gourley
Joseph Armetta

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2017

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
- 10:00** Judith Muscietta
Tom Fudali
James Cherrey, Jr.
- 12:00** Josef & Frantiska Krizek
Claire Chidiac

Sanctuary Candle: In memory of
Juanita Wilkerson

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE: MARCH 18/19, 2017

5:30 PM	Fr. Miguel	10:00 AM	Fr. Julio
8:00 PM	Fr. Kevin	12:00 Noon	Fr. Joe

PARISH GIVING

Total Sunday Collection: March 6, 2016	\$20,243.00
March 5, 2017	
Envelopes	\$15,208.00
Cash	\$ 1,560.00
Online Giving Donations	\$ 4,547.00
Total	\$21,315.00
2 ND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC RELIEF	\$ 2,930.00