



## **ST. SIMON THE APOSTLE CHURCH**

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### **CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

Saturday .....5:00 pm

Sunday .... 9:00 am & 11:30 am

Monday through Saturday .... 8:30 am

### **SACRAMENTAL LIFE**

#### **FIRST EUCHARIST AND SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Students receive these sacraments in Second Grade. This is a mandatory two year program.

#### **CONFIRMATION**

This is a mandatory two year program beginning in 9<sup>th</sup> Grade, with confirmation administered in the sophomore year.

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Celebrated on Saturday afternoons at 4:30pm or by appointment with Father Rich. Parish Penance Services are celebrated during Advent and Lent.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

The Sacrament of healing is available at any time to all who are seriously ill, hospitalized, or preparing for surgery, as well as those of advanced age. Please contact the Rectory to arrange for Father to administer the Sacrament.

#### **BAPTISM**

Please contact the Rectory for an appointment.

#### **MARRIAGES**

Arrangements must be made at least one year in Advance. Please call the Rectory for appointment.

### **Parish Staff**

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### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES**

K through 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday 10:15 – 11:15 am

Grade 9 & 10 Sunday 10:15 – 11:30 am

Parish Registration is requested for individual/families who worship regularly with us on Sundays and who plan to participate in the life of our parish with their time and talents. For more information please call the Rectory. Registration is necessary for celebrating Marriage and Baptism, attending Religious Education, as well as for the issuing of Sponsor Certificates.

**LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK & MASS INTENTIONS**

<i>Saturday</i>	8:30 am		<i>Health &amp; Blessing for Dennis &amp; Matthew Backes</i>
	5:00 pm		<i>Health &amp; Blessing for the Kafafian Family</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	8:00 am		<i>Crystal Brook Residence</i>
	9:00 am	✝	<i>Karen Staudinger</i>
	11:30 am	✝	<i>Jennifer Casey</i>
<i>Monday</i>	8:30 am		<i>Sick of the Parish</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	8:30 am	✝	<i>Leonard Backes</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	8:30 am	✝	<i>John J. Brown Jr.</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	8:30 am		<i>People of the Parish</i>
<i>Friday</i>	8:30 am	✝	<i>Mrs. Martin Rashauer</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	8:30 am	✝	<i>Fr. Kenneth Hewitt</i>
	5:00 pm	✝	<i>Connie &amp; Pat Geraci</i>
<i>Sunday</i>	8:00 am		<i>Crystal Brook Residence</i>
	9:00 am	✝	<i>Mary Mead's Grandparents</i>
	11:30 am		<i>People of the Parish</i>

**Stewardship**

**Offertory Collection**

**\$2,376** needed Weekly

**Diocesan Assessment Collection**

**\$1,504** needed Monthly

April 1    \$ 6,528    Envelopes  
               +    680    Online Giving  
**\$ 7,208    Total**

              \$ 509    Envelopes  
               +    207    Online Giving  
**\$ 716    Total**



You can set up your online giving account at <http://www.stsimonsapostle.org> and follow the instructions. For help in setting up your account, please contact the rectory office at 973-697-4699.

## **Pastor's Column**

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday. In the gospel today, we hear the sacrament of Penance being instituted. Jesus gives the apostles the power to forgive sins. He asserts that what is bound on earth will be held and what is forgiven on earth will be forgiven in heaven. What a gift that we can go through life with its ups and downs and receive God's grace to assist us on our journey through life.

God's mercy is there for us whenever we desire it all we have to do is ask for it. It is available to us in the sacrament of Penance. This sacrament is under used by us in today's society. It gives us the opportunity to reconcile ourselves with the Lord and those in our family and community. Reconciliation helps us to lay out a plan for our spiritual life, through using the confessor as a spiritual guide. Spiritual direction can be very useful as we try to give our lives a focus.

So, let us use the sacrament so as to obtain God's mercy and healing grace in our lives!

***God Bless,***

***Fr. Rich***

## **Parish News & Events**

**Religious Education Classes Grade K – 8:** There will be **NO** class this Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Our next class will be on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:15AM

**Religious Education Classes Grade 9 & 10:** There will be **NO** class this Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. Our next class will be Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:15-11:30AM.

**Bible Study:** Will be held on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Parish Center. We will be studying the Acts of the Apostles.

**Easter Duty** – The church asks each of us to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Holy Communion between the First Sunday of Lent which is February 18<sup>th</sup> through Trinity Sunday which is on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Pantry Collection:** Will be the weekend of April 14-15<sup>th</sup> for the Rockaway Food Closet and Hope House. Items needed are as follows; 16-18 oz. Peanut Butter, 18 oz. Grape or Strawberry Jelly, Canned Corn (not creamed), Canned Peas, Chef Boyardee, Canned Chicken Meat, Canned Pineapple, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Shampoo, Deodorant (men's & Women's) Toothpaste.

**Array of Hope Concert:** Will be on Friday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Morris Catholic High School. Array of Hope is a multimedia concert experience that features multiple musical acts, motivational speakers and thought-provoking film presentations which joyously provide a counterweight to the negative media surrounding today's society. It brings Christ's message of faith, hope and love to its audience; it celebrates family life and the joy that comes from a relationship with God. Tickets are being sold thru Evenbrite, go to <http://goo.gl/nXX25X> on the internet to purchase tickets. For more information contact Sue Drew [sdrew@morricvatholic.org](mailto:sdrew@morricvatholic.org)

**Open House:** The Saint Francis Residential Community, an independent senior living facility located at 122 Diamond Spring Rd, Denville is hosting an Open House on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00PM- 5:00PM. Experience the charm of a unique independent senior living community. For more information please call 973-627-5000.

**Easter Collection:** Thank you for your very generous donation for the Easter collection.

The candle in front of The Blessed Virgin Mary is in memory of Patricia Zuravnsky

***Solo Organ Recital:*** As part of the Diocese of Paterson's 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in celebration of the reopening of St. John's Cathedral, internationally acclaimed recitalist Stephen Tharp will give a solo organ recital at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson on Sunday, April 15 at 4:00PM. This evening has no admission, but a free will offering will be accepted at the end of the event. Seating is first-come, first-serve, and free parking will be available in the parking garage across from the Cathedral. For more information, please contact the event organizer, Mr. John Peragallo at [john@peragallo.com](mailto:john@peragallo.com)

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

**Vacation Bible School:** Will be held on August 20- August 24, 2018. More details to follow.

**Annual Parish 50/50 Raffle:** Will be held on August 26, 2018. More details to follow

**Mass of Anointing:** Will be held on Saturday, August 25th at 11:00am in the Parish Center followed by lunch. Please call or email the rectory if you will be able to attend.

There will be a parish trip to the **Passion Play** in Oberammergau from August 31-September 8, 2020. This Passion Play is offered every 10 years and is internationally known. The trip will be a River Boat Tour stopping in Vienna, Budapest, Bratislava, Munich, & Passau. There are a limited number of seats available for this trip. For further information please call the rectory at 973-697-4699. Reservations are due ASAP.

### ***Please Pray for Our Sick***

Marjorie Gormley, Frank & Lorraine Nardi, Kelly Finn, Skip DeBlock, Maureen Schley, Dawn Schley, Luke Coluzzi, Sue Censier(Nerger), Kim Stier Careccia, Renata Haila, Eva Brezczinski-Bonanno, Judy Bisconti, Ruth White, Claire Skutka, Joseph Pakula, Al Kucinski, Deacon Enio, John V. McIntyre, Sr., Shannon Koepfel, Cassidy Koepfel, Debbie Little, Gilbert Wright III, Rich Kimble, Kip Flock, Dennis Fry, Annette Martin, Mary Samuel, Bishop Rodimer, Thomas VanHerwarde, Orlando Riccardi Sr., Ethel Graves, Betty Scanga, Hank Behnke, Kathy Pakula, Ann Matson.

**If there are parishioners that are homebound or in the hospital, please call the Rectory to let us know so Fr. Rich can visit them.** Due to HIPAA regulations, visitation must be requested for hospitalizations & home visits.

**Bulletin Advertisements:** We are in the process of revising our advertising ad page which is located on the last page of the bulletin each week. If anyone is interested in placing an ad in the bulletin, please contact the rectory office for details as soon as possible at 973-697-4699.

**The Caregivers Coalition of Morris County** will be sponsoring a conference for Family Caregivers on April 21<sup>st</sup>. You are invited to attend a conference for Family Caregivers entitled “Plan the Best and Safest Living Situation for your Loved One” from 8:30AM to 12:30PM at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, 353 East Hanover Ave, Morristown, NJ. There will be workshops focused on appropriate care for your loved one and the cost of care and options. A complimentary breakfast will be provided.

**Catholic Charities Clothing Boxes: Donate Your Old Clothes:**

Now that we are starting to go through our winter clothes and preparing for spring, please consider donating some of your old or used clothing to Catholic Charities. Your donated clothes raise money to fund our Catholic Charities poverty relief services throughout the Diocese. For your convenience there is a clothing drop-off bin located behind the church.

Deacon Enio Simeone now resides in Renaissance Rehab & Nursing Center in Lincoln Park. You can visit or send cards to him at the following address; Lincoln Park Renaissance Rehab & Nursing Center, 521 Pine Brook Road, Lincoln Park, NJ 07035. Please keep him in your prayers.

**The Rosary**

Join us in Praying the Rosary on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
After the 8:30 AM Mass.

**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Every Friday after the 8:30 am Mass  
until 10:00 am**

Come to pray before the Lord,  
to give thanks and hear his voice in the quiet of your heart.  
Benediction is celebrated at the conclusion of Holy Hour

# Weekend Schedule

APRIL 7 & 8

APRIL 14 & 15

## Lectors

SATURDAY 5:00 pm M. MUTTER  
SUNDAY 9:00 am J. GRIDER  
11:30 am L. SCEUSI

L. CANGELOSI  
F. GIARRATANO  
C. BECKMANN

## Altar Servers

SATURDAY 5:00 pm \*NEEDED\*  
SUNDAY 9:00 am T. CHAN  
11:30 am \*NEEDED\*

\*NEEDED\*  
F. GIARRATANO  
\*NEEDED\*

## Eucharistic Ministers

SATURDAY 5:00 pm \*NEEDED\*  
SUNDAY 9:00 am M. SARTI, K. CHAN  
11:30 am V. DEBLOCK

\*NEEDED\*  
M. MEAD, H. KAFAFIAN  
V. DEBLOCK

## Collection Counters

MR. & MRS. MEYERS

M. GREENE, J. O'NEILL

## Ushers

SATURDAY 5:00 pm J. BRECZINSKI  
SUNDAY 9:00 am B. KNOTT  
11:30 am R. NERGER

J. BRECZINSKI  
B. KNOTT  
R. NERGER

## Ethics Point Hotline:

As part of the ongoing efforts of the Diocese of Paterson to strengthen and support a culture of integrity, mutual accountability and responsibility, an ethics hotline for the use of employees, volunteers, parishioners, vendors and other interested parties is being introduced. This service provides opportunity for confidential, anonymous reporting of suspected misconduct in financial matters and human resource issues. *Ethics Point*, an independent third-party company, has been selected to offer all diocesan parishes, schools, agencies and departments the opportunity to file reports via the web at [www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org) or through a call to 1-855-247-3140. For more information, check the *Ethics Point* link on the diocesan website.

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**ALERT!** If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanello at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T. Mahony, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 ext. 205 or Sister Joan Daniel Healy, S.C.C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777-8818 ext. 248. The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse is available on the diocesan web site: [www.patersondiocese.org](http://www.patersondiocese.org).



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We look forward to hearing from you.