Third Sunday in Lent, March 3, 2024
St. Catherine Laboure Church, Middletown New Jersey

Masses; Saturday Vigil 5:00 and 6:30 pm,
Sunday Morning: 7:30; 9:00 (Latin); 10:30 and 12 Noon

Daily Mon–Sat 8:00 am; Mon & Wed, Fri; 7:00 pm; Mon & Fri 12:00 Latin
Confessions Sat 3:00–4:00; Mon 6:00–7:00
Stations of the Cross Friday after the Noon and 7:00pm Masses
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Mon 8:00 am–7:00 pm.

Clergy: Very Rev. Daniel C. Hesko, V.F. Pastor;
Rev. Michael Lankford, Weekend Assistant
Rev. Mr. John Orlando, Deacon; Rev. Mr. John McGrath, Deacon

No matter where you are on Life’s journey, you are welcome here
TODAY’S LITURGY:

Opening HYMN  St. Andrew of Crete,
7th Cen (Ὁ γάρ Βλέπεις τοὺς ταράτ-τον-τας).
Christian, dost thou see them
On the holy ground,
How the powers of darkness
Rage thy steps around?
Christian, up and smite them,
Counting gain but loss,
In the strength that cometh
By the holy cross.

Christian, dost thou feel them,
How they work within,
Striving, tempting, luring,
Goaded into sin?
Christian, never tremble;
Never be downcast;
Gird thee for the battle,
Watch and pray and fast.

P: Blessed be God, the Father ☩ and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who bids us follow him,
And with your spirit.

Beloved in Christ, as we journey this Lent towards the Paschal Feast, let us once again hear the Commands of God, as recall our sins. As a sign of penance, let us kneel!

Hear the commandments which the Lord God gave to his people:
*I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have none other gods besides me.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* You shall not make to yourself any graven image, nor the likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or in the earth beneath, or in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* You shall not take the Name of the Lord your God in vain, for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* Honor your father and thy mother, that your life many be long upon the earth.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* You shall not kill.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* You shall not steal.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* You shall not commit adultery.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
* You shall not covet your neighbors good.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.
P: May almighty God have mercy upon us.☩ forgive our sins, and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

INTROIT, psalm 25
My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

COLLECT
O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

A Reading from the Book of Exodus  20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17
In those days, God delivered all these commandments: “I, the LORD am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. You shall not have other gods besides me. “You shall not take the name of the LORD, your God, in vain. For the LORD will not leave unpunished the one who takes his name in vain. “Remember to keep holy the sabbath day. Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass, nor anything else that belongs to him.”

The Word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God

GRADUAL: Psalm 19
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the eye.
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.
They are more precious than gold, than a heap of purest gold; sweeter also than syrup or honey from the comb.
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

A Reading from the First Epistle to the Corinthians  1:22-25
Beloved, Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.
The Word of the Lord. R: Thanks be to God

PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF ENDLESS GLORY
God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that everyone who believes in him might have eternal life.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST JOHN  2:13-25
R: Glory to you O Lord
Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, “Take these out of here, and stop making my Father’s house a marketplace.” His disciples
Lord have mercy.
Hear us as we pray; hungry, so that all may share in the goods of this life.
For the nations, that we may share our bread with the poor and
in feeding us with the truth of God's word. Hear us as we pray;
Lord have mercy.

We pray for the Church, for His holiness the Pope, our bishop
saying; Lord have mercy.

God our Father feeds us with the Bread of Life, let us pray that
we may hunger for him always as we lift our prayers to him
R: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
The Sermon

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believe in one God,
R: The Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begetten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light, true God from
true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(ALL BOW)
and by the Holy Spirit was Incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the
Father. He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life \( \oplus \) of the world to come. Amen

THE INTERCESSIONS:

God our Father feeds us with the Bread of Life, let us pray that
we may hunger for him always as we lift our prayers to him
saying; Lord have mercy.

We pray for the Church, for His holiness the Pope, our bishop
and for all who lead and guide the church, may they be faithful
in feeding us with the truth of God's word. Hear us as we pray;
Lord have mercy.

For the nations, that we may share our bread with the poor and
hungry, so that all may share in the goods of this life.
Hear us as we pray;
Lord have mercy.

For all Christian people who acknowledge Christ as the Bread of
Life, that our divisions may cease in the light of His gospel, and
that their may be but one flock and one shepherd.
Hear us as we pray: Lord have mercy.

For all Catholic people this Lent, that we may meditate upon the
Blessed Sacrament of His Body and Blood, and seek first his
kingdom and righteousness. Hear us as we pray;
Lord have mercy.

For those who abandoned Christ, that they may quickly return to
the Church and find in this Sacrament, strength and life.
Hear us as we pray: Lord have mercy.

We pray for the sick and suffering, that the Sacrament of Jesus
may be their strength and comfort. Hear us as we pray;
Lord have mercy.

We pray for all the faithful departed, may they feast forever at
the wedding banquet of heaven, Hear us as we pray;
Lord have mercy.

O Lord you give us your beloved Son to be our food and drink,
grant that we may always receive worthily,
and so come to the inheritance of all your saints in the Kingdom of Heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Offertory Hymn: 11th Ct Ex more docti mystico

In prayer together let us fall,
And cry for mercy, one and all;
And weep before the Judge, and say,
O turn from us Thy wrath away.

Thy grace have we offended sore
By sins, O God, which we deplore;
Pour down upon us from above
The riches of Thy pardoning love.

Remember, Lord, though frail we be,
That yet Thine handiwork are we:
Nor let the honor of Thy name
Be by another put to shame.

By precepts taught of ages past,
Now let us keep again the fast,
Which, year by year, in order meet
Of forty days is made com-plete.

Offertory Prayer

Be pleased, O' Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant
that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to
forgive our neighbor. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
The Canon of the Mass begins in Credo # 17

Communion Hymn
Come back to me with all your heart,
don't let fear keep us apart.
Trees do bend, tho' straight and tall;
so must we to others' call.

Long have I waited for your coming
home to me and living deeply our new life.
The wilderness will lead you
to your heart where I will speak.
Integrity and justice
with tenderness you shall know.
You shall sleep secure with peace;
faithfulness will be your joy.

Communion verse John 4:13-14
For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord, the water I shall give
will become in him a spring welling up to eternal life.
COMMUNION
As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer over the People
Direct, O Lord, we pray, the hearts of your faithful, and in your kindness grant your servants this grace: that, abiding in the love of you and their neighbor, they may fulfill the whole of your commands. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

And the Blessing of Almighty God, + The Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit descend upon you and remain with you, now and forever. Amen

P: Let us go forth in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

**Prayers for the church are in front covers of the hymnal

Recessional Hymn:
There is a green hill far away,
Outside a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains He had to bear;
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiv’n,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to Heav’n,
Saved by His precious blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of Heaven and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has He loved,
And we must love Him, too,
And trust in His redeeming blood,
And try His works to do.

REMINDER THOSE WHO ASK FOR PRAYER
In your charity please remember to pray for: Arleen Snyder, Barbara Masclak, Peggy DiBello, Maureen Farrell, Mark & Kevin Conley, Rich Trivett, Dotty Devaney, Michael Altiere, Diane Kearney, Alice Christie, Arleen Walthers, Beatrix Montalvo, Celestine Madsen, Vanessa Sola, Lillian Renna, Donna Tana, David Rezac, James Rezac, Maryann Rezac, John Bolger, David & Joanna Burke, Elaine Burke, Mark Conley, Nanatte Gamache, Frank Goss, Carly Pepi, David Carr, Paula Martin, Jorge Oliveira, Kimberly Grossman, Atanacio Mendez, Carol O’Hare, Diana Randolph, Alisha McDowell, Steve Gravatt

And for all the recently departed: Teresa Dillow, Chris MacDonald

Prayer O God, our loving Father, look with kindness on our brothers and sisters who seek Your care. In Your mercy grant health to the sick, comfort to the sorrowful, peace to the troubled, joy to the weary and eternal rest to those whose work on earth is done, and all for Jesus’ name. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS
Monday, March 4th
8:00am (Liv.Int.) DeRupo, Caruso, & Amore Families by Lucille DeRupo
12:00pm Constance (Connie) Anne Mehos by Elbaliz Mendez
7:00pm Bob & Maryann Takacs by Doreen & Sal

Tuesday, March 5th
8:00am Anna Deiter by B.J.

Wednesday, March 6th
8:00am Alipio Figueroa by Peg & Paul Bergin
7:00pm Ad Caelum

Thursday, March 7th
8:00am Grace Mancini by Pete & Ruth Bihuniak & Family

Friday, March 8th
8:00am Alice Morgan by The Furlong Family
12:00pm Joseph & Anastasia O’Brien by Patrick & Marie O’Brien
7:00pm Sr. Bridget O’Shea by Colleen Zabriskie

Saturday, March 9th
8:00am Purgatorial Society

Fourth Sunday of Lent
5:00pm Georgene Messina by Maria Petersen & Family
6:30pm Dec. members of the Oswald Family by Mark & Patty

Michael Brazuckas
by Peter & Betty Yurkiw, John & Gabi Wilhalme
Rose Cucinelli & Dorothy Lipka
by Madeline & Wayne
Angelo Sracquatanio by Alberta Jaconski
(Liv. Int.) Josephine Infante-Meehan by Victoria Hajdyk

Sunday, March 10th
7:30am Pro Populo
9:00am Teresa & Malcolm Stewart by Jerri Stewart
10:30am Laura Annetta by Lisa Brooks
12:00pm Randy Bolin (b’day) by Family

BVM Votive: H/O Tom Jay by Michele McCarth
Sanctuary Lamp: H/O Atanacio Mendez Acevedo by daughter, Elbaliz
Sacred Heart Votive: M/O Elba Valentin Perez by daughter, Elbaliz

* To Arrange for Masses or to dedicate the Votive lights, please come to the Rectory Office. Offering is $10.00
ADORATION EVERY MONDAY
After the 8:00 am Mass until 7:00 pm
Consider signing up as a weekly 1 hour adore.
Sign up in Narthex

SAVE THE DATE
All Parishioners are invited to pay tribute to our much loved and respected retiring pastor, Father Dan Hesko, who has given 30 years of his devoted priesthood as pastor of Saint Catherine's Church.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9, 2024 A TESTIMONIAL DINNER JACQUES RECEPTION CENTER FROM 4-8PM $70.00 PP
SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 AN INFORMAL GATHERING AT OUR PARISH GYM 1 -3PM FORMAL LETTER WITH DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

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THURSDAY ROSARY AND PRAYER HOUR
Join parishioners every Thursday at 2:00 pm
In the HALL CHAPEL
Rosary and Intercessory Prayer
All Invited

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Pleaser make your Pledge Today
Extra Pledge Cards are available on the Narthex Tables
Prayer and Devotion:
Daily Mass; 8:00 am Mon—Sat
Evening Masses: Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7:00 pm
Latin Mass in the week: Mon & Fri 12:00 Noon
Adoration Mondays all Day until 7:00 pm
Confessions: Saturday 3:00 – 4:00
Friday 6:00—6:50 pm
The Public recitation of the Rosary: Mon—Sat 8:30 am
Everyone’s Lenten regime must have an increase of Prayer, public or private.

Penance: A Sacrificial offering to God
For those not hindered by health of circumstance;
Fasting: All Catholics ought to fast in Lent.
Those over 14 under 60 are obliged to Fast on Ash Wed and Good Friday. 1 full meal 2 small collations (snacks) voluntary Fasting can and should be done for some, most or all of Lent.
Abstinence: We are obliged to refrain from eating meat on all the Fridays of Lent.
We are all called to freely ‘give up’ something for Lent, or to take something on.
Extra chores, or helping out a neighbor, etc.

Charity: A giving of my self to others
‘Charity begins at home’ as the old saying goes.
Start with yourself. Make a good confession, look at how we respond to others in our manner and time.
Make a good resolution to improve myself, so that everyone will benefit from it.
Charity continues with others.
Consider my offering to church and charity, is it truly a ‘sacrificial’ offering.
Can I take on a special cause this Lent?
Can I give of myself more among my neighbors and friends? In volunteering to help others in need.

The 14 Stations of the Cross will be offered Every Friday in Lent after the Noon (12:40) and 7:00 pm (7:30) Mass in Church.
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