**Sunday, March 6**

8:30 am  People of the Parish

10:30 am  In Memory of Skip Coffman
           Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Grecek

**Monday, March 7**

8:00 am  In Memory of Sam DiMisa
           Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Turner

**Tuesday, March 8**

8:00 am  Intentions of Rita Long
           Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Long

**Wednesday, March 9**

8:00 am  Intentions of Joan May
           Req. by Cyril May

**Thursday, March 10**

8:00 am  Intentions of Bonnie Keul
           Req. by LOSC

**Friday, March 11**

8:00 am  Special Intentions

7:30 pm  Special Intentions
           Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Long

**Saturday, March 12**

8:00 am  In Memory of John Marino
           Req. by Mr. & Mrs. Dash

5:30 pm  Special Intentions

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**OPERATION EASTER BASKET**

**NEXT WEEKEND – 3/13/2016**

Parishioners – Please help our 8th grade CCD students fill Easter Baskets for the children of St. Margaret of Cortona Transitional Housing and AAA for Woman ranging in age from newborn to age 18. You have been generous in the past and we ask that you are now again. Please consider contributing goodies to fill the baskets - candy (individually wrapped or snack sizes), small toys, coloring books, crayons, bubbles, games, chocolate rabbits, small stuffed animals, baskets, basket fillers/ grass, plastic bags to wrap the baskets in/cellophane, and plastic eggs. If you are not able to purchase these items, please consider monetary donations to purchase the items needed. Donations can be dropped off in the marked containers located in the vestibule until NEXT Sunday, March 13th at Noon.

Thank you in advance for your generosity for making this Easter a memorable one for needy children in our area.

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

First Reading: Joshua 5:9a, 10-12
Joshua and the Israelites celebrated Passover in Jericho. This was the first time they had eaten the produce of the Promised Land. After this, there was no more bread sent from heaven because they were able to eat the yield of the land.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21
Paul tells us that anyone living in Jesus is a new creation because God has reconciled with us through Christ. As an ambassador for Jesus, Paul implores that the Corinthians be reconciled to God through Jesus.

The Pharisees grew disgusted with Jesus because of his compassion toward sinners. So Jesus told them a story of a son who squandered his inheritance. When a famine broke out, he returned home and asked his father to become a hired hand. His father instead welcomed him with a joyful celebration, just as God is overjoyed when a sinner returns to him.

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**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Sunday**
Jos 5:9a, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Monday**
Is 65:17-21; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday**
Ez 47:1-9, 12; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday**
Is 49:8-15; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday**
Ex 32:7-14; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday**
Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday**
Jer 11:18-20; Jn 7:40-53
Catholic Relief Services Collection
Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise.

**PARISH SCHEDULE**

*This Week’s Parish Schedule*

**Monday, March 7**
LOSC brown bag meeting, Noon, Church Basement

**Thursday, March 10**
Choir Practice 7pm
Knights of Columbus Rosary 7pm, meeting to follow

**Sunday, March 13**
Day light Savings, Spring forward 1 hour

*Next Week’s Parish Schedule*

**Thursday, March 17**
Choir Practice 7pm

**Saturday, March 19**
Rosary before 5:30pm Vigil Mass

*Please see Lent Schedule to the right*

***Religious Education News!***

Operation Rice Bowl
HUNGERING TO LEARN
We journey with CRS Rice Bowl to the Central American country of Honduras, where we meet students who are learning that it's better to help your neighbor learn and grow than to leave him or her behind. To whom are we called to extend a hand this week? Visit crsricebowl.org for more.

*Saturday, March 12 – 9:00am – 11:00am – Church Basement*
2nd grade First Holy Communion Workshop

*Sunday, March 13*
Lenten workshop – All students invited to attend 1:00pm-4:00pm
8th Grade Lenten Service Project, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Deacon Mike Mochel, Minister of Religious Education,
Deaconmike@stclareclifton.org
703-266-1310

Auto Raffle

This year's auto raffle is picking up steam and many have already purchased their tickets - many but not all. If you're part of the 'all' just think how grand it would be to win a beautiful new car. It truly could be yours; but it truly WON'T be yours if you don't get in the game. Lots of fun and most of your ticket cost will be returned to your Knights of Columbus to support our charitable work. Tickets/ticket stubs may be returned by mail, to the rectory or in the collection basket no later than April 22nd. Winners will be called immediately following the drawing for each car, so be sure to include a contact number. Winners need not be present to win. If you have any questions or need additional tickets, contact Art Luna at 703-830-5257 or by email ajlman@aol.com. Good luck and God Bless.

2016 Lent & Holy Week Schedule

*March 9: Wednesday*
6:30 – 8:00 PM: Confessions

*March 11: Friday, Day of Abstinence*
7:30 PM: Mass, Stations, Benediction

*March 16: Wednesday*
6:30 – 8:00 PM: Confessions

*March 18: Friday, Day of Abstinence*
7:30 PM: Mass, Stations, Benediction

*March 19: Saturday*
3:00-5:00 PM: Confessions
5:30 PM: Palm Sunday Vigil Mass

*March 20: Palm Sunday*
8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

*March 21: Monday*
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Confessions

*March 22: Tuesday*
7:00 PM – 9:00 PM: Confessions

*March 23: Wednesday*
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM: Confessions

*March 24: Holy Thursday*
7:30 PM: Mass of the Lord’s Supper
8:30 PM – 12:00 Midnight – Reservation of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Basement
12 Midnight – Reservation closing

*March 25: Good Friday, Day of Fast and Abstinence*
12:00 – 3:00: Confessions
2:00 PM: Stations (Deacon)
7:30 PM: Good Friday Liturgy

*March 26: Holy Saturday*
2:00 PM – 5:00 PM: Confessions
8:30 PM – Easter Vigil

*March 27: Easter Sunday*

40 CANS FOR LENT

It is a program designed to help fight hunger - an opportunity to take a small sacrifice and turn it into a big difference in the lives of others here in Northern VA. Many people today are going hungry; the goal of this program is for each parishioner to contribute one can of food per day during the forty days of Lent. Please try to bring seven cans each week through lent and we will collect them in the vestibule.

New Parishioners at St. Clare of Assisi
Become a member of St. Clare of Assisi and register with the parish. There are blue registration forms in the vestibule. Ask an usher if you need assistance or call the parish office: 703-266-1310
“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old order has passed away, now all is new! All this has been done by God who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and has given us the ministry of reconciliation. I mean that God, in Christ, was reconciling the world to himself, not counting men’s transgressions against them and has entrusted the ministry of reconciliation to us. “

As we live this jubilee of mercy, Paul’s message provides a clear, understandable message concerning the saving work of God. It is God who takes the initiative, I am called to respond. It is He who offers me forgiveness, I need only ask. He sent Jesus precisely for this purpose, to forgive, reconcile and offer us the gift of joy and peace. How many, how few, accept this tremendous gift?

The parable of Luke introduces us to three persons, the wayward son, the jealous brother and the waiting, forgiving father. There is some of each of us in all three.

Our walk with the Lord this Lent is the call given us to make all things new. I need forgiveness, I have the power to forgive others, I can have peace. With only a few weeks left to celebrate the paschal mystery, may I decide today, when I will seek the Lord’s gift of forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.