

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00PM Anton & Emma Vidovich

8:00AM Eileen Clooney

10:00AM Scoccimarro &

Cifarelli Families

12:00PM Carmelo & Domenica

Ida

MONDAY, MARCH 23

ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO

8:00AM Joseph Rios

11:30AM Antonio & Joanne Mircovich

TUESDAY, MARCH 24

8:00AM Raymond Engels

11:30AM Araceli I. Militar

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25

THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:00AM Anthony Mattessich

11:30AM Maria Rici Mattessich

THURSDAY, MARCH 26

8:00AM Margaret Ingenito

11:30AM Stipe & Dragica Picinic

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

8:00AM Martino Tarabocchia

11:30AM Francesca & Dominick Matesic

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

11:30AM Elena Morin

5:00PM Palma Sileo

SUNDAY, MARCH 29

PALM SUNDAY OF THE

PASSION

OF THE LORD

8:00AM Maria "Kiki"

Tarabokia

10:00AM Marie & James

Manzini

12:00PM Angela Garritano

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Marco DeBenedetto

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Giovanna Piccinich

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Isa 50:4-7

God's suffering servant brings us hope.

Psalms 22

Why have you abandoned me?

Phil 2:6-11

A hymn to Jesus' humility and exaltation

Mark 14:1-15:45

The suffering and death of Jesus

**"YOU SAY: 'I CAN'T
GO ON'. GOD SAYS:**

'MY GRACE IS SUFFICIENT!'"

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

...Our parish LENTEN MISSION concludes on Monday—23 March. Fr. Jim McDonald our guest speaker will celebrate the 11:30AM Mass and give his Mission talk. **AND** he'll celebrate a penance service with his Mission Talk Monday evening at 7PM...Please plan to be with us...and bring a friend!!! We'll have a collection for Fr. McDonald and his ministry at each of the services on Monday to thank him for these three Mondays of our Lenten Parish Mission.

...We remember our two RCIA candidates Aaron Leslie, and Jada Quintana. We pray for them in this Lenten time of reflection and prayer as they continue their preparation to receive the Easter sacraments.

...Stations of the Cross will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7PM. A student from our Archdiocesan Seminary will offer a reflection each Friday. This week - Friday 27 March - our guest speaker will be Joseph Gurliaccio. Please plan to participate in this devotion as a part of your Lenten prayer commitment.

...Just to let you know and keep you up-dated...so far this winter we've spent \$15,090.00 for snow removal as of 14 March. We're waiting for spring!

...As I do every year at this time...I want to take a moment to invite you all to the special celebrations that occur during Holy Week. This week I'd like to focus on the Easter Vigil on Saturday 4 April at 7:30PM...We gather in darkness to welcome the Light of Christ in the new Easter candle...We listen to the words of the Scripture and rejoice in salvation history...We get sprinkled by the newly-blessed Easter water and we welcome new members into our faith community through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults...It's a little longer than our average service...but come and join us for this special, once-a-year celebration...OR...celebrate the great Feast of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday Morning...We will probably have a larger number of people than usual for Easter Sunday...and - YES - you may find someone sitting in your *regular seat*...please give them a warm Epiphany Welcome!!!

...We begin our Holy Week services at all the Masses on Palm Sunday...The color for Palm Sunday is **RED**...Please wear something RED as we gather on the weekend of 28/29 March.

...We'll have our **OUTDOOR PALM BLESSING** before the 10AM Mass on 29 March - Palm Sunday...Please gather (weather permitting)...in the front yard of the Rectory for the Blessing of the Palm and the procession into Church at **9:50AM**.

...**Lenten CONFESSIONS...Monday 30 March 3-4PM...Tuesday 31 March 7PM...and**

Wednesday 1 April 3-4PM

God bless,

Fr. Ken

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

March 15th

Weekly Collection

\$6,899.14

"I will be their God and they shall be my people." - Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.

BINGO

Bring your friends along for a fantastic day at our weekly bingo games. We offer **jackpot prizes, progressive, specials and 50/50 bingo games**. **Doors open at 5:30PM on Tuesday and 10:00AM on Thursday**. Game play begins at 7:15PM on Tuesday, and on Thursday afternoon at 12:15PM. If you have some free time and would like to volunteer, we would be most grateful.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday evening at 7:00PM during Lent. Each week we will have a guest seminarian giving a reflection on the stations. This week the guest speaker will be Joseph Gurliaccio.

April 5 No CCD – Easter Sunday
 April 12 No CCD for Grades 5, 6 & 7 ONLY
 April 19, 26 & May 3 – No CCD for First Communion students ONLY
 May 3 LAST DAY

50 YEARS OF HOLY PRIESTHOOD

Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of Holy Priesthood honoring Rev. John F. Renard on Sunday, May 17th at the 12:00 Noon Mass at Epiphany Church, with reception to follow in the Church Hall from 1:00-4:00PM. If you are planning to attend, please call the Rectory and leave your name and the number of people attending by April 20th.

TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER

Christ the Teacher School will hold their Tricky Tray Fundraiser Dinner on Friday, April 24th at 7:00PM at LaFortuna in Fairview. Come and enjoy a fun evening with a full unlimited buffet dinner, which includes unlimited wine, beer and soft drinks. Tickets are \$50 which includes \$5 of basket raffle tickets. For more information, please call the school at 201-944-0421. Due date to purchase is March 31st.

Our 50/50 Raffle Tickets are on sale now as well. They are \$20 for a book of 20 tickets. They will be on sale through April 23rd, with the winner being announced at the Tricky Tray Dinner. If you wish to purchase a book, you may do so at the school, 359 Whiteman Stret, Fort Lee or at The Church of Madonna Rectory, 340 Main Street, Fort Lee.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our parishioners who achieved honors at Paramus Catholic High School: President’s List – James Clooney and First Honors – Stephanie Vazquez.

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

St. Nichols Church, Palisades Park, will hold a Lenten Parish Retreat on Saturday, March 28th from 10:30AM-3:00PM entitled “Pursuing Nonviolence with Jesus in our Daily Lives.” Lunch is included and babysitting is available.

GOLDEN, SILVER & FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April 19th – 50 years (all counties)
 May 3rd – 25 and 5 years (all counties)

All Masses will be celebrated at 3:00PM at the Cathedral Basilica, Newark. You must call or come to the rectory to fill out a form for these anniversaries. All reservations must be made two weeks before the Mass is scheduled. Please call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4323 if you have any questions.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD’S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood’s Annual Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, April 18th from 6:00-11:30PM at The Elan, 111 Route 46 West, Lodi. Featured will be a cocktail hour, dinner, 4 hour open bar – 6:00-10:00PM, live entertainment and dancing. Enjoy the comedy of Jack Fontana, vocal appearance by Caity Petermann, and special guest stars Emil Stucchio and The Classics – performing their hit song “Till Then”. Dance to the music of The Neighborhood. Tickets are \$90 per person payable in advance by March 30th. Call Ross at 201-945-3978.

INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASSES

On Easter Sunday, April 5th at 1:30PM, there will be an Inclusive Family Mass for individuals with special needs and/or gifts and their families and friends at St. John the Evangelist Church, 29 North Washington Avenue, Bergenfield. There will also be an Inclusive Family Mass at St. Therese of Lisieux, 120 Monroe Avenue, Cresskill on Sunday, April 19th at 1:30PM. Refreshments and fellowship will follow.

SPECIAL SCHEDULE
LENTEN MISSION

MONDAY MARCH 23RD.....11:30AM& 7:00PM

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 28 March.....1:00-2:00PM

Wednesday,1 April.....3:00-4:00PM

LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

TUESDAY, 31 MARCH

Lenten Penance Service (with individual confessions).....7:00PM

PALM SUNDAY, 29 MARCH

Saturday Evening.....5:00PM

Sunday Morning.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

(Distribution of Palm at all Masses)

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK –

March 30, 31 & April 1

Mass.....8:00AM & 11:30AM

HOLY THURSDAY, 2 APRIL

Morning Prayer.....8:00AM

Mass of the Lord’s Supper.....7:30PM

Adoration until 11:00PM (with Night Prayer)

GOOD FRIDAY, 3 APRIL

Morning Prayer.....8:00AM

Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Jesus.....3:00PM

Stations of the Cross.....7:30PM

HOLY SATURDAY, 4 APRIL

Morning Prayer.....8:00AM

Easter Vigil Service.....7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY, 5 APRIL

Masses.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

SPRING DINNER-DANCE

On Saturday, April 25th, the Knights of Columbus Benedict XV Council will be holding a “Spring Dinner-Dance”. The event begins with the 5:00PM Vigil Mass. Dinner begins at 6:00PM, featuring Archbishop Hebda as the guest speaker. Tickets include: full buffet dinner by Dante’s, Leonia. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. For more information contact Bob Barricella at 201-960-554 or Nicholas Sertich at 201-943-7320.

COMMUNION SUPPER

There will be a Communion Supper on Monday, May 4th beginning with the 6:00PM Mass. Fr. Gio will be the guest speaker. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and may be purchased at the rectory after Easter.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Baby Arianna Diwitt, Matthew Dickman, Jean Schwartz, Gloria Masella, Mayor Gerald & Marion Calabrese, Joseph Mangone, Robert Killen, Andree Degedrinsky, Senko Skific, Natalie Lopac, Chris Brown, Nancy Suarez, Maria Murphy, Louanne Mitchell, Brian Hone, Dr. Vito LaFerrera, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Cora Shaffer, Yanira Rivera, Kenneth Kelly, Linda Pentifallo, Max Federman, Virginia Clark Callahan, John & Maryjane Jaskolka, Mario Pajar, Anne Marie Crismale, Larry Chapman, Carsten Maffei, Baby Carly, Imelda Hronic, Marilyn Brenes, Angie Vigna, Mary Carberry, Linda Shiers, Ralph Cappola, Paula Banitez, Doris Portillo, Sid Berger, Angelica Colavito, Ivan Hronic, Una O’Connor, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Sarah Farid, Alfonso Palazzolo, Sr., Lucy Palazzolo, Kevin O’Connor, Angela Kovacev, Martin Bussanich, Carl McManus, Anna Scardigno, Mara Magnozzi, Lydia Locurcio, Doris McCall, Elaine Gratale, Lauren Basso, Archbishop John J. Myers, Corrado Gugliotta, Pietro Gugliotta, Marie Barchetto, Anthony Violante, Victor Sohm, Frank Gaetani, Kathleen Gleason, Bill DiSomma, Bobby Busanic, Alvino Masolotti, Dennis Mistretta, Cheryl Barbara, Cindy Simeone Reynolds.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Collette Coyne, Bill Clynes, Rev. Thomas Kenny.

