

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2017  
SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY  
MOTHER OF GOD

5:00PM Ferrara, Eichler & Pellegrino  
Families

9:00AM Tomislav Grbic

10:30AM Souls in Purgatory

12:00PM Louis M. Botto

MONDAY, JANUARY 2

STS. BASIL THE GREAT & GREGORY  
NAZIANZEN

11:30AM Joel Rafael Morin

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:00AM Nick Hroncich

11:30AM Gasparo Carcich

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

8:00AM Louis J. Norcia

11:30AM Paul Bertinato

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

ST. JOHN NEUMANN

8:00AM Dennis Murphy

11:30AM Tomislav Grbic

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

ST. ANDRE BESSETTE

8:00AM Nick Morin

11:30AM Ints. of Ann Lepis

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

ST. RAYMOND OF PENYAFORT

11:30AM Remo Scremin

5:00PM Margaret Hans

SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00AM Anna Tarabocchia

10:00AM Dinko Morin

12:00PM David Mihalinec

ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of*

John Mattessich

ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of*

Linda Tripodi

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of*

Rocco Suriano

MASS CANDLES

*In Memory of*

David Mihalinec

PREPARING FOR MASS

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Is 60:1-6**

Nations shall walk by your light.

**Psalm 5**

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

**Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6**

All are co-heirs and co-partners.

**Mt 2:1-2**

Jesus is made known to the powerful.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Dear Parishioner:*

...So the celebration of the Christmas season continues...Because Christmas is on a Sunday this year...some of the other celebrations end up on weekdays...So we celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family on Friday 30 December and we remembered in prayer all the families of our parish...and we'll remember the Baptism of the Lord Jesus on Monday 9 January and maybe we can renew our Baptismal commitment...Today - 1 January we celebrate in the Church the Feast of Mary the Mother of God...and of course it's also New Year's Day...My wish for all our parishioners is a healthy and a happy and a prayer-filled New Year...May God's grace lift us up each day of this New Year - 2017!!!

...With the celebration of *our patronal feast of the Epiphany* on 8 January 2017, we begin our 101<sup>st</sup> year and our next century...Thank you Jesus for The Church of the Epiphany which gathers us together, lifts us up in prayer, and sustains us with your grace...

...I invite you to remember in your prayers our four RCIA candidates: Andrew Poye, Jacqueline Poye, Chad Armstrong, and Yvette Melian...Andrew and Chad are looking to convert to the Catholic faith from another Christian denomination...and Jacqueline and Yvette are both baptized Catholics looking to receive Confirmation as adults...They will continue to study and pray with our congregation as they prepare to become members of the Church of the Epiphany at Easter...

...Many thanks for your kind generosity to the parish over the years...and just let me tell you about our Epiphany Heritage Fund...We identify some items that need doing in the parish and put them on the Heritage Fund Wish List...We then ask any parishioner to contribute to whatever wish list item they choose and their entire donation goes to that project. None of the Heritage Fund donations are subject to the 18% assessment that the Archdiocese charges us for our regular collections...Below is a list of the current wish list items for the Heritage Fund...Please be in touch with me for further information and if you wish to donate to one of the items...

1. Replacement of ten windows in the rectory – projected cost is \$4,500.00
2. New paneling for the rectory basement conference room – projected cost is \$1,500.00
3. Paint the stage floor in the Parish Hall – out to bid
4. New carpeting for the rectory basement conference room – out to bid

...Please be in touch with me for further information and if you wish to donate to one of the items...Make out your check to The Epiphany Heritage Fund...and put the wish list item in the "memo" line of your check...and Thank You as always for your kind generosity...

...HAPPY NEW YEAR!

*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.  
December 25<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday Collection**

*Due to the bulletin being published early, we will include the Sunday Collection for Christmas in next week's bulletin.*

*"And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart." – Luke 2:19*

*Mary is the perfect role model for living a stewardship lifestyle. She listened to God and said "yes" to His invitation to be the Holy Mother of His son. She also trusted in the God's providence on a daily basis. As we start a new year, take time every day to listen to how God is calling you; trust that He has a better plan for you than you could ever imagine.*



BINGO

**BINGO IS PLAYED ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM AND ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY AN EVENING OR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN.**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**Please note** that there will be no CCD Religious Education Classes for grades 1-7 on January 1<sup>st</sup>. We will reopen on Sunday, January 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM.

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its regular monthly Communion Mass on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00PM Mass. Please wear your medal and assemble in the vestibule. It is our Patronal Feast Day.

**NEW CHURCH HYMNALS**

Our new hymnals are in the Church pews. If your family would like to memorialize a loved one or simply present the hymnal as a gift from your family to the parish, please use one of the envelopes that are at the church doors. The **memorial fee is \$25.00 per book**. We will be placing these memorials in the new books. We are keeping the dedications that were made at the time the old books began to be used and placing them into the Book of Remembrance in the vestibule.

**RETRouvaille – A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES**

*You can save your marriage!* Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship grown cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again – then the Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office – Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program is scheduled for the weekend of February 10-12, 2017. All inquiries are confidential. For more details, please call the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings).

**TD BANK AFFINITY PROGRAM**

Our participation in the Affinity Program continues. Going forward, the Church will receive \$10 for every existing checking account included in the program and \$50 for every newly opened checking account included in the program. **Nothing is taken from your accounts.** In addition, the **Church** will receive 1/10 of 1% of the average balance of all savings accounts and CDs included in the program. To sign up, please visit the TD Bank at Lafayette and Palisade Avenues.

**HOW TO REPORT ABUSE**

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct should call the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-497-3256.

**A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

*Dear Lord, bless our family. Give us the unity, peace and mutual love that You found in Your own family in the town of Nazareth. Saint Joseph, ask your foster Son's blessing on the head of our family. Obtain the strength, the wisdom, and the prudence needed to support and direct those under (his/her) care. Mother Mary, ask your Son's blessing on the mother of our family. Help her to be pure and kind, gentle and self-sacrificing. For the more she resembles you, the better will our family be. Lord Jesus, bless the children of our family. Help them to be obedient and devoted to their parents. Make them more and more like You. Let them grow, as You did, in wisdom and age and grace before God and man. Holy Family of Nazareth, make our family and home more and more like Yours, until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with You. Amen*

**RECTORY SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS-NEW YEAR'S**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Rectory Office will have only certain hours during Christmas Week through New Year's. It will be only open for several days during Christmas Week. This is the schedule:

**Saturday, December 31.....Closed**  
**Sunday, January 1.....Closed**  
**Monday, January 2.....Closed**  
**Tuesday, January 3.....Return**  
**PLEASE NOTE:** there will be no regular staff available until January 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**SPECIAL EPIPHANY SCHEDULE – 2017**  
**PATRONAL FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY**

Saturday, January 7.....5:00PM  
Sunday, January 8.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00 Noon

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Friday is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 8:30-11:55AM, concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Come and spend time with Our Lord.

**14<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL FESTIVAL**

The Scholarship for Inner-City Children – which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools – will hold its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual High School Basketball Festival on January 7 and 8 at Kean University in Union. Teams playing include: Saint Peter's Prep, Roselle Catholic, Hudson Catholic, Seton Hall Prep, Mt. St. Dominic, St. Benedict's Prep, Marist, Union Catholic, St. Mary's, Don Bosco, Immaculate Conception, Paramus Catholic, St. Joseph's Regional. For complete game schedule, times and information on ordering tickets, visit [www.sfichoops.com](http://www.sfichoops.com) or call 973-497-4279.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Coughlan, Colin Berg, Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Ann Callagher, Esther Evertz, Barbara Dooley, Gloria Masella, Peter Bertinato, Joann Helmick, Mario Pajar, John Hroncich, Kathy Herring, Vinka Usalj, Anna Tarabokija, Joseph DeMiglio, Efram Lavrido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Sandy Snow, Lydia Locurcio, Kevin Harris, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, Mary Bunero, Cabrini Lepis, Erica Duran, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Maria Murphy, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Roger Cook, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Baby Ella Grace Gavina, Sister Rosemary McGavin, Luisa Vlacich, Andrew Mircovich, Marie Gagliardi, Arianna Cappola, Liberata Tarabocchia, Archbishop John J. Myers, Anne Frey, Frances Ianuale.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH**

*Ruth Newland, Deacon Edward Maron.*

**“ALWAYS PRAY TO HAVE EYES THAT SEE THE BEST IN PEOPLE, A HEART THAT FORGIVES THE WORST, A MIND THAT FORGETS THE BAD, AND A SOUL THAT NEVER LOSES FAITH IN GOD!”**

