

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

.....The pledge weekend for the Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal has been changed to February 25th and 26th. Our goal for this Appeal is \$33,281.00. Once again, the Diocese is asking us to be aware of our calling to care for those in need. Thank you for your kind generosity in the past and we ask that you prayerfully consider this year's Annual Appeal. Our Baptism calls us to use our gifts and talents to serve our parish community.

.....I ask you to save the date for our Parish Mission which is scheduled for three Mondays in Lent – March 20th, March 27th, and April 3rd. Fr. Giordano Belanich will be our guest speaker. Some of you may recognize him as one of our substitute priests. Fr. Gio will speak at the 11:30AM Mass and also at 7:00PM on the three Mission days. Please plan to attend this Mission and use this time of penance and renewal to prepare for the great feast of Easter.

.....I'd like you to consider the ministry of lector. We could use a couple of lectors at each of our masses: 5:00PM on Saturday, 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12 Noon on Sunday. You do need a good speaking voice, and ability to be comfortable in standing in front of a large group of people and a willingness to prepare and pray over the Scripture reading you're called upon to proclaim to the people of our parish. If you feel a call to this ministry – please be in touch with me. There will be three nights for lector preparation:

Monday 6 March 7:00-8:00PM – Rectory Dining Room

Monday 13 March 7:00-8:00PM – Rectory Dining Room

Thursday 23 March 7:00-8:00PM – Church

The new lectors will be installed on Saturday/Sunday 18/19 March at the Masses. Please prayerfully consider stepping forward for this special ministry.

.....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...

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.

January 29th

\$5,164.50

Sunday Collection

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." – Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2017

5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Tina & Luciano Leopardi

8:00AM Francesco & Josephine Olmo

10:00AM Antonia & Dinko Busanic

12:00PM Rita Scoccola

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

8:00AM Isabel Lafata

11:30AM Marie Damiani

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00AM Betty, Elizabeth & Otto Bamert

11:30AM Alicia Velez Claudio &
Alfred Bravo

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**STS. JEROME EMILIANI & JOSEPHINE
BAKHITA**

8:00AM Ints. of Tom Sango

11:30AM Giovanni Mattesich

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00AM Paul Elia

11:30AM Domenick Colavito

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ST. SCHOLASTICA

8:00AM Thomas McKendry

11:30AM Maria Busanic

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

11:30AM Antoinette Mazza – Anniv.

5:00PM Miele & Dooley Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Rosa Hahm

10:00AM Vera Dragas

12:00PM Nicola Picinich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Peter Jeon & Renata Lee

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Dec'd Mbrs. Vecchione Family

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Betty, Elizabeth & Otto Bamert

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Sir 15:15-20

God has given us the freedom to act responsibly.

Psalm 119

Blessed are they who follow the law of the Lord.

1 Cor 2:6-10

God's wisdom is for the spiritually mature.

Mt 5:17-37

Living beyond the letter of the law



BINGO

TUESDAY BINGO IS SUSPENDED UNTIL THE SPRING. IT WILL REOPEN IN MARCH OR APRIL. BINGO WILL BE PLAYED ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND HAVE SOME FUN.

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomers baptized during the month of January:

Nicolas Sebastian Martinelli

Vincent Xavier Lee

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

PLEASE NOTE: We will have a meeting on Monday, February 6th at 7:00PM in Ferretti Hall. Please be advised that this is a change from the ordinary third Monday of the month. Please mark your calendars.

**"IN ITS MOST NECESSARY FORM –
LOVE IS FORGIVING!"**

SAINT PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

Save the date for our Saint Patrick/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, March 18th. Featured will be a family-style sit-down corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings. Music will be by Shooting Star Entertainment – DJ Nick. Tickets are \$33 per person and can be purchased at the rectory. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund for the Rectory Basement carpeting. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE

STUDENTS

We have a scholarship for a beginning or current college student who is an active parishioner of Epiphany Church who will be an entering freshman, in the fall of 2017 or is currently enrolled in a four-year college as a sophomore or junior. One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually. New applications will have to be submitted yearly. Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for applications is May 1st. The scholarship will be awarded on June 11th.

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY

World Marriage Day will be celebrated on the weekend of February 12th at all the Masses. At the end of Mass, we will be inviting all married couples to stand and receive a blessing.

GOLDEN, SILVER & FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April 30th – 3:00PM – 25 & 5 years (all counties)

May 7 – 3:00PM – 50 years (all counties)

The Archdiocese will honor all couples married 50, 25 and 5 years at the Cathedral Basilica, Newark. You must come to the rectory to fill out a form for any of these anniversaries. All reservations must be made two weeks before the Mass is scheduled. Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant at all Masses. Please call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4323 if you have any questions.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Do you want to give your Valentine something that will be remembered for a lifetime? The Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a great romantic get away! If you would like to find out more or to receive a registration brochure, contact Mike & Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email njwwme@peoplepc.com or check us out on Facebook.

BRIDGE ACT

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has come out and supported the BRIDGE (Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy) Act which is being proposed in both Houses of Congress. This is a bipartisan effort to sustain temporary relief from deportation and employment eligibility offered to youth through the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The Justice for immigrants website of the USCCB has a link to help those who wish to petition their representatives in Congress to pass the Bridge Act. <http://justiceforimmigrants.org/category/action-alerts> is the website for you to visit to have your voice heard.

HELPING YOU FIND PEACE, POWER & PASSION AFTER DIVORCE

The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide was created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. With the help of counselors, theologians, and priests, you can go from pain and loneliness to hope and healing. Gain wisdom and comfort from others who share your experiences. A workshop will be held at St. Matthew's Parish Hall, Ridgefield, beginning on Tuesday, February 7th at 7:30PM. Registration is due by Sunday, January 29th. For more information, please contact Deacon Drew Dickson at 551-207-0930 or Maria Valente at 201-522-6734.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

From February 4th going forward, we will continue to have open registrations from Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-2:00PM, as long as there is availability. Please contact the school at 201-944-0421 with any questions.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 4th at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid: Becoming Missionary Disciples." Speakers will be Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and Joe Lombardi, Jr., quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints. Day runs from 8:00AM-4:30PM. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For registration, visit www.rcan.org/offices-and-NJCatholicMen.org

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Women's Conference will be Saturday, March 11th at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Alive in Christ as Missionary Disciples." Keynote speakers are Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and mother servant of the Daughters of Mercy of Nazareth in the Archdiocese of Boston and Lisa Hendey, founder and editor of CatholicMom.org. The day runs from 8:00AM-3:30PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For registration, please visit www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/womens-commission

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Cliffside Park Senior Center presents the following activities: February 8 – Resorts Casino Trip - \$30 (slot return \$25) – 8:30AM; February 14 – Valentine's Party & Luncheon with DJ Nick – must sign up by February 9th – 11:00AM-2:00PM; February 15 – AARP Driver Safety Class – sign-up - \$15/\$20 – 9:00AM-3:00PM; Lake George–Saratoga-Lake Placid Trip – May 22-25 - \$528.00 double occupancy; Canadian Cruise – September 16-23. For information and reservations, call 201-943-3768.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Overlook a little, love a lot. To motivate yourself, you need to let go of the trivial. Ponder for one minute the possibility that your spouse might die next week. We can never be certain about the future.

PARENTING POINTERS

"Share your bread...Shelter the homeless... Clothe the naked." (Isaiah 58:7) Although this scripture is usually meant to urge people to go beyond their own families, if you are in the active parenting stage of life, it may be enough to feed, shelter and clothe your own family. If you're stretched pretty thin this week, you're allowed to count that. It's holy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Ann Callagher, Esther Evertz, Gloria Masella, Peter Bertinato, Mario Pajar, John Hroncich, Anna Tarabokija, Joseph DeMiglio, Efreem Lavrido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, Mary Bunero, Cabrini Lepis, Erica Duran, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, 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, Anne Frey, Frances Ianuale, Dr. Bridget Sonesson, Hilda Borroto, Grace Siccardi, Tara Grassani, Maryann Ascione, Bishop Manuel Cruz, Charles Parlier, Barbara Bicochchi.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Berendia Diny Holtschlag.

