

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2018

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Miele & Dooley
Families

8:00AM John Bucco

10:00AM Frank Liccione

12:00PM Cosmo Ferrara

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

8:00AM Bruno Matesic

11:30AM Linda Busanic Clark

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

8:00AM Bruno Matesic

11:30AM Patrick Berzinski

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

ST. PETER DAMIAN

8:00AM Olivia D'Alessia

11:30AM Kathleen Smith

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE

8:00AM Maria Morin

11:30AM Caterina & Ameder Scaffar

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

ST. POLYCARP

8:00AM Maria Ricci Mattessich

11:30AM Giovanna Dominci

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

11:30AM Maria Piccinic

5:00PM Charles Parlier – Birth/Anniv.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Celia Gandara

10:00AM Giovanni Vaccaro

12:00PM Giacomina Scrivanich

ALTAR BREAD

In Honor of

Katie D' Angelo – 100th Birth.



ALTAR WINE

In Honor of

Katie D' Angelo – 100th Birth.

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Anna Tarabocchia

MASS CANDLES

In Honor of

Katie D' Angelo – 100th Birth.

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

God's covenant with Abraham is affirmed.

Ps 116

I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living

Rom 8:31b-34

"If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Mk 9:2-10

The disciples grow in their understanding of Jesus in the Transfiguration

FATHER JIM'S MESSAGE

My dear parishioners and friends:

In Revelation, chapter 2, St. John addresses the port city of Ephesus and brings up one complaint: They had lost their first love.

Now the city of Ephesus was a port city, but it had a problem: silt would build up in the harbor, making it difficult to dock incoming boats, thus the economy of the city would suffer. So periodically, they had to dredge out the harbor of this silt so that life could go on. Well, over time, they did not keep up with this dredging, so over the years, the silt built up to such a degree that Ephesus could no longer be considered a port city, and lost its standing in the marketplace of the area. Today, Ephesus, once know as a premier port city, is five miles from the sea. Hence, St. John in Revelation points out that, out of inattention, they had lost their first love.

We, too, can get so caught up in our daily lives that we can lose sight of what is really important: Our relationship with Christ. We can let the silt of sin and the ways of the world build up and we can find ourselves far away from God, the source of our strength.

In our next bible study: *Ephesians, Discover Your Inheritance*, we will discover what a treasure Our Lord Jesus has entrusted to us, and how this treasure allows us to share in the power and strength of God, our Father, and how we are adopted children of God. This study will teach us to accept no substitutes.

The journey begins March 7, with two sessions: at 1:00pm and again at 7:00pm. For the next eight weeks, we will engage in lively discussion and learn new insights from Jeff Cavins, via video. To register, pick up a registration form at the doors of the church or order the workbook on line at www.ascensionpress.com. The workbook is \$20. If you would like us to order the workbook for you, please submit a completed registration form along with payment of \$20 by February 21.

Let us learn to authentically follow Jesus, Our Lord.

God bless,

Fr. Jim

PARISH SUPPORT

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

February 11th

Sunday Collection

\$4,850.00

"After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God..." – Mark 1:14

Do you ever think about how difficult it must have been for Jesus to come into Galilee, knowing that John had just been arrested for teaching the same message that Jesus was proclaiming. It must have taken great love and trust for Jesus to do what the Father had sent Him here on earth to do. In the same way, following a life of stewardship takes great love and trust from us. We must be willing to surrender completely to God, trusting that God will always give us all that we need to fulfill His plan for us.



BINGO

THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. The guest speaker this Friday will be Seminarian Ryan Tobiason, reflecting on the Third and Fourth Stations.

LOOKING FOR ALUMNI OF EPIPHANY SCHOOL

The 1958 graduating class of Epiphany School is planning a 60th Reunion for October 13, 2018. We are also inviting other classes to join us as we celebrate our years at Epiphany School. If you wishto be included in this list, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so that we may be able to contact you for this event.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

Christ the Teacher will continue to have 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.

EPHESIANS: DISCOVER YOUR INHERITANCE

One of the most remarkable things about our Faith is that by God's grace, we have become his adopted sons and daughters. In your day-to-day life, what does it mean to be a son or daughter of God – an heir to his promises and blessings? When you sit in the pews each Sunday, what does it mean to you to be part of his family, the Church? To help you uncover this meaning, Epiphany Church will begin *Ephesians: Discover Your Inheritance* on Wednesday, March 7, with two sessions: one at 1:00PM and another at 7:00PM. For more information or to register, pick up a registration form at the parish office or visit AscensionPress.com, or contact Fr. Jim Tucker at 201-943-7320. Paper registrations with payment of \$20 are due February 21st.

CCD NEWS

There will be no CCD Classes on Sunday, February 18th.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Last weekend was our Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Appeal. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge and return it to the church office. We would like 100% participation in our One Body, One Mission that is the Archdiocese of Newark.

GOLDEN, SILVER & FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese of Newark invites any couple celebrating 50, 25 or 5 years of Christian Marriage in 2018 to anniversary liturgies that will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. Golden Anniversaries will be celebrated on May 6th at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 27th. Silver and Fifth Anniversaries will be celebrated on April 29th – deadline for reservations is April 20th. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hour to register.

ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Our parish will again be holding our Annual Lenten Soup Supper on Saturday, March 3rd after the 5:00PM Mass. Dinner will be served continuously between 6:00-8:00PM. The all-you-can-eat dinner will feature a number of delicious fresh-made soups, salad, a variety of breads, a wide assortment of cakes, desserts, soda, coffee, tea. A free-will monetary donation will be accepted (suggested donation of \$10 per person), and all proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Community Food Pantry. Please reserve your seats in advance by contacting the rectory at 201-943-7320.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, April 15th. Bus leaves at about 9:00AM and returns about 5:30PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. Proceeds to benefit the Epiphany Community Food Pantry. Tickets must be paid by March 19th. Call 201-943-7320 for reservations.

LENTEN DAY OF RECOLLECTION

St. Nicholas Church, Palisades Park, will hold a Lenten Day of Recollection on Saturday, March 10th at the Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ which will leave at 9:00AM and leave there at 3:00PM. Cost is \$20 (bring your own lunch). To register call 201-944-1154.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood Band will hold its Annual Extravaganza on Saturday, April 28th from 6:00-11:00PM at The Elan, Route 46 West, Lodi. Featured will be a Cocktail Hour, Dinner, 4 hour open bar and live entertainment and dancing. Entertainment will be by The Tercels, Blu Lilly, Rich Walker and Special Guest Comedian, Rob Falcone. Tickets are \$95 per person and can be purchased by contacting Ross – 201-945-3978 or Cathy – 201-943-7320. Tickets must be paid by April 16th.

**“WE DON'T CHANGE THE MESSAGE.
THE MESSAGE CHANGES US!”**

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER DANCE

Welcome our new administrator, Fr. Bruce Harger, at our St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 17th at 6:30PM. We will be having a corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings and St. Joseph's zeppole, soda, beer, coffee – BYOB. Music will be provided by Shooting Star Entertainment - D J Nick. Cost of the ticket is \$35.00 per person. Tickets are on sale at the rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN

Join Epiphany Church and Our Lady of Mercy Church as we travel to the Holy Land and Jordan. Experience, feel and see the wonders and physical manifestations of our faith and beliefs as we venture into the holiest places on earth – moments that will move you!! It will be November 5-14, 2018. Father Bruce Harger will be the Spiritual Director and the cost is \$3,490 per person, based on double occupancy. The single supplement is \$535. Cost includes one round-trip ticket, hotel accommodations, Continental breakfast and dinner, air-conditioned motorcoach, entrance fees and professional guide. Plane will leave from Newark Airport and the trip is being handled by Holy Land and Beyond LLC. Points of call are: Ben-Gurion Air Port; Nazareth (the Basilica of the Annunciation/St. Joseph Church, Mary's well/Mt. of Precipice/Nazareth, Galilee (overnight); Mt. Tabor/Cana – renewal of marriage vow in the church of the wedding); crossing to the Kingdom of Jordan, Journey to Petra; crossing the border to Israel/Eilat/Arava Valley/Negev Desert/Dead Sea; Bethlehem; the Pools of Bethesda/Via Delorosa, Western Wall; Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Road to Emmaus/Joppa/Tel-Aviv. Transfer to Ben-Gurion for Departure.

WOMEN'S COMMISSION DAY OF REFLECTON

The Women's Commission Day of Reflection will be held on Saturday, March 3rd from 8:00AM-4:00PM at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Alive in Christ...Renewing Our Families." Keynote speakers are: Hallie Lord, author of "On the Other Side of Fear," Gloria Purvis, creator of "Authentically Free at Last" on EWTN, and Sr. Brittany Harrison, FMA, contributor to the Catholic Hipsters Handbook. Cost is \$25 per person. Register at <http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission> and His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin will be celebrating the Mass.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 10th from 8:00AM-4:00PM at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid...The Victory is Christ's." Keynote speakers are: Joe Lombardi, Jr. – Quarterback Coach for the New Orleans Saints, Jesse Romero – founder of On Fire Evangelization Apostolate, and Hector Molina – who has over 25 years of experience in pastoral ministry. Register at www.njatholicmen.org Cost is \$25 per person. His Eminence Joseph W. Tobin will be celebrating the Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, George Landeck, Brother Peter Lyne, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Erika Duran, Cora Shaffer, Helen Steinel, Richard Scheiblich, Ivan Tarabokija, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Angie Vigna, Mary Barchetto, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Joe Lally, Marie Maraia, Sister Rosemary McGavin, Michael Duddy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Gaetano Spoleti.

