

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2018

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00PM Charles Parlier – Birth/Anniv.  
8:00AM Celia Gandara  
10:00AM Giovanni Vaccaro  
12:00PM Giacomina Scrivanich

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

8:00AM Bruno Matesic  
11:30AM Kara Antonia Ascione-Shusko

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

8:00AM Mary & John Wahrenberger  
11:30AM Tomaso, Nicolina & Pietro Pallotta

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

8:00AM Stanley Staviv  
11:30AM Domenick Colavito

**THURSDAY, MARCH 1**

8:00AM Kimi Hahm  
11:30AM Maria Morin

**FRIDAY, MARCH 2**

8:00AM Maria Morin  
11:30AM Maria Stancato

**SATURDAY, MARCH 3**

11:30AM Dinko & Maria Morin  
5:00PM Stanley & Rita Osmanski

**SUNDAY, MARCH 4**

*THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*  
8:00AM Antonia Busanic  
10:00AM John & Ruth Lewis  
12:00PM Brian O'Hare

**Pastor's Message February 25, 2018**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

St. Paul assures us in today's Epistle reading that God is on our side: "If God is for us, who can be against us?" This word of encouragement should assure us that we can face any trial or hardship our Lenten observance may cause us. Better to suffer for a good reason than to suffer as the result of our own selfishness or wayward passions.

In today's gospel Jesus takes his closest friends up the mountain to pray; and, for their sake, He is transfigured there in such a way as to reveal the glory that he will receive. But he tells them not to reveal this mystery until he has passed through the trials of his suffering and death, and risen again from the dead. This is the paschal mystery that we are preparing to experience with Jesus.

During the season of Lent, we are called to accept the suffering that comes from our physical and spiritual disciplines. We do this because we prefer to live eternally in the glory of heaven, rather than settle for the passing pleasures we may know in this life.

Our father in faith, Abraham, was compelled by his fear of God...even to the point where he was willing to sacrifice his own beloved son, Isaac. We are compelled to make sacrifices during Lent as well, but not out of fear. It is our love for God and our desire to be with God for all eternity that pushes us to discipline ourselves and to seek God's forgiveness and mercy. Yes, brothers and sisters, God is on our side, and He will help us to complete our Lenten preparations so that we can celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death at Easter.

*Fondly yours in Christ,  
Fr. Bruce*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

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

	<b>February 18<sup>th</sup></b>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<b>\$5,151.00</b>
<i>Retired Priests Collection</i>	<b>\$2,724.00</b>

*"Here I am!" he answered." – Genesis 22:11*

*It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.*

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*  
David Mihalinec



**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*  
Anthony Frato, Jr.

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Ex 20:1-17**

Israel is given the commandments

**P s 19**

Lord, you have the words of  
everlasting life.

**1 Cor 1:22-25**

Christ surpasses human  
understanding

**J n 2:13-25**

Jesus cleanses the Temple in  
Jerusalem

**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. All are invited to attend.

**LOOKING FOR ALUMNI OF EPIPHANY SCHOOL**

The 1958 graduating class of Epiphany School is planning a 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion for October 13, 2018. We are also inviting other classes to join us as we celebrate our years at Epiphany School. If you wish to 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.

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly Communion Mass on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the 5:00PM Mass. Please wear your medal and assemble in the Church vestibule.

**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.

**"ALWAYS CHOOSE LIFE!"**

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. Epiphany is 26% towards our goal of \$32,346.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located at the doors of the church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.

### 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 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Silver and Fifth Anniversaries will be celebrated on April 29<sup>th</sup> – deadline for reservations is April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hours to register.

### ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Our parish will again be holding our Annual Lenten Soup Supper next Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 by Thursday by contacting the rectory at 201-943-7320.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate our parishioners who made Second Quarter honors at Paramus Catholic High School: Principal's List – Kelsey Contreras; First Honors – Leonardo Caroppo, Second Honors – John Anthony Romano. We wish them luck in their future endeavors.

### BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 19<sup>th</sup>. There are only about 15 seats left. 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### MEET JESUS PERSONALLY & RENEW YOUR FAITH

Meet Jesus personally and renew your faith at St. Michael's Church, Palisades Park, School Gym, on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM-6:30PM. Retreat will be guided by Jesus through Fr. Minhyun Cho, Fr. Ernest Rush, and Fr. Stanley Lobo. There will be a healing service, speakers – Fr. Halbing, Fr. Gordon, Fr. Repollet, confession, Charismatic Mass and more. Cost is \$10 for pre-registration. Walk-in donation is \$15.00. For information call Edna Kwon at 201-370-1945. Donation includes a light breakfast and lunch.

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood Band will hold its Annual Extravaganza on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup>.

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

Only three weeks left to purchase tickets as we welcome our new administrator, Fr. Bruce Harger, at our St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.njcatholicmen.org](http://www.njcatholicmen.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 Marraia, Joe & Nonni Villani, Michael Duddy.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Regina Puber, Luz Sandoval, Sister Rosemary McGavin.*

