

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Stanley & Rita Osmani
8:00AM Antonia Busanic
10:00AM John & Ruth Lewis
12:00PM Brian O'Hare

MONDAY, MARCH 5

8:00AM Dorothy Carleton &
Carmella Salerno
11:30AM Anna Tarabocchia

TUESDAY, MARCH 6

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

8:00AM Mark & Flavio Zen
11:30AM Linda Clark

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

ST. JOHN OF GOD

8:00AM Rocco D'Urso
11:30AM Phillip Lapolla

FRIDAY, MARCH 9

ST. FRANCIS OF ROME

8:00AM Bruno Matesic
11:30AM Vincenza & Frank Parisi

SATURDAY, MARCH 10

11:30AM Maria Morin
5:00PM Rhonda Ferguson

SUNDAY, MARCH 11

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Michael F. Bitondo – Birth.
10:00AM Joseph Moore
12:00PM Helen Thompson

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

David Mihalinec



SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Rosina & Fioravante Pellegrino – Birth.

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Marco DeBenedetto

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23

God will be merciful to the exiled
Israelites.

Ps 137

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever
forget you.

Eph 2:4-10

We are saved by God's rich mercy

Jn 3:14-21

God's only Son was sent for our
reconciliation

Pastor's Message March 4, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends,

St. John the Evangelist tells us in our gospel passage this week how Jesus was so consumed with zeal for God's temple in Jerusalem that he drove out the money changers and all the people who were in the temple area selling sheep, oxen and doves for the sacrifices. Jesus was scandalized at the way that they had turned the temple into a marketplace instead of keeping it as a place for prayer and devotion to God. Inspired by Jesus' example, perhaps this week is a good time for us to consider how do WE show respect for God's house, or how we may be forgetting that our church is primarily a place of worship? Are we carrying on unnecessary conversations with people before mass or otherwise creating a distraction for people who want to pray quietly? Are we careful about shutting off our cell phones and other mobile devices so that they don't go off during mass? Do we straighten up the pew where we sit and clean up after ourselves and our children before we leave? Our Puritan brothers and sisters used to say that "cleanliness is next to godliness"... I wouldn't go that far, but it certainly is true that a clean, safe and healthy environment contributes to our prayer experience.

Brothers and sisters, I want to let you know that we are planning a parish penance service for Monday, March 19, from 7:00-8:30 PM. If you haven't had the opportunity to make your Lenten confession yet, this is a golden opportunity to come together to celebrate God's forgiveness of our sins and to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Set the date aside now.

*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.

February 25th

Sunday Collection

\$5,155.00

"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything." – Genesis 22:11

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

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. This week's guest seminarian is Deacon Anthony DiStefano. All are invited to attend.

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 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.

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.

A RETREAT FOR WIDOWS

The Marianist Family Retreat Center will hold a retreat for widows at Cape May Point, NJ from April 27-29. Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies. Beach walks, socials and fun are also included. Cost is \$135 pp, double occupancy. To register visit www.capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829.

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 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 hours to register.

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. There are only about 10 seats left. Call 201-943-7320 for reservations.

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.njcatholicmen.org Cost is \$25 per person. His Eminence Joseph W. Tobin will be celebrating the Mass.

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.

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 24th 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.

NEW HOPE, INC.

New Hope will have a Hands of Hope Gala on Wednesday, April 18th at Seasons, Washington Township from 6:30-10:30PM. Tickets are \$90 per person with cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction, tricky tray raffle, dancing and a huge 50/50. Proceeds will benefit first-time single mothers and their babies. For tickets call Kathy Turlick – 201-573-8697.

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.

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

Only two 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 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/Eliat/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. Contact Fr. Bruce at 201-943-7320 for more information.

8TH ANNUAL DEAFEST

The 8th Annual Deafest sponsored by the New Jersey Pastoral Workers with the Deaf for the Archdiocese of Newark, Dioceses of Camden, Metuchen and Paterson will be held on Saturday, April 7th (Divine Mercy) from 9:00AM-5:00PM at the Archdiocesan Youth Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny. Doors open at 9:00AM and 4:00PM Closing Mass. Admission and lunch are free. Fr. Mike Depcik "Divine Mercy" will be at 10:00AM and Fr. Mike Depcik "Our Calling" at 2:00PM. Fr. Mike was born to a deaf family. He travels to many places serving deaf people. To register go to catholicdeafestnj@gmail.com or call Gina Maria Correia at 973-522-2210.

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, Marie Maraia, Joe & Nonni Villani, Michael Duddy.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Joe Lally, Marie Mazzo.

**“YOU’RE ONLY YOUNG ONCE,
BUT YOU CAN BE IMMATURE
FOREVER!”**

