

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION
OF THE LORD

5:00PM Maria Martire
8:00AM Michael F. Bitondo – Anniv.
10:00AM Peter Foglio, Sr.
12:00PM Cappadonna Family

MONDAY, MARCH 26

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

8:00AM Maria Piccinich
11:30AM Maria Ricci Mattessich

TUESDAY, MARCH 27

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8:00AM Maria Piccini
11:30AM John Bucco

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28

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8:00AM Maria Morin
11:30AM Phillip Lapolla

THURSDAY, MARCH 29

HOLY THURSDAY

8:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, MARCH 30

GOOD FRIDAY

8:00AM Morning Prayer
3:00PM Commemoration of the Passion
and Death of Jesus
7:30PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 31

HOLY SATURDAY

8:00AM Morning Prayer
7:30PM Easter Vigil Service

SUNDAY, APRIL 1

*EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
RESURRECTION OF THE LORD*

8:00AM Rose Zilocchi
10:00AM Michael & Ella Nocero
12:00PM Edna & Thomas Lennon

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
David Mihalinec

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Joseph Lally

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Bruno Matesic

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Peter preaches the risen Christ to the
Gentiles

Ps 118

This is the day the Lord has made; let us
rejoice and be glad

Col 3:1-4

We who are baptized are bound to Christ

Mk 16:1-7

The women, coming to anoint Jesus'
body, find the empty tomb

Pastor's Message Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

My dear parishioners and friends,

Our annual commemoration of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection has begun. Each year we take this week and set it apart from every other week in our calendar. We MAKE this week Holy. It doesn't just happen. We have to make an effort and be attentive to the Spirit's invitation to participate in this week; otherwise, it will pass us by and we will not be changed in the least. What a shame that would be! Of course, it isn't easy to drop everything in our lives in order to do that. Most employers find it unacceptable for us to call out of work for the whole week and it is just not practical in this country; even though in some places in the world that is exactly what happens... some businesses actually close for the week.

Let me urge all of you, within reason, to do what you can to be present for as many of the special celebrations during this Holy Week: Thursday evening is our commemoration of the Lord's Supper beginning at 7:30 PM; our Good Friday service is at 3:00 PM with Stations of the Cross at 7:30 that evening; and our Easter Vigil service on Saturday begins at 7:30 PM.

I also urge you, if you have not already done so, to make your Confession before Easter: Tuesday, March 27, 7:00-8:00 PM; and Wednesday, March 28, 3:00-4:00 PM. Please plan ahead, because the priests may not be able to accommodate you for individual confessions outside of these times.

*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

March 18th

Sunday Collection

\$5,560.00

"Pilate again said to them, 'Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?' And they cried out again, 'Crucify him.'" – Mark 15:12-13

Jesus told us "whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me." Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Pray for the strength and courage to stand up for those in need of our help.

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.

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON HOLY THURSDAY!

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.

SEMINARIAN DINNER/DANCE

Benedict XV Council 2355 and Carmel Council 8982 Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Seminarian Dinner/Dance on Saturday, April 21st beginning with the 5:00PM Mass and 6:00PM Dinner at St. John the Evangelist Church, 470 Broad Avenue, Leonia (Peter Kramer Hall). Buffet Dinner will be catered by Dante's Italian Restaurant – BYOB. Tickets are \$25 per person and are available at our Rectory. There will be entertainment, 50/50 Raffle and a Guest Speaker. All proceeds will benefit Seminararians of the Archdiocese of Newark at Immaculate Conception Seminary.

"GOD GRADES ON THE CROSS, NOT THE CURVE!"

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 vows 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. Contact Fr. Bruce at 201-943-7320 for more information.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS FOR THE TRIDUUM DAYS

Holy Thursday.....10:00AM-2:00PM
Good Friday.....10:00AM-2:00PM
Holy Saturday.....10:00AM-2:00PM
Easter Sunday.....Closed
Easter Monday.....Closed

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 50% 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 April 4th. Only about 6 seats left.

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.

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.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AND CONFESSIONS

CONFESSIONS

Tuesday, March 27.....7:00-8:00PM
Wednesday, March 28..... 3:00-4:00PM

MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK MARCH 26, 27 & 28

Mass.....8:00AM & 11:30AM

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Prayer.....8:00AM
Mass of the Lord's Supper.....7:30PM
Adoration until 11:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

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Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Jesus.....3:00PM
Stations of the Cross.....7:30PM

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

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Easter Vigil Service.....7:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Masses.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

NOTE OF THANKS

My deepest appreciation to all members of our wonderful Epiphany Parish family who prayed for my dear husband, Joe, over the past 2-1/2 years. There are no words that could adequately express my gratitude for the out-pouring of love, prayers and help we received since Joe went home to the Lord on 2/25/2018. Thank you all so very, very much.

Sheila Lally

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.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

St.Leo's Parish, Elmwood Park, begins their spring Bereavement Support Group on Wednesday, March 28th in the Meeting Room at 324 Market Street. It will commence at 7:00PM and conclude around 8:30PM. It will consist of seven weekly sessions. If you are interested in registering or would like information, call Judy Regan at 201-703-9367.

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, Cora Shaffer, Helen Steinel, Richard Scheiblich, Ivan Tarabokia, 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, Eileen Palazzo, Jacqueline Landeck, Johanna Rea-Reynolds, Florence Hoffman, Peter Foglio, Jr.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. Msgr. Thoms McCarthy, Rev. Msgr. Sean Cumneen.

