

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 2019

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00PM Katie D'Angelo
8:00AM Zlatko Simonovic
10:00AM Marie Apuzzo
12:00PM Jose & Maria Henriquez

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

ST. RAYMOND OF PENAFORT

8:00AM Zdenko Matesic
5:00PM Regina Lisica

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:00AM Michael Sanchez
11:30AM Dinko Morin

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

8:00AM Linda Fico
11:30AM Juliana Moonsoo Lee

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

8:00AM Ante Franin
11:30AM Tommi Harger – Anniv.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00AM Ann Ranuro
11:30AM Enrietta DiPaolo

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

11:30AM Zdenko Matesic
Riccardo Mattessich
5:00PM Josephine D'Oro

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00AM Giulio Scocimarro
10:00AM Maria Kirinchic
12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Cappadona Family

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
John Mattessich

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Mara Magnozzi

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Giovanna Calabrese

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Carmella Maiorana

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

The servant of the Lord will establish justice

Ps 29

The Lord will bless his people with peace

Acts 10:34-38

God's word to Israel is fulfilled in Christ

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Jesus is baptized and filled with the Spirit

PASTOR'S MESSAGE JANUARY 6, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

Happy Anniversary!!!

We should celebrate, because this weekend marks the 103rd anniversary of the founding of our parish. Of course I am one of the newcomers to Epiphany so I don't have the long history of association with our community that many of you and your families have enjoyed. But still, I think that every year we have here is another year of grace from God... because that is the precious gift that we have been given... a heritage of sharing the light and joy of God's grace with our brothers and sisters.

I would like to share with you a very brief reflection on our parish Mission Statement:

"Just as the biblical Magi followed Christ's star, we too, as the people of the Church of the Epiphany, follow the light of Christ in our daily lives."

There is a saying that says, "You can't give what you don't have." Our Mission statement reminds us that if we are going to be authentic to our mission, we have to be living in the light of Christ in our daily lives. How can we be light to the world if we are living in darkness?

"... coming to Him with the gifts of our own unique treasures and talents as Catholic individuals."

We all have something to offer God for the building up of his kingdom. We are called to generously share ourselves with one another because that is what it means to be members of the Body of Christ.

"United as a parish community in the spirit of faith, hope, and charity, we strive to make Christ manifest in the world..."

We are called to be united, in communion, with one another. This unity is not something that happens magically, it is something that happens when we choose to speak and act in the spirit of faith, hope and love that Christ has given us. When we speak or act in ways that are contrary to the spirit we tear down that unity. Building community is always a matter of making the choice to live according to the spirit. When we do that Christ is made manifest in our world.

"... through our Catholic beliefs and traditions as we live the message of salvation daily."

Brothers and sisters we have been given a great gift that is our Catholic faith! We are the heirs to over 2,000 years of a faith that continues to live and develop today. We can be like the good stewards that Jesus speaks about in the gospels who know how to take from what the past has to offer, yet are always looking for new ways to bring the good news of Jesus to light. That is what it means to respect and preserve our faith tradition while living Jesus' message of Salvation daily.

As we continue to live and thrive as a community of faith here in the Church of the Epiphany, let us recommit ourselves to making our Mission Statement something that has meaning for the way that we function as a parish.

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

December 23rd

\$4,856.00

Sunday Collection

"...they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh..." – Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share! That, like the Magi, we generously share our gifts with the Lord, trusting He will provide all that we need.

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.



EPIPHANY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Due to an abundance of food items in our Food Pantry, we request no more donations until we tell you through the bulletin articles. We are very appreciative for all your generosity, but we do not have any more room at this time for more donations.

BIBLE DIARIES FOR SALE

We have a limited number of Bible Diaries available for sale at \$12.00 each. Published by Claretian Publications and distributed through "Lets Evangelize", these compact, attractive hard-bound books offer the daily readings for mass each day of the year (2019) as well as a daily reflection and other inspirational words. It's a great resource for our daily prayer because it keeps us in touch with the liturgical life of the church even when we may not be able to attend daily mass. To purchase one of these books, please contact the parish office or drop in during our regular business hours. It keeps on giving for the whole year!

SAVE THE DATE

The Neighborhood's Annual Extravaganza at The Elan, Lodi, NJ will be held on Saturday, April 27th. It will feature the Neighborhood Band and Singers, the Manhattan Skyline and other fine entertainment. Dine, drink, dance and enjoy a great evening. Details will follow in a future bulletin.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

There will be a Young Adult Retreat from February 8th-10th at the Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Come join other young adults (ages 22-35) married or single, to take a step back from your busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Cost is \$135 per person, double occupancy. You may register at capemaymarianists.org or call 609-884-3829. Any other questions may be directed to Anthony Fucci, Center Director at the above phone number.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S & MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese of Newark's Office of Evangelization announces the dates for the 2019 Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 9th and the Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 16th. Both events will be held at Seton Hall University, which will feature English and Spanish tracks and include breakfast and lunch. Registration fee is \$25.00. It will be held from 8:00AM-4:00PM. There will be an opportunity for Holy Mass, Holy Hour, Adoration Chapel, confession speakers who inspire us to learn, love and live our faith better, fellowship with like-minded Catholics, learn about the ministries of the Archdiocese, and Catholic gifts and books for sale. More information can be found soon at www.rcan.org/womenscommission or www.NJCatholicMen.org. You may also contact evangelization@rcan.org or you may call 973-497-4137 for more information.

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages sponsored by the Office of Family Life, Secretariat of Pastoral and Family Life, Diocese of Metuchen. It consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The upcoming weekend is February 8-10. All inquiries are confidential. For further facts, kindly contact the Metuchen Family Life Office – 732-243-4573, Rich – 732-236-0671 or Annette – 732-672-0748.

“THE TONGUE HAS NO BONES, BUT IT IS STRONG ENOUGH TO BREAK A HEART. SO BE CAREFUL WITH YOUR WORDS!”

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women & Rosary Society will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, January 17th at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. Please note the change of meeting day from Monday to Thursday. All women are invited to attend.

103RD ANNIVERSARY POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Unfortunately, due to low ticket sales for our Anniversary Potluck Luncheon on January 6th, the event has been cancelled.

MARRIAGE, DIVORCE & CHURCH ANNULMENT – WHAT DOES THE CHURCH REALLY TEACH?

All are welcome to a presentation on Thursday, January 10th from 7:00-9:00PM at Our Lady of Blessed Sacrament, 28 Livingston Avenue, Roseland, NJ – Founder's Hall. The presentation will be followed by a Q & A session. Maybe you have asked the questions, What is Marriage? Is annulment just “catholic divorce”? Can divorced people receive the Eucharist? Or maybe you would just like information and support. It will be presented by Lauren Egan, BA, CADC, Associate Director of Family Life Office, Trained Pastoral Advocate. RSVP to <https://conta.cc/2RWHBUM> The second workshop will be held on Thursday, January 17th from 7:00-9:00PM focusing on Divorce and Family Law. It will be presented by Allan Scazafabvo, Jr., Matrimonial Law Attorney. RSVP to <https://conta.cc/@RVmD8G>

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Brother Peter Lyne, Cora Shaffer, Ivan Tarabokija, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Peter Foglio, Jr., Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Tony Martello, Ruth Behsman, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Norma Brown, Doris Portillo, Cabrini Lepis, Elizabeth Magliato Loughlin, Teresita Zafrá-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Ann Marie Hallaert, Clement Petrocelli, Anthony Tarabocchia, Marilyn Timony.

PRAYER FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The precious gifts which the Magi brought to the Lord this day are threefold, and they are signs of divine mysteries. By gold the power of the King is signified, by frankincense His great priesthood, by myrrh the burial of the Lord.

Let us pray. O God, by the leading of a star Thou didst manifest Thine only begotten Son to the Gentiles on this day; mercifully grant that we who know Thee by faith, may be brought to contemplate the beauty of Thy majesty. Through the same Jesus Christ Thy Son. Amen.