

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Stanley & Rita Osmanski
8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia
10:00AM Krystyna Caruso
12:00PM Giacomina Scrivanich

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

8:00AM Zdenko Matesic
11:30AM Joseph Lally

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia
11:30AM Karen Antonia Ascione Shusko

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM Jakomina Picinich
11:30AM Dinko & Maria Morin

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00AM Mark & Flavio Zen
11:30AM Cav Ivan

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:00AM Tomazina Morin
11:30AM Anthony Picinich

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

11:30AM Ivan Tarabokia
5:00PM Rita Osmanski

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Elena Morin
10:00AM Debra Ann Sands
12:00PM Frank Liccione

PASTOR'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 24, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

Our gospel passage this Sunday is the continuation of Luke's version of Jesus' "Sermon on the Plain" which we began to hear last Sunday. In Jesus' teachings on the values of the kingdom we hear how it is by living according to his teachings that we can make a difference in the world around us. We are called to break the cycle of crushing poverty through generous and self-sacrificing love. And we are called to break the cycle of violence and revenge by accepting the humiliation of choosing to lose in order to achieve peace. In all this Jesus emphasizes that the ultimate motivation for gospel living is love. If we extend compassion and love to others, we will be judged by a compassionate and loving God. Jesus doesn't ask us to be perfect, or to expect others to be perfect. He calls us to be "merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful" because that is what makes a real difference in our world.

*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 17th

Sunday Collection

\$4,901.00

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back."

- Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Mercy and compassion will put us on the path to holiness.



ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of
Lottie Skowron*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
Rosina & Fioravante Pellegrino*

MASS CANDLES

*In Memory of
Anthony Frato, Jr.*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Sir 27:4-7

Tribulation is the test of the just

Ps 92

Lord, it is good to give thanks to
you

1 Cor 15:54-58

Where, O death, is your sting?

Lk 6:39-45

Remove the beam from your own
eye first

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.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE, SANCTUARY LAMPS, MASS CANDLES & ALTAR FLOWERS

We have Altar Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamps, Mass Candles and Altar Flowers available for the year 2019. Please come into the rectory to book one of these items in memory of or in honor of your loved ones.

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomer baptized during the month of February:

George Stanislav Alyas

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

Only one week left to purchase your tickets for a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem, PA, on Sunday, March 3rd. The bus will leave at 8:45AM and will be returning approximately 6:00PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person (\$20.00 back for play & \$5.00 back for food). Tickets must be paid by February 25th. Proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Heritage Fund for the new front doors.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly mass on Saturday, March 2nd at the 5:00PM Mass. Please assemble in the vestibule and wear your Medal.

**"EXPERIENCE IS SOMETHING YOU DON'T GET
UNTIL JUST AFTER YOU NEED IT!"**

SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

ONLY ABOUT TWO WEEKS LEFT TO PURCHASE TICKETS for our annual Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16th. Featured will be a family-style sit-down corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings, and zeppole. Music will be by Shooting Star Entertainment – DJ Nick. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at the Rectory. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund for the renovation of the Rectory Basement. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have a scholarship for a beginning or current college student who is an active parishioner of Epiphany Church who will be an entering freshman in the fall of 2019 or is currently enrolled in a four-year college as a sophomore or junior. One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually. New applications will have to be submitted yearly. Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for applications is May 15th. Scholarship will be awarded June 9th at the Parish Picnic.

GOLDEN, SILVER & FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

April 28th – 3:00PM – 50 years – (all counties)

June 2nd – 3:00PM – 5 & 25 years (all counties)

The Archdiocese will honor all couples married 50, 25 and 5 years at the Cathedral Basilica. You must come to the rectory to fill out a form for any of these anniversaries. All reservations must be made two weeks before the Mass is scheduled. Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant at all Masses. Deadline for 50 years is April 17th and deadline for 25 and 5 years is May 22nd. Please call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4323 if you have any questions.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal directly supports various ministries and programs throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, such as our evangelization efforts, Catholic education, Catholic Charities, youth and young adult ministry, and many other ministries. **Your participation in this campaign is vitally important.** Our parish goal this year is \$33,029.00. **Thus far we have received \$9,135 from 44 donors.** If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2019 *Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal*, there is still time. Just complete a pledge envelop and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you have already made a contribution, thank you for your generous gift.



CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL A 2018 National Blue Ribbon School

Open House and Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is on-going. Please note that being a parishioner offers you the opportunity of a discounted tuition rate. From February 4th going forward, we will continue to have open registrations from Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 2:00pm, and invite you to make an appointment.

Please contact the school at (201) 944-0421 or email us at info@christtheteacherschool.org for a tour.

FREE RETREAT AT THE BLUE ARMY SHRINE

There will be a Free Retreat at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Road East, Asbury, NJ – from 11:30AM to 3:30PM - "Heart of Mary – Hope for the World, Uncovering the Fatima Message". All are welcome to the studio audience free retreat which will be filmed with Fr. Hugh Gillespie, SMM. Fr. Hugh will be presenting the final two talks in the Fatima series: Reparation for sinners and the charism of St. Jacinta and Consecration to Mary as lived by Servant of God Sister Lucia. 11:30AM – Rosary – 15 minute meditation – Fatima talks. Light refreshments will be served. It is a Free Event but RSVP to dorothy@bluearmy.com or 908-689-1700 x224

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

This Thursday, February 28th, our parish adult faith formation program will continue with Bishop Robert Barron's series, The Pivotal Players. This is Bishop Barron's follow-up series to Catholicism. The "Pivotal Players" series illumines the lives of a handful of saints, artists, mystics and scholars who shaped the life of the Church and changed the course of civilization. Our second installment will feature St. Augustine whose narrative of personal transformation provides a design for life in Christ that still captivates Christians today. Our monthly program is held at 1:00 PM on Thursday in the daily mass chapel.

SAVE UP FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

Join Fr. Bruce on a journey to Oberammergau, Germany for the 2020 Passion Play, Rome and the Vatican. Our tour is set for July 16-23, 2020. We will fly from JFK airport to Munich. Then on to Oberammergau where, since 1624 the town has performed the Passion Play recounting the last few days of Jesus' life before his death and resurrection. "The last time I saw the Passion Play was in 1960 and I have never forgotten it." (Fr. Bruce) After spending a day in Innsbruck, Austria, it's on to Rome for three days, including the Papal audience in St. Peter's square on Wednesday! The price for the trip begins at \$4,298 for double occupancy and it includes airfare from New York, admission fees for museums, First Class Hotel accommodations and gratuities, program fees, daily breakfast and dinner, deluxe motor-coach transportation, and the Passion Play tickets for the full 6-hour long performance. Don't miss the opportunity for this experience of a lifetime! For more information, brochures are available in the Rectory Office.

DO YOU GRIEVE THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

St. Leo's Parish will begin their spring Bereavement Support Group on Tuesday, March 5th at St. Leo's Downstairs Meeting Room located in the Rectory at 324 Market St., Elmwood Park. It will commence at 6:30PM and conclude at 8:00PM. It will consist of approximately eight weekly sessions. Many people benefited from the kind of mutual support a Bereavement Group can offer. Nothing can ever replace a loved one, but together, in an atmosphere of love and understanding, we hope to provide some help in coping with the grief that death brings. The ministry is open to all. Please advise any members of your family and/or friends that we welcome them with compassionate arms. If you are interested in registering or would like more information, call St. Leo's Rectory at 201-796-3521.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Eric Grigsby, Caroline 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, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Ruth Behsman, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Elizabeth Magliato Loughlin, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Angelina Cozzitorto, Roberto Tarabocchia, Frank Gaetani, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Dottie Rossi, Mike Hromin, Timmy Cappola, Sean O'Connor, John Donato, Vladimir Drobikov.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Patricia Williams, Rev. Charles Moutenot, Tom Cameron, Angelina Bazantes.

