

SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2019

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Rita Osmanski
8:00AM Elena Morin
10:00AM Debra Ann Sands
12:00PM Frank Liccione

MONDAY, MARCH 4

ST. CASMIR
8:00AM Hilda & John Dondero
11:30AM Ernie Sdrigotti

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:00AM Dorothy Carleton & Carmella Salerno
11:30AM Eugene Spadaccini

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

ASH WEDNESDAY
8:00AM Ramon Ramos
11:30AM Joseph Lally
3:00PM Service
7:00PM Antonio Garcia

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY
8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia
11:30AM Alfio Milazzo

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

ST. JOHN OF GOD
8:00AM Helen Celentano
11:30AM Matteo Morin

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

ST. FRANCES OF ROME
11:30AM Frank & Vincenza Parisi
5:00PM Daniel O'Connor

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00AM Antonia Busanic
10:00AM Alfredo & Zora Mailolli
12:00PM Riccardo Mattessich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

D'Andrea & Milone Families

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Genevieve Bradley

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:

Dt 26:4-10

I have brought you the first fruits of this land flowing with milk and honey

Ps 91

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble

Rom 10:8-13

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved

Lk 4:1-13

You shall not put the Lord God to the test

PASTOR'S MESSAGE MARCH 3, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

On February 13th, while I was away from the Archdiocese, Cardinal Tobin released the names of all the priests and deacons from our diocese who have been "credibly accused" of the sexual abuse of minors over the past 70-80 years. It is important for us to recognize that none of these men are currently in ministry in the church and that many of them have subsequently passed away. And that not all of those accused were found guilty of any civil or criminal offenses. The full list of names of those accused can be found on the Archdiocese's website: www.rcan.org under the tab for "healing". And if you take the time to go online, you may note that there is only one priest whose name is associated with having served in our parish, Fr. Augustine Giella.

The publication of this list, along with the news of the Vatican's decision to laicize our former Archbishop, Theodore McCarrick, have struck deeply at the core of what we all believe about our church's commitment to upholding good moral virtues and growth in a life of holiness. It is hard for us to accept that the behavior of these men could be so far from what we expect of our leaders, but we should not allow their failures to erode our faith in God or in the Church as we continue to seek ways to ensure a safe environment for all the people of God, but especially for our young people and the most vulnerable among us.

Prior to the publication of the list of names of those credibly accused, our Archdiocese, along with the other Catholic dioceses in the state of New Jersey announced the creation of a fund to compensate the victims of those who were sexually abused as children. This fund is meant to assist victims and their families in the healing process, even those who may not have recourse to compensation through legal means. We recognize that these are difficult times for the whole church, but we must do what we can to directly assist those who are suffering as the result of this terrible abuse of trust as they continue to struggle toward finding peace and reconciliation.

Brothers and sisters, I want to encourage you all to pray for healing for those victims and for our community as a whole as we continue to address the challenges presented by this crisis. We cannot simply hope that this situation will magically "go away" or that the Church will change overnight. Pray that we will all have the courage and the wisdom to continue to make the changes that need to be made in the culture and the policies of our Church so that we will be the kind of community that Jesus intends for us to be.

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 24th

Sunday Collection

\$4,983.00

Collection for Church in Eastern Europe

\$1,413.00

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." – Luke 6:43

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

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.



YOUTH MASS & CONFIRMATION SESSION

There will be a Youth Mass and Confirmation Session 7 next Sunday, March 10th at 6:00PM.

PALM CROSSES

We will again be selling Palm Crosses. Order forms will be placed in the bulletins within the next several weeks. Crosses will be distributed the last weekend in March and the first weekend in April.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please note that there will be no CCD Classes this Sunday, March 3rd. Classes will resume on Sunday, March 10th.

SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

ONLY ONE WEEK LEFT TO PURCHASE TICKETS for our Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance on 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 DJ Nick. Tickets are \$35 per person. 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.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal is well underway. We have **received \$12,680 from 64 donors. This is approximately 39% of our goal of \$33,029.00. We have approximately 1,410 families registered in the parish, which means only .05% (not even 1% of our families have participated in this Appeal).** We are very grateful to those who have already participated in this Appeal, which sustains the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the doors of the church or you can visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your prayers and support.

EASTER CAKES & PIES

Don't forget to place your orders for Easter cakes and pies. Order forms are in today's bulletin or you may obtain an order form at the Church doors. Proceeds will benefit the new front doors for the Church. Orders must be in by April 5th. All orders must be returned with payment in full.

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.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK WOMEN'S COMMISSION

The Archdiocese will sponsor a Women's Day of Reflection on Saturday, March 9th from 8:00AM-4:00PM at Seton Hall University, which will feature English and Spanish tracks and include breakfast and lunch. Cost is \$25.00. To register online, visit www.rcan.org/womenscommission or call 973-497-4545. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00PM with Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. as the celebrant.

2109 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 10, 2019** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 16, 2019.**

*Canon 920, Sec. 1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses and Prayer Service: 8:00AM and 11:30AM Masses, 3:00PM Prayer Service and 7:00PM Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at 7:00PM.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity will have its regular meeting on Thursday, March 14th at 4:30PM in the Church Hall. All women are invited to attend.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese will sponsor a Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 16th from 8:00AM-4:00PM at Seton Hall University, which will feature English and Spanish tracks. Cost is \$25.00. To register online visit www.njccatholicmen.org or call 973-497-4545. Mass will be celebrated at 4:00PM with celebrant Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

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

Marie Rotondi, Elizabeth Aronson, Sister Marie Murphy, OP, Sister Catherine Reilly, OP, Eileen Koziol, Joseph Macaluso, Manuel Jose Galeano Arias.

"FORGIVE EVERYONE EVERYTHING!"

