

**SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2019**  
**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT**

5:00PM Daniel O'Connor  
8:00AM Antonia Busanic  
10:00AM Alfredo & Zora Mailolli  
12:00PM Riccardo Mattessich

**MONDAY, MARCH 11**

8:00AM Regina Lisica  
11:30AM Francesca Meredith

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12**

8:00AM Jakomina Picinic  
11:30AM Joseph Lally

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13**

8:00AM Christina Seidler  
11:30AM Ann Marie Hallaert

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14**

8:00AM Maria & Mirko Marusic  
11:30AM Anna Porco

**FRIDAY, MARCH 15**

8:00AM Anna Wenderoth  
11:30AM Vicente Benitez

**SATURDAY, MARCH 16**

11:30AM Maria Lechich  
5:00PM Zdenko Matesic

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia  
10:00AM Michael Pallotta  
12:00PM Tomaso, Nicolina & Pietro  
Pallotta

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

D'Andrea & Milone Families

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

Genevieve Bradley

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Thanksgiving*

Eichler Family



**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Gn 15:5-12, 17-18**

Look at the sky and count the stars

**Ps 27**

The Lord is my light and  
my salvation

**Phil 3:17-4**

Our citizenship is in heaven

**Lk 9:28b-36**

This is my chosen Son;  
listen to him

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE MARCH 10, 2019**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

In our gospel passage this Weekend Jesus is tempted by the devil in three distinct ways. The devil plays on Jesus' physical appetite by tempting him to perform a miracle and turn a stone into bread. Jesus' reply is to quote a scripture passage from the Book of Deuteronomy concerning the way that the Lord tested his people by sending them manna to eat. In that instance, by God's word alone, the people were fed.

Jesus' second temptation was the temptation for him to achieve earthly power by choosing to worship the devil himself. Jesus' response was again to quote scripture from the account of the ten commandments in Exodus.

The devil's third temptation was a test of Jesus' confidence in his relationship with God... a test of faith. But again Jesus' reply was taken from the scriptures, from the 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy, where Moses enjoined the people not to put the Lord to the test as they had at Massah in the desert when they cried out to Him for water.

In all these temptations Jesus proved that his heart was in the right place. His heart was fixed on God: not on his physical needs, nor on the desire for earthly power or fame. Jesus' heart was fixed in his love and service to God and God alone.

This Lenten season should be a time for us to change our hearts. We are called to turn away from our everyday concerns for meeting our physical needs, and from our desire for wealth and recognition. We are called during this season to turn again to God in faith. To recognize our dependence on Him and to stir the flame of love for Him once again in our hearts.

*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 3<sup>rd</sup>*

*Sunday Collection*

*\$4,796 50*

*Assessment Collection*

*\$1,847.00*

*"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." – Deuteronomy 26:10*

*This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits", the best that you have to offer, or do you give from what is leftover? Second, do you recognize that everything you have has been given to you by God? Ask God for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.*

**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 this Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00PM.

**PALM CROSSES**

We will again be selling Palm Crosses this year. Beautifully decorated Palms are \$11.00 each and can be purchased by filling out an order form contained in this week's bulletin. Crosses must be paid in full when ordering. Pick-ups will be the weekend of March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund for repairs in the Church and Rectory.

**THE LITTLE MERMAID**

Mary Help of Christians Academy, Belmont Avenue, North Haledon, presents "The Little Mermaid" on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM and March 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:30PM & 7:00PM. Call 973-790-6200 for ticket information.

**ONCE UPON A MATTRESS**

The Academy of Holy Angels, Hillside Avenue, Demarest, presents "Once Upon A Mattress" on March 29<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM and March 31<sup>st</sup> at 2:00PM. Tickets can be purchased at [aha.booktix.com](http://aha.booktix.com). Tickets are \$15 and \$10 for seniors.

### SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

**LAST CALL TO GET TICKETS** for our Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Featured will be a family-style sit-down corned beef & cabbage dinner with all the trimmings, zeppole. Music - DJ Nick. Tickets - \$35 per person. Proceeds are for the renovation of the Rectory Basement. **NO TICKETS 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 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 can be obtained at the parish office. Deadline for applications is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship to be awarded June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Picnic.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal is well underway. We have received \$15,030 from 74 donors. This is approximately 46% of our goal of \$33,029.00. We have approximately 1,410 families registered in the parish, which means only .06% (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](http://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 at the Church doors. Proceeds will benefit the new front doors for the Church. Orders must be in by April 5<sup>th</sup>. All orders must be returned with payment in full.

### GOLDEN, SILVER & FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*April 28<sup>th</sup> - 3:00PM - 50 years - (all counties)*

*June 2<sup>nd</sup> - 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 17<sup>th</sup> and deadline for 25 and 5 years is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4323 if you have any questions.

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The following are the activities and trips being sponsored by the Senior Center: March 13 - Resorts Casino - 8:30AM - \$33; April 7 - Bocce League Begins (Every Monday); April 17 - Spring Fling with Entertainer Joey Vincent and DJ Nick - \$10 - reserve your seat; May 23 - New York Mets Game - \$30 - best seats - sign-up, limited seats. For reservations please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

### SPECIAL MASS

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter for the Third Saturday Mass on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. A support group meeting will follow the mass. For information please call 201-768-7565.

**"IT IS GOD WHO GIVES LIFE. LET US  
RESPECT AND LOVE HUMAN LIFE,  
ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE LIFE IN A  
MOTHER'S WOMB!"**

### SEMINARIAN DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Benedict Council XV will sponsor a Seminarian Dinner in our parish on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> following the 5:00PM Mass. Tickets are \$25.00 per person and can be purchased shortly at the rectory. Dinner will be catered by Dante's of Leonia.

### LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Our annual Lenten Soup Supper will be held on Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> following the 5:00PM Mass. Dinner will be served continuously between 6:00-8:00PM. The all-you-can-eat dinner will feature a number of delicious fresh-made soups, salad and a variety of breads, a wide assortment of cakes, desserts, soda, coffee, tea. There is no set price for tickets but a free will offering will be accepted (suggested donation \$10 per person), and all proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry. Please reserve your seats by Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30PM in the Church Hall. All women are invited to attend.

### FOOD PANTRY

We are very grateful for all the donations that have been made to our Food Pantry. We are at this time **only in need of the following items:** cereals, tuna fish, peanut butter, jelly, snacks, yams, mashed potatoes, powdered and Parmalat milk, toilet paper, tissues. Thank you for your continued generosity to all those in need in our community.

### ARCHDIOCESAN DIVORCED/SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUPS

"It's true ... there's no such thing as "Catholic Divorce" ... but millions of Catholics DO get civilly divorced. And it affects and hurts us all. Maybe you or someone you know has suffered the breakdown of the marriage and family, or maybe they are going through it right now. No matter how long it's been, the Church IS HERE to help. The Archdiocese of Newark currently has 13 parishes who offer a support group for the separated/divorced and these groups will be starting during the next couple of months. For a list of these groups, please visit our website at: [www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups](http://www.rcan.org/separateddivorced-support-groups) or call or email - 973-497-4326 [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org)

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese will sponsor a Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

*Bonnie Scala, Sister John Catherine Arnold, OP, Arnaldo Lombardo.*

