

**SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019**  
**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

5:00PM Zdenko Matesic  
8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia  
10:00AM Michael Pallotta  
12:00PM Tomaso, Nicolina & Pietro  
Pallotta

**MONDAY, MARCH 18**

**ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM**

8:00AM Stella & Joseph Oliveri  
11:30AM Ivan Tarabokia

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19**

**ST. JOSEPH**

8:00AM Philip Lapolla  
11:30AM Margurite Haywood

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20**

8:00AM Kathleen Woods  
11:30AM Anton Juric

**THURSDAY, MARCH 21**

8:00AM Anton Vidovich  
11:30AM Matteo Hroncich

**FRIDAY, MARCH 22**

8:00AM Mattea Morin  
11:30AM Matteja Morich

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23**

11:30AM Joe Lally  
Amedeo & Caterina Scaffeo  
5:00PM Joanne & Tony Mircovich

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00AM Gus Aquilone  
10:00AM Brian Grogan &  
Maureen Sheridan  
12:00PM All Souls in Purgatory

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

D'Andrea & Milone Families



**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

Genevieve Bradley

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*

Catherine Vezzola

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15**

I AM sent me to you. This is my name  
forever

**Ps 103**

The Lord is kind and merciful

**1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12**

Do not be unaware; take care not to fall

**Lk 13:1-9**

If you do not repent, you will perish

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE MARCH 17, 2019**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

In our passage from his Letter to the Philippians this weekend, St. Paul weeps over those who have defected from the faith and made themselves "enemies of the cross of Christ". He says that they are headed for destruction because they have fashioned a God of their own.

Reliable statistics tell us that in 2008, approximately 10.1% of the people in the United States of America described themselves as former Catholics in some sense. A majority of those converted to another religion, while a substantial minority (almost 50%) currently regard themselves as unaffiliated with any religion.

There are probably many very personal stories connected with those who have left the church; however, the seven most common reasons for people leaving are: 1) the clergy sex-abuse crisis; 2) the church's stance on homosexuality; 3) dissatisfaction with a particular priest; 4) uninspiring homilies; 5) the perception that the church hierarchy is too closely tied to conservative politics; 6) the church's stance toward divorce and remarriage; 7) the status of women in the church.

While there are many in the church who may disagree with me on this, because I believe that all of us are on a journey of faith, and that not all of us are at the same point in that journey we should recognize that some of us may not be able to accept fully all the teachings of the Church. Is it permissible for us Catholics to disagree with the teachings of the Church on some issues and still be Catholic? Yes. Is it permissible for Catholics to be openly critical of the Church's politics and practices? Yes.

Since the time of the Second Vatican Council, and even before, what we have taught about the Church is that the Church is not a "perfect society". We are a "Pilgrim people" who, with the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, are finding our way in the world and trying to live by the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. St. Paul urged the Philippians to "stand firm in the Lord." That is what we need to do in times of trouble and doubt. We need to stand firm in our faith in Jesus Christ, and trust that the Holy Spirit is indeed at work in the Church.

*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 10<sup>th</sup>*

**Sunday Collection**

**\$6,235.00**

*"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession."*

*– Genesis 15:7*

*Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?*

**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.**

**PALM CROSSES**

We are again selling Palm Crosses this year. Beautifully decorated Palms are \$11.00 each. Order forms are at the Church doors. 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 Rectory Basement.

**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)

### 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, 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>.

### 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 and can be purchased at the rectory. Dinner will be catered by Dante's of Leonia. Proceeds to benefit the Seminarians of Immaculate Conception Seminary.

### 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 **\$18,560 from 82 donors. This is approximately 57% 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.

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood's Annual Extravaganza at The Elan, Lodi, NJ will be held on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-11:00PM. It will feature the Neighborhood Band and Singers, the Manhattan Skyline and other fine entertainment. Dine, drink, dance and enjoy a great evening. Tickets are \$95 per person and can be purchased at the Rectory before April 15<sup>th</sup>.

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The following are the activities and trips being sponsored by the Senior Center: 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.

### THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

On Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 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. Our third installment will feature St. Benedict whose insistence that the Gospel should be embodied in communities of friendship and peace, guided by the sacrifices of poverty, chastity, and obedience became a new cultural matrix and unleashed a vigorous spiritual dynamism. 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, every ten years 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, we will travel 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 in two parts. Don't miss the opportunity for this experience of a lifetime! For more information, brochures are available in the Rectory Office.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

### 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.

### 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, Vinka Uselj, Joey Bunero.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Sister Bridget O'Shea, CSJP, Tina Pecorelli, Alfred Coda, Claire Lane.*

**“HE WHO GUARDS HIS LIPS  
GUARDS HIS SOUL!”**