

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2019

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

5:00PM Joanne & Tony Mircovich
8:00AM Gus Aquilone
10:00AM Brian Grogan & Maureen Sheridan
12:00PM All Souls in Purgatory

MONDAY, MARCH 25

ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

8:00AM Ronald J. McManus
11:30AM Antonio Picinich

TUESDAY, MARCH 26

8:00AM Mare Franin
11:30AM Christopher Lucin

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

8:00AM Mare Franin
11:30AM Thomas Condosta

THURSDAY, MARCH 28

8:00AM Jean Maruska
11:30AM Alfio Milazzo

FRIDAY, MARCH 29

8:00AM Denko Hromin
11:30AM Maria D'Urso

SATURDAY, MARCH 30

11:30AM Roberta Caruso Blaszczyk
Peter Renzo

5:00PM Maria Martire

SUNDAY, MARCH 31

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Angie Iannaccone
10:00AM Domenico Abbate
12:00PM Ints. of Matthew, Ariana,
Anthony & Joe Cappola

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

D'Andrea & Milone Families



ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Genevieve Bradley

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Dec'd Mbrs. Pellegrino &
Ferrara Families

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Jos 5:9a, 1-12

They ate what they had grown in the land
of Canaan

Ps 34

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

2 Cor 5:17-21

God entrusted to us the message of
reconciliation

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Father, I have sinned against you and
against heaven

PASTOR'S MESSAGE MARCH 24, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

The parable of the fig tree in this weekend's gospel is a reminder that our church is called and commissioned to "bear fruit". We are the ones who are charged to cultivate and nurture an environment that will produce a harvest of goodness and holiness. But we do not do that on our own. That is why it is so important for us during this Lenten season to take our three-fold commitment seriously: to do penance, to pray constantly and to give alms.

Even before our Lenten season began we were given the opportunity to "give alms" by making a donation to the Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, Sharing God's Blessings. Many of you responded to that invitation and made a contribution to this worthy cause. The money that you give to this campaign directly supports the ongoing mission of the Archdiocese in serving the needs of our people.

One of our parishioners has suggested to me that some of our people are concerned that the money they are giving will be used to pay for the settlements that the diocese is making with victims in sexual abuse cases, and that is why they are reticent to make any donations. The Archbishop has stated on several occasions that these donations will not be used for that purpose.

In 2018 the funds from this appeal were used to support many programs, including:
\$11,661,745 went to support Catholic schools \$2,377,464 for priests' retirement and care
\$2,373,618 for seminarian education \$1,925,294 for Catholic Charities
\$987,845 for college campus ministry \$900,000 went to support failing parishes
\$800,144 for evangelization and outreach \$655,782 for religious education programs
\$645,058 for youth ministry.

Brothers and sisters, to date, less than 1% of our registered members have made a pledge to the Sharing God's Blessings annual appeal. Our parish goal for this year is \$33,029, of which we have received \$19,257 in pledges. I am convinced that we can exceed our goal because at this point we are over half-way to our goal, but we need your help. I ask that those of you who have not made a pledge this year will consider doing so. Please give according to your means, no matter how large or small your donation, it counts!

*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 17th*

Sunday Collection

\$5,022.00

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" – Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increases.

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 30th & 31st and April 6th & 7th. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund for repairs in the Rectory Basement.

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will take place on Saturday, March 30th at the 11:30AM Mass. Please note that there will be a Healing Mass on the last Saturday of every month at 11:30AM.

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, tomato sauce for pasta, powdered and Parmalat milk, toilet paper, tissues. Thank you for your continued generosity to all those in need in our community.

LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Our annual Lenten Soup Supper will be held on Saturday, April 13th following the 5:00PM Mass. Dinner will be served continuously between 6:00-8:00PM. We offer delicious fresh-made soups, salad, a variety of breads, wide assortment of cakes, soda, coffee, tea. A free-will offering will be accepted (suggested donation \$10 per person), and all proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry. Reserve your seats by April 10th.

SEMINARIAN DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Benedict Council XV will sponsor a Seminarian Dinner in our parish on Saturday, April 6th 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 15th. Scholarship to be awarded June 9th at the Parish Picnic.



CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL A 2018 National Blue Ribbon School

Open House and Registration for the 2019-2020 school year will take place for new students on Saturday, March 30th from 1-4 p.m. This includes the PK-3 year-old program to Grade 8. This date guarantees a space in any grade. Please note that being a parishioner offers you the opportunity of a discounted tuition rate. From April 1st going forward, we will continue to have open registrations, provided there is availability, from Monday-Friday, 9:00a.m. – 2:00 p.m., 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.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal is well underway. We have received **\$19,257.00 from 83 donors. This is approximately 59% 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).** 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 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.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood's Annual Extravaganza at The Elan, Lodi, NJ will be held on Saturday, April 27th 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 15th.

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.

EASTER GIVE AWAY

The Easter Give Away will be on Monday, April 15th from 10:00AM-2:00PM for ONLY registered and approved Epiphany Community Food Pantry Patrons.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

DISPLACED HOMEMAKERS PROGRAM

Are you a woman who is single, separated, or divorced with limited to no income of your own? If so, you may qualify to enroll in a vocational training and or ESL, GED, or Computer Courses for free! If you or someone you may know is interested in any of these courses, please contact Armando Rivera, Catholic Charities, 2201 Bergenline Avenue, 3rd Floor, Union City, NJ or call 201-325-4836.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW/SALE

On Sunday, April 7th, Saint Joseph Regional High School, Montvale will be hosting its annual Spring Craft Show/Sale from 10:00AM until 4:00PM, showcasing the talents of 100 crafts people and fine artists including many new crafters. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. **NO STROLLERS PERMITTED.** Visit www.sjrmi.org

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, Louanne Mitchell.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Patricia Munier, Joseph Bunero.

**“YOU ARE NOT TOO BAD TO COME
IN. YOU ARE NOT TOO GOOD TO
STAY OUT!”**