

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT**

5:00PM Maria Martire  
8:00AM Angie Iannaccone  
10:00AM Domenico Abbate  
12:00PM Ints. of Matthew, Arianna,  
Anthony & Joe Cappola

**MONDAY, APRIL 1**

8:00AM Domingo Mattessich  
11:30AM Giovanni E. Tarabocchia

**TUESDAY, APRIL 2**

*ST. FRANCIS OF PAOLA*  
8:00AM Louis M. Botto  
11:30AM Marcella Viscovich

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3**

8:00AM Zlatko Simonvic  
11:30AM Bonghak Kim

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4**

*ST. ISIDORE*  
8:00AM Carmela Morin  
11:30AM Peter Foglio, Sr.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5**

*ST. VINCENT FERRER*  
8:00AM Dominick & Domenica Picinic  
11:30AM Nedyko Pantolon

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6**

11:30AM Florence Holmstrom  
5:00PM Maria Martire

**SUNDAY, APRIL 7**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

8:00AM Catherine & Joseph Imbelloni  
10:00AM Josie DelRosario  
12:00PM Emilia DeBenedetto

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

Garitano, Martire, Stancato, Abbate  
Grandparents

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

Dominick & Florence Legreca

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*

Lisa Scardigno Forte

**MASS CANDLES**

*Intentions of*

Marissa Maloles

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Is 43:16-21**

Remember not the events of the past; I am  
doing something new!

**Ps 126**

The Lord has done great things for us we  
are filled with joy

**Phil 3:8-14**

Continue to pursue God's upward calling

**Jn 8:1-11**

Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no  
more

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE MARCH 31, 2019**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

A question has arisen as to why some of our parishioners choose to genuflect before receiving Holy Communion or kneel as they receive. The General Instructions of the Roman Missal do not specify what is the "proper" posture for receiving Holy Communion. The common practice of the church is to encourage the communicants to make a reverent bow as they approach the minister (bishop, priest, deacon or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion), and while standing before the minister to respond "Amen" to the minister's invitation, "The Body of Christ", and then to receive the Blessed Sacrament either on their hand or on their tongue. The communicant should immediately consume the host and return to their place for some time of silent prayerful thanksgiving. This is the common practice that is established in most parishes in the United States of America, and this is the practice that we are teaching to our children. I neither encourage nor will I discourage individuals who choose to kneel before the minister in order to receive Holy Communion because this form of piety is a private choice on the part of the communicant. I do have some reservations about it because I am afraid that the person standing behind them may not see that they have knelt down and there is some danger of their tripping over them. We will not be making any efforts to accommodate those individuals by restoring the altar rail or putting a kneeler there for them, and we ask those individuals who choose to kneel for Communion to "own" the idea that this is a personal choice on their part and it is a practice that should not be expected from others.

Once again, brothers and sisters, I ask you to consider making a donation to the Annual Appeal of our Archdiocese, Sharing God's Blessings. Your contribution helps to support the various pastoral and educational programs of our Archdiocese, and also assists parishes who are struggling financially to make ends meet. At present, 92 registered families have pledged \$22,037.00 which puts us at 67% of our goal. That means that some 1,282 of our registered families have yet to pledge or make a contribution to this Appeal. Someone pointed out to me that if each of those families made a \$10 donation we would exceed our goal and stand to receive a significant rebate from the Archdiocese. Please, consider making a contribution to this worthy effort. Any amount gets us that much closer to our goal.

*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 24<sup>th</sup>*

*Sunday Collection*

*\$5,331.00*

*"No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan." – Joshua 5:12*

*Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land, the manna ceased. Likewise, God's blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.*



**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 selling Palm Crosses this year. Palms are \$11.00 each. Order forms are at the Church doors and must be paid in full when ordering. Pick-ups are this weekend, March 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> and next weekend, April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund for repairs in the Rectory Basement.

**BAPTISMS**

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomers baptized during the month of March: *Valentina Ethel Trotta*

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at 7:00PM and on Good Friday at 7:30PM.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:30-11:15AM, concluding with Benediction.

### 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. 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

### SEMINARIAN DINNER

The Knights of Columbus Benedict Council XV will sponsor a Seminarian Dinner in our parish next 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.



### CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

#### A 2018 National Blue Ribbon School

From April 1<sup>st</sup> going forward, we will continue to have open registrations, provided there is availability, for Grades PK-3 year old program to Grade 8, from Monday-Friday, 9:00AM. – 2:00PM., and invite you to make an appointment. Please note that being a parishioner offers you the opportunity of a discounted tuition rate. Please contact the school at 201-944-0421 or email us at [info@christtheteacherschool.org](mailto:info@christtheteacherschool.org) for a tour.

### 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 \$22,037.00 from 92 donors. This is approximately 67% of our goal of \$33,029.00. We have approximately 1,374 families registered in the parish, which means only .07% (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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Thank you for your prayers and support.

### 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.

### MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

St. Thomas the Apostle Church will have a Mass for Our Country on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30PM. The Church is located at 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield. All are welcome. This is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, Office of Evangelization.

### 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>.

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-2:00PM for ONLY registered and approved Epiphany Community Food Pantry Patrons.

### EASTER CAKES & PIES

LAST CALL 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.

### ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

All are invited to the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington, NJ to join in praying the Rosary for Peace on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with Saint Anthony's Parish in Fatima, Portugal. Services begin at 11:30AM and conclude after the 3PM Rosary for World Peace. It is located at 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ. For more information call 908-689-1700 ext. 224.

### BASKETBALL CAMPS

The following schools will be offering Summer Basketball Camps during this summer: St. Joseph, Montvale – boys ages 8-15: July 8-11, 15-18 and 22-25 – 9:00AM-3:00PM. Call 201-391-3300. Rutgers University, Newark – children ages 6-17 – July 8-12, 15-19, 22-27 and July 29-Aug. 2 – 8:30AM-4:00PM. Call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483.

### 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

Martin Picinic, Margaret Gila, Deacon James Stumbar, Marie Rose, Barbara Picinic.

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HELPING OTHERS!”**