

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2020

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

5:00PM Barbara Miele & Dooley Family

8:00AM Francesco & Josephine Olmo

10:00AM Slavko Mladjenovic

12:00PM Nicholas Racioppi

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

STS. BLAISE & ANSGAR

8:00AM Luciano Bussanich

11:30AM John Paul Grippa

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

8:00AM Constance Ciongoli

11:30AM Giovanni Picinic

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

ST. AGATHA

8:00AM Tom Sango

11:30AM Marian Gullace

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

8:00AM Dec'd Mbrs. Vecchione Family

11:30AM Gloria Jadrosic

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

8:00AM Betty, Elizabeth & Otto Bamert

11:30AM Alfredo Bravo & Alicia Velez

Claudio

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

STS. JEROME EMILIANI & JOSEPHINE

BAKHITA

11:30AM Orfelina Beltran

Isabel Gomez

Elizabeth Sardon & Eufracia

Tinio

5:00PM Sottile & Sariti Families

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Slavko Mladjenovic

10:00AM Maria Isabel Gomez

12:00PM Mike, Filomena, Maria &

Antoinette Pallotta

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Martino Hroncich

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

D'Andrea & Milone Families

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Angelo Bonnici

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Soon Yi Kim

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 58:7-10

We should share our bread, shelter the
homeless and clothe the naked.

Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Light shines through the darkness for the
upright.

1 Cor. 2:1-5

Rely on the power of the Spirit.

Matt 5:13-16

Jesus reminds us to be "the salt of the earth."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – FEBRUARY 2, 2020

My dear parishioners and friends,

This Sunday we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord which is a very special day for all of the men and women in our church who are living the "consecrated life". I am sure that most Catholics of a certain age have had the benefit of being taught by a religious sister or brother, or they may have had the privilege of coming to know a religious through making a retreat or having a relationship with a religious in spiritual direction. In my own life I can say that my choice to become a priest was greatly influenced by attending a catholic grade school where I studied under the watchful eyes of the Sisters of the Holy Cross.

Today we observe a World Day of Prayer for those in the Consecrated Life. We want to show our appreciation and support for those who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels (poverty, chastity and obedience). Those who have made vows and solemn promises to live this "higher" state of life are truly a gift to the church and to each one of us as we try to respond to God's universal call to holiness.

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

January 26, 2020

\$5,578.00

Sunday Collection

"...they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord..." – Luke 2:22

How seriously do you take being a Catholic? Is "being Catholic" something I just do when I attend Sunday Mass or attend one of my parish functions? It's easy to be a Catholic then, it's harder to be Catholic when I am out in the world. Would someone recognize you as a Catholic by the way you act, dress and talk? How do you present yourself to the Lord and to others?



PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE HAVING BINGO DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF OUR BATHROOMS IN THE CHURCH HALL. HOPEFULLY, BINGO WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16th. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY SUPPORT TRAINING COURSE

Do you feel called to serve the needs of the Bereaved? The Fall Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. The eight 2.5 hour sessions begin on February 9th and ends on March 29th. An eight week - 2.5 hour class is being held on Sunday between 3-5:30PM at the Archdiocesan Center in Newark. For class registration and fee information, please contact Lauren Tamara by email at Lauren.Tamara@rcan.org or Call 973-497-4327. Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program. Seton Hall CEU's available with course completion.

GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE

The Franciscan Community Development Center's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free income tax preparation assistance to families in our Community. Call 201-941-2977. The office will be open until April 15th. It will be closed on April 10th and 11th.

SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

We will again be sponsoring a Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance to be held on March 14th. It will feature a corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings and St. Joseph's zeppole, soda, beer, coffee – BYOB. It will be catered by Sedona Taphouse and music will be provided by DJ Nick. Tickets are \$35 per person and available at the rectory. Proceeds will be for the renovation of the western vestibule roof. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**



CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

Open House and Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will take place for new students on Saturday, February 8th from 1:00-4:00PM at Christ the Teacher School, a National Blue Ribbon School. This includes 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. We will continue to have open registrations, provided there is availability, from Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-2:00PM, and invite you to make an appointment. Please contact the school by email info@christthteacherschool.org or call 201-944-0421 for a tour.

GOLDEN, SILVER & FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese of Newark invites any couple celebrating 50, 25 or 5 years of Christian Marriage in 2020 to anniversary liturgies that will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. Golden Anniversaries will be on May 3rd at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 15th. Silver and Fifth Anniversaries will be celebrated on April 19th at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 3rd. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hours to register.

ESTATE SALE

There is a huge estate sale in Leonia. If interested in browsing or purchasing, please call 757-645-6868 for an appointment or you may email tradetalks@aol.com. Items to be sold include: sports equipment, hummels, dinnerware, furniture, furs, women's clothing, garden tools, lawn mower, tools, a 2010 Lexus, costume jewelry and much more. A percentage of the proceeds from the estate sale will be donated to Epiphany Church.

ENRICHMENT FOR MARRIED COUPLES

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring an Enrichment for Married Couples. Keep the love alive from Valentine's Day and come Celebrate Marriage. This one-day marriage enrichment offers some time to look at where you are in your marriage, improve your basic communication skills and revisit memories of your life together as a married couple. The Family Life Office is sponsoring this day on Sunday, February 23rd at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue from 9:30AM-4:30PM. The cost is \$50 per couple which includes a light continental breakfast, lunch and presentation materials. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the day. For more information or to register, please contact Brian.Caldwell@rcan.org or call 973-497-4324.

TUITION FREE EDUCATION

There is a new opportunity at Bergen Community College which can offer Tuition Free Education. The Community College Opportunity Grant can provide a tuition-free college experience for students with household incomes of less than \$65,000. As a "last dollar" initiative, the program will cover all remaining tuition and fees for students taking six or more credits after any other federal or state grants are applied to their tuition bills. You can learn more by calling the hotline at 201-879-3733. or you can email tuitionfree@bergen.edu.

***"YOU'RE ONLY YOUNG ONCE BUT
YOU CAN BE IMMATURE FOREVER"***

BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO

There are only 7 days left to get your tickets for our bus trip to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA, on Sunday, February 16th. The bus will leave at 8:45AM and will be returning approximately at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. You get \$25.00 back for play. Tickets must be paid for by February 11th. Proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry. You may park in the school lot if you are going on the trip. Call 201-943-7320 for ticket information. There are only about 10 seats left for this trip.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 8:30AM-11:15AM concluding with Benediction.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its meeting on Monday, February 10th at 4:30PM. Since the bathrooms in the church hall are not done, we will have the meeting in the Daily Mass Chapel.

ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS JOHN JOSEPH MYERS

The physical and mental health of Archbishop Emeritus John Joseph Myers has suffered a serious decline. We ask all the faithful in the Archdiocese to pray for Archbishop Myers that the mercy of God comfort and strengthen him in this moment of fragility. If you would like to write to him, his address is: Pleasant View, 505 College Avenue, Ottawa, IL 61350.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S AND MEN'S COMMISSIONS

The Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor Catholic Men's and Women's Commission. The Men's Commission will be held on Saturday, February 29th at Seton Hall University from 8:00AM-4:00PM with Mass at 4:00PM. The Women's Commission will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 8:00AM-4:00PM with Mass at 4:00PM at Seton Hall University. For registration for men email www.rcan.org/mens-commission or call 973-497-4545 or for women email www.rcan.org/womenscommission or call 973-497-4545. Cost is \$30 per person.

MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

A Mass for our Country will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield on Thursday, February 6th beginning with the Patriotic Rosary at 7:00PM followed by Holy Mass at 7:30PM. All are welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Baby Michael, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafrá-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Sean O'Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Vinka Uselj, Louanne Mitchell, Kathy Lennon, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Richard & Patricia Citro, Brother Peter Lyne, Frank Magdalujo, Conrado Trinidad, John Mitchell, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Angie Vigna, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Bob Sirianni, Laura Cipullo, Frances Marino, Robert Donato, Giovanni Piccini Yuvonich, Rosemary Kovacs, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Natalie Dente, Joe Villani, Lisa Mutchler, Elizabeth Chan Benjamin Yap, Henry Yap, Archbishop Emeritus John Joseph Myers, Rose & Anthony McCluskey, Jane Kim Estantino.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. Robert Cio, Rev. Joseph Fu, Bill Farrell, Sister Damien Gatti, OSB, Elizabeth Guadagnola, Cecilia Gaspartich.