

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2020

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Rita & Stanley Osmanski

8:00AM Elena Morin

10:00AM Ela & Eugenio Lopez

12:00PM Jules Bruno

MONDAY, MARCH 2

8:00AM Anna Skrivanic

11:30AM Juan Leon

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

8:00AM Mark & Flavio Zen

11:30AM Arnaldo Giovanni Lombardo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

ST. CASIMIR

8:00AM Gardenia Tarabocchia

11:30AM Anna & Dominick Raffa

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

8:00AM Dorothy Carleton & Carmella Salerno

11:30AM Michael & Anna Verniglia

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

8:00AM Joseph Osso

11:30AM Dorothy Lombardo

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY

11:30AM Anna & Jum Sun Lee

5:00PM Rita Osmanski

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Ints. of Sophia Young Lee

10:00AM Antonio Busanic

12:00PM Patricia Belenski

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Slavko Mladjenovic

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Slavko Mladjenovic

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Dec'd Mbrs. Pellegrino Family

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Ronald Ackaway

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Gen 12:1-4a

God calls Abraham to leave his family and go to a new land.

Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Our soul waits for the Lord, who is our help and our shield.

2Tim 1:8b-10

Christ is everlasting life.

Matt 17:1-9

“This is My beloved Son on whom My favor rests. Listen to him.”

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK – MARCH 1, 2020

My dear parishioners and friends,

Our Lenten season has begun. In the gospel this weekend we read how, after Jesus was baptized, he withdrew to the desert. Jesus heard the voice of his heavenly Father saying, “This is my Beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.” He needed time to withdraw from his normal, every-day life in order to better understand the meaning of that experience.

Jesus’ time in the desert was his Lenten season, and we can learn from Jesus’ example as we begin our Lenten season. Jesus was tempted just as we are tempted everyday to “serve” something less than God. But Jesus recognized the tempter’s influence and was able to resist... he never fell into sin.

Brothers and sisters, we need to turn to Jesus in temptation and especially when we have fallen into sin. He is the source of strength and healing that we need in order to make progress on the road to holiness and peace.

This weekend Jesus invites us to join him in the desert, where we can take some time away from our normal, every-day lives, to seek the strength and the healing that we need.

*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.

February 23, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$5,803.00

Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection

\$1,179.00

“It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” – Matt 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things. Ask God how he is calling you to serve.



THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEING AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE AND 50/50 GAMES. BINGO WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, MARCH 5TH.

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.

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the newcomer baptized during the month of February: *Mason Walter Capelan*

SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The 2020 Annual Appeal “Shining the Light of Christ” has begun. By now, you should have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. I encourage all of you to look it over and prayerfully consider making a pledge. If you have not received materials in the mail, I encourage you to pick up a brochure at the back of the church. In the coming weeks, we will be holding a special collection for the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your support.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration will be held on Friday from 8:30AM-11:15AM concluding with Benediction.



SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

ONLY TEN DAYS LEFT TO PURCHASE TICKETS TO CELEBRATE OUR 104TH ANNIVERSARY with former and present priests at our Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance to be held on March 14th. It will feature a corned beef and cabbage and chicken 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.**

SAVE THE DATE

Our Lenten Soup Supper will be held on Saturday, April 4th following the 5:00PM Mass. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00PM. 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 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 1st.

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.

PASTORAL MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Archdiocese will hold an Employment Information Night for parents and guardians of teens and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities on Wednesday, March 11th from 7:00-9:00PM at St. John the Evangelist Church (Conlon Hall), Bergenfield. For more information and registration call 973-497-4309 or register online Anne.Masters@rcan.org

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.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

The Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ, will hold a Women's Spirituality Retreat from April 3rd-5th. Join with other women in an exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Come alone, or with a relative or friend. This will be a weekend of rest and renewal. Cost is \$140 per person, double occupancy. Call 609-884-3829 for reservations and information.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Greater Bergen Community Action, 263 Lafayette Avenue, Cliffside Park, presents English as a Second Language Classes from April-June, 2020 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings – 9:30AM-12:30PM. Registration dates are March 17th, March 19th or March 31st at 1:30PM. Potential students must register and take a placement test. Bring photo ID, proof of address and social security card if you have one. For registration and information please call 201-366-1020 ext. 7236.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE, SANCTUARY LAMPS, MASS CANDLES & ALTAR FLOWERS

We have Altar Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamps, Mass Candles and Altar Flowers available for the year 2020. Please come into the rectory to book one of these items in memory of or in honor of your loved ones.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly Mass on Saturday, March 7th at the 5:00PM Mass. Please assemble in the vestibule and wear your medal.

PALM CROSSES

We are again selling Palm Crosses this year. Beautifully decorated Palms are \$11.00 each and can be purchased by filling out an order form in the bulletin or at the Church doors. Crosses must be paid in full when ordering. Pick-ups will be the weekend of March 21st and 22nd and March 28th and 29th. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund.

EASTER CAKES & PIES

Don't forget to place your orders for Easter cakes and pies. Order forms are at the Church doors. Orders must be in by March 31st. All orders must be returned with payment in full. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund.

WHAT IS THE MARIAN BLUE WAVE

The Marian Blue Wave is a call to Catholics across America to pray weekly the Rosary with the specific intentions of ending all clinical, chemical, medical and surgical abortion and shutting down every Planned Parenthood facility in the United States.

ORGAN RECITAL AT THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA

An Organ Recital with Ann Labounsky will be presented on Sunday, March 15th at 4:00PM at the Cathedral Basilica, Newark. Doors open at 3:00PM. A donation of \$15 is suggested. The concert will feature works by Langlais, Franck, Tournemire and Vierne.

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 Zafra-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 Magdaluyo, 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, 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, Mike Hromin, Mary Donato, Nancy Manto, Gloria Masella, Giuseppe Totaro, Peter Barbato.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Most Rev. Charles McDonnell, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark, Irene Gorek.

***“YOU WILL FACE MANY DEFEATS IN YOUR LIFE,
BUT NEVER LET YOURSELF BE DEFEATED!”***