

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Rita Osmani
8:00AM Ints. of Sophia Young Lee
10:00AM Antonia Busanic
12:00PM Patricia Belenski

MONDAY, MARCH 9

ST. FRANCES OF ROME
8:00AM Hilda & John Dondero
11:30AM Vincenza & Frank Parisi

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

8:00AM Josephine Pina Silvestri
11:30AM Riccardo Mattessich

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

8:00AM Anna Scrivanich
11:30AM Connie Raffa

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

8:00AM Maria & Mirko Marusic
11:30AM Joseph Lally

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

8:00AM Tony Tarabocchia
11:30AM Kathleen Meserole

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

11:30AM Martin Picinic
Vincente D. Benitez
5:00PM Daniel O'Connor

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
8:00AM Michael A. Cingire
10:00AM Ottavio Martire
12:00PM Grace Siccardi

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – MARCH 8, 2020

My dear parishioners and friends,

As the world continues to respond to the challenge of the spread of the coronavirus, our Archdiocese has also asked us to take certain precautions with regard to the way that we conduct our liturgical celebrations.

1. Priests, deacons and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion are urged to practice good hygiene, washing their hands before Mass begins and using an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion;
2. Distribution of Holy Communion via the chalice is suspended;
3. The sign of peace should be exchanged without physical contact;
4. If any of the faithful are sick or are experiencing symptoms of sickness, they are not obligated to attend Mass, and even out of charity they ought not to attend Mass when there is the chance of their passing on their illness.

I might add, even though it is not included in the Archdiocese's list of instructions, it might be a good idea for those of you who receive on the tongue, for the time being, please consider receiving communion in the hand. And at daily masses when we have the veneration of relics, please do not kiss the relics. Some other expression of devotion might be the better choice at this time.

If you have travelled recently to anywhere that the virus is active it may be a very good idea to "self-quarantine" for a short while just to insure that you have not been exposed and to avoid the possibility that you may be a carrier of the disease.

We hope and pray that those who are already suffering from the coronavirus will soon recover, and we hope and pray that our own community will be spared any suffering as the result of this challenge.

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 1, 2020

Sunday Collection \$6,061.86

Assessment Collection \$2,064.00

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." – Genesis 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Slavko Mladjenovic



ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Slavko Mladjenovic

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Martin Picinic

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Ex 17:3-7

The Lord directs Moses to strike a rock and water will gush forth.

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Hope does not disappoint.

John 4:5-42

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."



THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEING AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT HAVE SOME FUN AND WIN BIG PRIZES.

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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly meeting on Monday, March 16th at 4:30PM in the Church Hall. All women are invited to attend.

"WE MAKE A LIVING BY WHAT WE GET, BUT WE MAKE A LIFE BY WHAT WE GIVE!"

SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

ONLY TWO 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.

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.

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.

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.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood's Annual Extravaganza at The Elan, Lodi, NJ will be held on Saturday, April 25th from 6:00-11:00PM. It will feature the Neighborhood Band and Singers, Rob & Patty Mead, the comedy of Jeff Norris, and special guest stars – The Alan Quinn Orchestra with music from the "Swing Era", featuring Frank Fellone. Featuring 4-hour open bar from 6:00-10:00PM, dinner and dancing. Tickets are \$95 per person and can be purchased at the rectory before April 13th.

2020 LENTEN RETREAT & REFLECTION

Church of Epiphany presents "Seek the Lord in Prayer and Penance" a 2020 Lenten Retreat and Reflection with Fr. Boniface. It will be held on Saturday, March 28th from 9:30AM-12PM. There will be the following activities: teachings, adoration, healing mass and brunch. It will be held in the main church. All are invited to attend.

WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We have two scholarships that will be given away this June. One is for a beginning or current college student who is an active parishioner of Epiphany who will be an entering freshman in the fall of 2020 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 annually. The second scholarship is for an eighth grader who will be entering a Catholic High School in September 2020. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually for four years. The high school scholarship will be awarded to the student with the highest grade-point average. Applications can be obtained at the parish office. Deadline for applications is May 8th. Scholarships will be awarded on June 14th at our Parish Picnic.

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.

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, Giuseppe Totaro, Peter Barbato, Sylvia Nichols.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Fran Ianuale, Gloria Masella, Rev. Fabio Brenes-Chaves, Georgette Piro.