

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Marijo Kucic
10:00AM Marie & Rose Magliato
12:00PM Tony Hroncich

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

11:00AM Dom Costello

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

11:00AM Sabatino Maragni

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

STS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

11:00AM Lunciato Picinic

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

ST. AGNES

11:00AM Carlo Buonsanto

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22

11:00AM Victoria Yap

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

STS. MARIANNE COPE & VINCENT

11:00AM Serafina Buonsanto

5:00PM Stanley Osmanski

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM John Mattessich

12:00PM Peter Fatovic



ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of
John Mattessich*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
John & Rose Ferrara*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

1 Sam 3:3b-10, 19

The Lord calls out to Samuel three times.

Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Avoid lewd conduct and glorify God by keeping your bodies pure.

Jn 1:35-42

John tells two of the disciples that Jesus is the Lamb of God.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

Once upon a time, when the white missionaries were numerous in Africa, a young boy aspiring to be a priest went to stay with an elderly Irish priest to understudy him. The boy in question was so passionate about the priesthood and he wanted to be a holy priest. He would always go to the Church to pray by himself. Meanwhile, two other boys were also staying with the priest with the same desire to become priests. However, these two were not as committed and prayerful as the first boy, and they despised his holiness attitude, which made them look like sinners.

One day, the two boys came up with a plan against the "holy boy." They monitored the time he would go to the Church, and before he could get there, they sneaked into the Church to hide under the altar. The boy came, as usual, to pray and before he could finish, he heard a voice calling him and asking him questions in this manner: "John! John!! John!!! Do you want to be a priest?" The boy answered: "Yes, my Lord!" And the voice said to him, "Go and fast for one day!" The boy was so happy that God called him and assured him of the priesthood if he should fast. So, the whole day, he fasted while the other two boys enjoyed his food.

The next day the boy goes to pray, and "God" asked him to fast for one day. As this continued, he was getting weaker and sickly. One day he comes to pray, and the voice said: "John! John!! John!!! Do you want to be a priest?" The boy answered: "Not yet, my Lord, I will think about it!" At this point, the two boys emerged from their hiding and had a good laugh at their fellow!

The First Reading today (1 Sam 3:3b-10,19) tells us about Samuel's call at a very critical time in the history of the people of Israel when they sinned and lost divine communication. We could recall that Samuel was dedicated to the service of God as his mother Hannah promised when she came to Shiloh to pray for the fruit of the womb after years of not having a child. It is important to note that Samuel's call came while he was sleeping in the temple where the ark of God was. In life, where you go determines what happens to you.

Today, in our day and age, we have many voices calling for our attention, and the question we should ask ourselves is, "who do we answer?" We are the new "Samuels" of our time; how often do we respond to God's call. Usually, we give excuses for why we should not answer God's call inviting us to repentance, faith, charity, and hope in God. We often prefer to answer the calls from the social and political sectors to the detriment of the divine call.

Stepping into the Ordinary Time of the Liturgical Year, we need to apply the great lessons of Christmas, which celebrates the fulfillment of God's promises and a call for us to respond to God's love

God bless you and have a beautiful weekend.

Fr. Bonnie Anusiem

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

Sunday Collection

January 10, 2021

\$5,045.00

Communicating God's Word Collection

\$ 829.00

"Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, 'What are you looking for?'" – John 1:38

What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time, each day, in silence and ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be held on Saturday, January 30th at 11:00AM. All are invited to attend.

MISSALETTES FOR ORDINARY TIME-LENT

New Missalettes for Ordinary Time through Lent are on sale at the rectory for \$3.00 each. We will not be able to put the books into the pews during this pandemic. If you wish to have a book to follow along with the mass, please purchase your own. All books contain weekday and Sunday readings.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY

The rectory will be closed on Monday in observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day holiday.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday Masses will be at 5:00PM on Saturday and on Sunday at 10:00AM and 12 Noon. We can now accommodate up to 150 persons at each mass. When you attend mass, you must wear a mask before you enter the Church and leave it on for the whole mass. Also, please sanitize your hands when entering the Church with the hand sanitizers found at the elevator entrance. Please do not take off or lower your mask when you approach the priest for Holy Communion. Take the Communion in your hand and step aside and lift your mask as you return to your seat.

Once again, please consider whether you are “at risk” and make a good choice about whether or not to attend mass. I remind you that the Archbishop has indefinitely dispensed all Catholics from their “Sunday obligation” so do NOT feel compelled to attend mass out of fear. If any of you is feeling “under the weather” or running a fever, we ask you please DO NOT come to the church. You may be jeopardizing the life and health of others.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Not all injustices are black or white. Often there’s a lot of gray when trying to figure out who is right in an argument. Before digging in your heels and insisting on having your way, try to get in your spouse’s skin and see how the problem looks through his/her eyes.

PARENTING POINTERS

January 22nd is the anniversary of Roe v Wade abortion, choice, decision. What can your family do the prevent abortion? Have you ever supported an unwed mother by providing clothes and baby needs? Can you provide childcare for a single mom who needs a break? If possible, let your children help.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

**Keep us good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy,
In this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and
fearful,
And lift up all who are brought low;
That we may rejoice in your comfort
Knowing that nothing can separate us
from
Your love.
In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

MASS BOOK FOR 2021

Parishioners and non-parishioners may now book **only three more masses** for 2021. Please come to the Rectory Office between 10:00AM-3:00PM, Monday-Friday.

MASS CANDLES, SANCTUARY LAMPS & ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Mass Candles, Sanctuary Lamps and Altar Bread and Wine are available for the year 2021. Please come to the rectory between the hours of 10:00AM-3:00PM to book any of the above items in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. You may report an allegation of sexual misconduct by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU

The Epiphany Community Food Pantry would like to thank all of our parishioners, Knights of Columbus, schools in Cliffside Park and Fort Lee, The Food Warriors, Madonna Church, Rosarians of Madonna Church, Winston Towers Association, Apogee Complex, Fort Lee Rotary, Friends of the Ridgefield Library, R2M Realty, Les Enfants Pre School, and all of our local merchants and Bergen County Food Bank and Agencies for their generosity during the Covid Pandemic. They provided food staples, turkeys, gift cards and monetary donations which enabled us to make the Christmas Season much brighter for many people. God bless all of you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Baby Michael, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Tatiana Flores, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Sean O'Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Louanne Mitchell, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Conrado Trinidad, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Laura Cipullo, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Joe Villani, Lisa Mutchler, Elizabeth Chan, Benjamin Yap, Henry Yap, Anthony McCluskey, Jane Kim Estantino, Mike Hromin, Nancy Manto, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, Kunaim Emelyanesko, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Kathie Gumb, Michael O'Connor, Patrick Shanley, Perry Bonaguaro, Rev. John Renard, Louise O'Connor, Cathleen McLaughlin, Fran Barbato, Jared Lanzaloto, Joel Rivera, Angelica Colavito, Jennifer Van Dam, Angelina Cozzitorto, Joseph Kirincich, Guy DiNapoli, Lucy D'Ambrosio, Marc DePasquale, Steven Skific, Baby Luca, Eileen Palazzo, Rosalind Yap.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Mario Pajar, Louis Apa, Anthony Coco.

**“GOD NEVER SAID THAT THE
JOURNEY WOULD BE EASY, BUT HE
DID SAY THAT THE ARRIVAL WOULD
BE WORTHWHILE!”**

