

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Stanley Osmanski
10:00AM John Mattessich
12:00PM Petar Fatovic

MONDAY, JANUARY 25
CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

11:00AM Vinka Usalj

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26
STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS

11:00AM Doris Levy

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27
ST. ANGELA MERICI

11:00AM Domenick Colavito

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS

11:00AM Rajko Kamic

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29

11:00AM Antonia Matesic

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30

11:00AM Giovanni Picinic

5:00PM Josip & Zorka Ivin

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM Carmela & Attilio Dente

12:00PM Nickolas Busanic



ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of
John Mattessich*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
Tommaso Morin*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

God did not destroy the city of Nineveh but showed his mercy to those who changed their evil ways.

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1 Cor 7:29-31

We should remember that our problems will not last forever, but God's promises will.

Mk 1:14-20

Jesus observes some disciples who are fishing and asks them to become "fishers of men."

THE URGENT INVITATION

Last Sunday, we heard about Samuel's call and how two disciples of John followed Jesus and stayed with him. In the video we watched, Cardinal Tobin called on us to donate to the 2021 Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese of Newark. The records show that our parish is doing well with the Annual Appeals. However, we need to continue in that spirit despite the challenges of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The donation envelopes are at the entrance door.

The story of Jonah and the people of Nineveh is not strange to us. Jonah had wanted to run away from the divine mission, but God brought him back through some dramatic circumstances involving a fish swallowing him and taking him to Nineveh. Preaching to the people, Jonah announced that God would destroy the city in forty days. The people responded immediately through repentance on the first day of his preaching.

There is a note of urgency in the three Readings of this Sunday. In the Second Reading (1 Cor. 7:29-31), St. Paul tells us about the need to detach from the things of this world because the world in its present form is passing away. In the Gospel Reading (Mark 1:14-20), John the Baptist continues the message by calling for urgent repentance because of the nearness of the Kingdom of God. Still, in the Gospel narrative, we learn about the urgency of the call to discipleship, which involves leaving everything to follow Jesus Christ.

The message today invites us to answer the urgent call to repentance. Repentance should be an on-going exercise in our lives. Every day provides an opportunity for us to become a better version of ourselves. Today, our lives represent the city of Nineveh. Jonah represents the Word of God that is walking through our lives, inviting us to drop the old ways and to adopt the new life. The instruction of St. Paul in the Second Reading urges us not to be complacent but to connect for a positive change.

This Sunday's message is part of the New Year's reality, which involves the courage to drop our old ways of life and change like the people of Nineveh. Often it is not easy to leave the former way of life (Isaiah 43:18), but it is gainful when we do so; that is the route to the new reality (Isaiah 43:19).

All of us need repentance. The word of God says that if we say we have no sin, we lie, and the truth is not in us (1 John 1:8). Our returning to God, which is repentance anyway, is an urgent activity. Isaiah (55:6-7) tells us to seek God when we can find him and call Him when He is still nearby. God bless you!

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

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

January 17, 2021

Sunday Collection

\$4,090.00

Assessment Collection

\$ 803.00

"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men." – Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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.

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.

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.

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER ADDENDUM

The following Flower Memorials were received too late to be added to the Christmas Flower List: M/M Innocenzo Capano – In Memory of Vincenzo, Rosa & Giuseppe Capano, Tonino, Giuseppe & Giovannina DeSua; Mrs. Yvonne Matesic; Stella Romano – In Memory of Mosca & Romano Families. The complete list will be published shortly in the Church.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“For the world in its present form is passing away.” (1 Cor. 7:31) Covid-19 has changed much about how our lives work. Ponder together what you have learned over the past 12 months. What positive changes do you want to continue?

PARENTING POINTERS

Do your kids know how to argue well? I do not mean to complain or fight, but do they know how to listen to an opposing view, understand it, then search for common ground. It is a life skill. Model it for them.

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, 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, Barbara Curran.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Wladyslaw Latanyshyn, Perry Bonaguaro.

**“TO SIN BY SILENCE WHEN THEY
SHOULD PROTEST, MAKES
COWARDS OF MEN!”**

President Abraham Lincoln

