

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2021
 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
 5:00PM Margaret Carrol Donnelly
 10:00AM Martin Picinic
 12:00PM Donato Dasua
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15
 11:00AM Henry Yap
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
 11:00AM Dennis Franin
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
 ASH WEDNESDAY
 11:00AM Rajko Kamic
 3:00PM Service
 7:00PM Antica Morin
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
 11:00AM Anton Chen
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 11:00AM Giacomo & Antonia
 Scrivanich
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20
 11:00AM Antonio Picinich
 5:00PM Barbara Miele & Dooley
 Family
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
 10:00AM Miguel Angel Sanchez
 12:00PM Giacomina & Nicolo
 Scrivanich



ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of
 Garritano, Martire, Stancato &
 Abbate Families*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
 Daisy Hsu*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Lev 13:1-2, 44-46

Anyone bearing the sore of leprosy must be seen by Aaron or one of the other priests.

Ps 32:1-2,5, 11

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you will fill me with the joy of salvation.

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Paul instructs the Corinthians to do everything for the glory of God and to be imitators of Christ.

Mk 1:40-45

Jesus takes pity on a leper and cures him of his disease warning him not to say but to show himself to the priest and make an offering instead.

AVAILABILITY IS KEY!

Have you ever traveled a long distance to buy something that is of great importance to you only to hear that it is no longer available? Availability is traceable to the verb "avail," which means "profit" or "advantage." From the descriptions, availability means profitable or advantageous. It is also closely related to obtainability, handiness, readiness, accessibility, and active presence.

In the Gospel narrative today (Mark 1:40-45), we learn about a leper who comes to our Lord Jesus Christ and paying homage to him by kneeling begs him, saying, "if you wish (will), you can make me clean." Moved with PITY, our Lord stretches out his hand and, touching him, says to him, "I will do it, be clean." Immediately, leprosy leaves him, and he becomes clean.

The leper in the Gospel Reading made himself available to our Lord Jesus Christ by breaking the tradition that prevented lepers from missing up with healthy individuals. The leper's availability was not only physical, but it was also spiritual. His availability shows his humility and faith.

We are the new "lepers" because we all need healing and cleansing physically, morally, and spiritually. We all have the invitation from our Lord Jesus Christ to come to him (Matt. 11:28); to make ourselves available, and he will have PITY on us. In the Old Testament, the priest needs to confirm the skin disease and declare someone unclean or clean. Today, we have the privilege of the sacrament of reconciliation where the priest would examine not the natural skin but the spiritual skin and pronounce us clean after examining us. One good thing is that everyone leaves the confessional pronounced healed and cleansed.

As we prepare to enter the Lenten period, the Church is inviting us to make ourselves available for cleansing like the leper in the Gospel. God is willing, and He can make us clean again. Let us not miss the opportunity of making ourselves available for the cleansing power of God for our physical, moral, and spiritual leprosy.

We are starting Lent on Wednesday, and we shall receive the ash in a way that may be strange to many though it is in use in some countries. The priest would sprinkle the ash on our heads as one would do with salt. This is the directive from the Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. 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.

February 7, 2021

\$3,244.00

Sunday Collection

"Brothers and sisters, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God." – 1 Corinthians 10:31

Do a quick check of your priorities. Where does God rank in that list? If He's not first, you have some work to do. Putting God first in everything helps us from putting other "gods" (like our pride, ego, money and possessions) before God. Before making a decision, ask yourself, "Am I doing this for the glory of God or for the glory of me?"

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$5,395 already pledged. This is approximately 17% of our goal of \$31,700. The outpouring from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope on the table in the elevator or visit www.rcan.org/shring. Thank you for your prayers and support.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

Christ the Teacher School is registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. A Nationally Recognized Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence, we offer a full academic program from Pre-K to 8th grade with many additional specials such as Spanish, art, music, computers, library and physical education. We have an award-winning STEM program and a one-to-one technology initiative for grades 4-8. Students enjoy a number of clubs, activities and sports, even virtual ones this year.

We are very happy to announce a Madonna Scholarship for new students entering our school. Based on financial need and scholarship, families are encouraged to apply.

Our website is: www.christtheteacherschool.org. Tours are by appointment only. Please call 201-944-0421.

PRESIDENTS' DAY

In observance of Presidents' Day, the Rectory Office will be closed. Mass will be celebrated at 11:00AM as usual.

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are held every Friday evening during Lent at 7:00PM beginning on Friday, February 19th.

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.

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.

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.

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

2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 21 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.**

**Canon 920 S. 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed at the following masses and service: 11:00AM, 3:00PM and 7:00PM.

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, Angelina Cozzitorto, Joseph Kirincich, Lucy D'Ambrosio, Steven Skific, Baby Luca, Eileen Palazzo, Rosalind Yap, Barbara Curran, Ada Venditti.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Cynthia Killen, Dorothy Waldy, Daisy Hsu.

**"SIMPLE GUIDELINES FOR
HAPPINESS: LIVE SIMPLE, GIVE
MORE AND EXPECT LESS!"**

