

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 2021

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Jurovich Family

10:00AM Martin Picinic

12:00PM Maria & Mirko Marusic

MONDAY, MARCH 15

11:00AM Elena Morin

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

11:00AM Maria Lechich

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

ST. PATRICK

11:00AM Denis Franin

THURSDAY, MARCH 18

ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

11:00AM Daisy Hsu

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

ST. JOSEPH

11:00AM Mattea Morin

SATURDAY, MARCH 20

11:00AM Anton Juric

5:00PM Devin Williams &

Sapuro Nena

SUNDAY, MARCH 21

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

10:00AM Clemente Jaramilo

12:00PM Michael Pallotta



ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of
Antonia Hroncich*

ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of
Daisy Hsu*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
Martin Picinic*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

2 Chron 36:14-16, 19-23

Cyrus, King of Persia, is ordered to build a temple to God in Jerusalem.

Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

Ep 2:4-10

Paul declares that God brought us to life in Jesus, even though we were dead from our sins.

Jn 3:14-21

God so loved the world that he sent us his only Son so that all who believed would have eternal life in him.

GOD'S MERCIFUL LOVE

We are all sinners (Eccles. 7:20; Romans 3:23), we often fail to be faithful to God though He remains faithful because he cannot deny Himself (2 Tim. 12:13). Despite our sins, God is continually looking out for us like he did to the people of Israel, and He is ready to have us back if only we could turn back to Him (Jer. 15:19). St. Paul explains to us in the Second Reading (Eph. 2:4-10) that our reconciliation and salvation is by the grace of God; though we were dead in our transgressions, God brought us back and saved us by His grace.

God does not want us to die in our sins. The incarnation is proof of God's desire for our salvation. The Gospel Reading (John 3:14-21) tells us, among other things, that God sent His Son (leveraging his love) so that the world might be saved through him. But there is a clause for our salvation, and that is our belief "everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

Belief refers to our faith in God's merciful love to forgive our sins and wipe them off completely. Often, we tie ourselves to our past sins even when we have confessed them. Some people allow their past sins to limit them from making a saintly future. The message of today tells us that God does not count nor remember our confessed past. God does not deal with us according to our sins nor reward us according to our iniquities (Psalm 103:10); David asked: "If God should remember and count our guilt, who can stand?" (Psalm 130:3).

The Fourth Sunday of Lent invites us to rejoice because God's merciful love is available to us after our episodes of sinfulness. Today, there is an invitation for us to return to God and enjoy the grace of His merciful love. This season of Lent is timely enough to undertake the journey back to our loving and compassionate Father.

Let us bear in mind that God does not remember our past sins, but he anticipates our return to Him like the loving Father of the prodigal son (Luke 15: 20). Today is a good day for you to return to God and receive His merciful love. Have a great Sunday and a graceful week ahead.

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

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

	March 7, 2021
Sunday Collection	\$10,077.00
Assessment Collection	\$ 1,060.00

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son..." - John 3:16

Of all the wonderful gifts that God has given to us, the gift of His own Son is truly the greatest. How can we ever thank God for a gift like that? God does not ask us to sacrifice our own precious firstborn, but He does ask that we are grateful and generous with our God-given gifts. That we nurture and develop our gifts, and in gratitude, generously give back with increase our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to support the mission and ministry of our parish and greater Church.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$17,086 already pledged. This is approximately 53% of our goal of \$31,700. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? If you have not yet made a gift, there are pledge envelopes available on the table in the elevator lobby or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support. **The second collection today if for this Appeal.**

YOUTH MASS ON EASTER SUNDAY

We will have a Youth Mass on Easter Sunday at 12 Noon. Parents and grandparents should please encourage their kids to attend. There will also be registration for online youth programs after Mass.

ENTHRONEMENT OF ST. JOSEPH

This year is the year of St. Joseph. We will be having an Enthronement of St. Joseph on Friday, March 19th at the 11:00AM Mass. All are invited to attend.

MISSALETTES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER TIME

We encourage parishioners to get a copy of the Missalette for Holy Week and Easter Time in order to participate actively in the Holy Week programs. Each book is \$3.00 and available at the Rectory.

CHRIST THE TEACHER ACADEMY

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 various clubs, activities and sports, even virtual ones this year. We are offering 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.

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 200 persons at each mass. You must wear a mask before you enter the Church and leave it on for the whole mass and 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, 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 reserve any of these items.

DOMINICAN COLLEGE

Dominican College, Orangeburg, New York, is offering a Virtual Information Session for those interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs. It is scheduled for Wednesday, March 24th from 5:30-7:30PM.

HEALING MASS

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter for the Third Sunday Recovery and Healing Mass on Saturday, March 20th at 12 Noon. This Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of those afflicted by substance use disorder. For information call 201-281-6247.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"I was blind and now I see." (John 9:25) In marriage we may not be physically blind but we still need to look deeply to understand the other's hurts and fears in order to see the whole person.

PARENTING POINTERS

If you have more than one child, who is your favorite? What a terrible question to ask a parent! But there is one wise answer: Each of them can be your favorite in a different way. Tell each of your children what makes them special to you.

SPECIAL SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent.....7:00PM

CONFESSIONS

All Saturdays during Lent.....12:00-1:00PM

Day of Penance, March 19.....11:00AM-3:00PM

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28

Saturday Evening.....5:00PM

Sunday Morning.....10:00AM & 12:00 Noon

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Mass.....11:00AM

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Morning Prayer.....11:00AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper..... 5:00PM

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Morning Prayer.....11:00AM

Stations of the Cross.....3:00PM

Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Jesus.....4:00PM

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Morning Prayer.....11:00AM

Easter Vigil Service.....7:00PM

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Masses.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00 Noon

***** (PLEASE NOTE THAT THE EASTER VIGIL SERVICE HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 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, 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, Gail Milone, Anita Colangelo Donovan, Anthony Lavinio.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Frances Policastro, Mary (Maureen) Spincola, Giovana Picinic.

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**

"ALWAYS DELIVER MORE THAN EXPECTED!"

