

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Devin Williams &  
Sapuro Nena

10:00AM Clemente Jaramilo

12:00PM Michael Pallotta

**MONDAY, MARCH 22**

11:00AM Rosendo Yap

**TUESDAY, MARCH 23**

*ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO*

11:00AM Antonio & Joanne  
Mircovich

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24**

11:00AM Sveto Beverin

**THURSDAY, MARCH 25**

*ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD*

11:00AM Margaret Phillips

**FRIDAY, MARCH 26**

11:00AM Matteja Morich

**SATURDAY, MARCH 27**

11:00AM Theresa McGahren

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Donato  
Family

**SUNDAY, MARCH 28**

*PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION  
OF THE LORD*

10:00AM Tommy Voto

12:00PM Cappadona & Giancola  
Families

## THE NEW COVENANT IS IN YOUR HEART

In the First Reading (Jer. 31:31-34) the prophet talked about a future time when God will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. This covenant will be different from the one He made with the people in the wilderness. We could pause and ask why the old covenant had to be replaced by a new one.

God made the old covenant with the people at Mount Sinai. It was scripted on stone and had to be read to the people from time to time to remind them what God expects from them. In contrast, the new covenant is written in the hearts and minds of everyone. In this case, each person qualifies as a bearer of God's instructions. With the new covenant, there will be no tit-for-tat. With the new covenant, the knowledge of God will be more personal and deeper, and God's forgiveness will be more profound.

The fulfillment of the new covenant is in Jesus Christ; in fact, our Lord Jesus Christ sealed the new covenant with his death and resurrection. That was why in his address to the Greeks who came to see him, our Lord said among others that when he is lifted, he will draw all men to himself. He was trying to tell them that there is still a death and a resurrection (a lifting up). All men will be drawn not to the old but the new covenant. St. Paul corroborated this by saying that whoever is in Christ is a new creation; old things are gone, and the new is here (2 Cor.5:17).

The new covenant will emerge from the old just as a new seedling emerges from the old seed. Understood in a personal way, the old in us must die (give way) before the new in us emerge. At this stage in our Lenten journey, we should have laid the old to rest and allow the new to emerge.

Laying down the old and allowing the new to emerge presupposes obedience in the manner of our Lord Jesus Christ who learned obedience through suffering as St. Paul indicated in the Second Reading (Heb. 5:7-9). Sometimes, laying down the old takes us through the route of suffering in the manner of our Lord who went through suffering and death before being lifted.

*Fr. Bonnie*

### ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of  
Antonia Hroncich*

### ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of  
Daisy Hsu*

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of  
Mario Pajar*

### PREPARING FOR MASS

*The readings for this Sunday are:*

#### **Jer 31:31-34**

The Lord declared he would write his law upon their hearts, and forgive their past sins.

#### **Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15**

Create a clean heart, a clean heart in me, O God.

#### **Heb 5:7-9**

Jesus accepted his Father's will and learned obedience and the source of eternal salvation for all people.

#### **Jn 12:20-23**

Just as a grain of what must die, Jesus had to face suffering to glorify his Father's name.

### PARISH SUPPORT

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

**March 14, 2021**

**Sunday Collection**

**\$4,285.00**

**"I will be their God and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33**

*What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know as God cares for each of us.*

### 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2021 Annual Appeal is well underway. We have \$22,156.00 already pledged. This is approximately 69% of our goal of \$31,700. We are only about \$9,544 short of our goal. 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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

### 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.

### 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 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30PM.



**EASTER VIGIL**

If you plan on attending the Easter Vigil Mass at 7:00PM, please come early so that you can get a seat. Please note that the Mass is at 7:00PM and not at 5:00PM as listed in the Easter mailing. Once we are filled to capacity, the doors will be closed.

**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 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

**HEALING MASS**

There will be a Healing Mass on Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00AM. All are invited to attend.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Benedict XV Council 2355 of the Knights of Columbus is currently based at Epiphany Parish, and also affiliated with Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart and St. John's Church. The Knights are a Catholic fraternal family men's organization with councils in all 50 states and several foreign countries. The mission of our 2,000,000 members is to provide charitable works, help the church and those in need. We have been called the right arm of the church, and prior to the pandemic restrictions, we sponsored blood drives, helped run various parish events such as Lenten soup night, Seminarian dinners, pancake breakfasts, and assisted the food pantry. We hope to resume these types of activities once we are able to get back to business as usual. We are looking for some good Catholic men to join our efforts. Currently we have meetings via Zoom but hope to get back to in person activities in the next few months. If you are interested in learning more and perhaps joining our ranks, you can text one of our officers below and we will get back to you promptly. Justin Rice - 443-474-2378; Bob Barricella - 201-960-9554; Marc DePasquale - 201-906-9274.

**MASS CANDLES, LAMPS & ALTAR WINE**

Mass Candles, Sanctuary Lamps and Altar 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.

**SPECIAL SCHEDULE**

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

**CONFESSIONS**

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

**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 Drobikof, 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, Anthony Lavinio, Elizabeth Chen, Maryann Ascione.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH**

*Anita Colangelo Donovan, Carol Cahill, Dorothy Reilly, Linda Montagnino, Sara Marini, Gail Milone.*

**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!"**

