

SUNDAY, APRIL 4, 2021
 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE
 RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
 7:00PM Easter Vigil
 8:00AM People of the Parish
 10:00AM Domenico Matesic
 12:00PM Ints of Philippa Ovonji-
 Odida

MONDAY, APRIL 5

11:00AM Maria Martire

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

11:00AM Florence & William
 Holmstrom

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

11:00AM Josie Del Rosario

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

11:00AM Lu Maloles &
 Mina Magsaysay

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

11:00AM Dennis Franin

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

11:00AM Nevenka & Joso Begonga
 Carmela Morin
 Gallina, Guglielmelli &
 Bellagamba Families

5:00PM Vera Dragas

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

10:00AM Clemente Jaramilo
 12:00PM Concetta Sgro



ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of
 Gino & Rose Zilocchi*

ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of
 Gino & Rose Zilocchi*

EASTER CANDLE

*In Memory of
 Manzini & Pettrizzie Families*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*For the Intentions of
 Marissa Maloles*

MASS CANDLES

*In Memory of
 Josephine Olmo*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Jesus was crucified, then he rose up and
 was seen by his chosen witnesses.

Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

This is the day that the Lord has made; let
 us rejoice and be glad.

Col 3:1-4

We must pay attention to higher realms
 rather than earthly concerns.

John 20:1-9

The account of Jesus' Resurrection.

DEATH IS DEFEATED: THE LORD HAS RISEN!

Rising from death to life is not a very common phenomenon. However, apart from the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we have instances of people coming back to life after death in the scriptures like the son of the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings 17:17-24), Lazarus (John 11:44), the only son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-16), and others.

There are specific differences between these people and our Lord Jesus Christ. These people were brought back to life by the power of God coming from outside them. In the case of our Lord Jesus Christ, he rose by his power. Furthermore, all these people mentioned died again after being raised to life, but in our Lord Jesus Christ, He rose and never died again.

At the passing of the individuals mentioned above, their family and friends cried and mourned. Suddenly they came back to life; those who were weeping and mourning began immediately to rejoice and celebrate. Hence the rising from the dead to life turns sorrow into joy, sadness into jubilation.

This situation reflects the resurrection of Jesus Christ. On Good Friday, we were sorrowful. Our Lord Jesus Christ was condemned to die. He was bruised, flogged, insulted, abandoned, mutilated, and finally killed. It was all gloomy, and confusion was rife. The apostles were devastated. The best among them goofed. Peter denied the Lord even before a little maid who could qualify as his daughter. Judas sold the Master for thirty pieces of silver (about \$155). And, of course, the others took to their heels when the situation became unbearable.

All these and more became past tales with the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ on this day. Indeed, we have reason to rejoice because, as St. Paul says, death is destroyed, and victory is complete (1 Cor. 15:54). The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ also marks victory over the plans of the devil.

The resurrection of Jesus is productive of a lasting identity for us. There is a need for every aspect of our lives to be marked with the resurrection character. The Pope emeritus Benedict XVI in his book "Jesus of Nazareth" (part two), states that the Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead.

If we believe that our Lord Jesus Christ has risen from the dead, our lives should productively reflect the resurrection. There is a need for us to rise from disobedience to obedience, from sin to righteous living, from darkness to light, from enmity to friendship. After the resurrection to life, there will be no need to go back to the grave of sin and death!

We are now a resurrection people; we have risen above matter and misery. The tomb is empty, which means that our lives should be void of all those things that create a barrier between God and us. May we remain a resurrected community.

Happy Easter.

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

*Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.
 PLEASE NOTE: THE BULLETIN HAD TO BE SENT AHEAD OF TIME. WE WILL PUBLISH
 THE EASTER AND HOLY LAND COLLECTIONS IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.*

Weekly Collection *April 4, 2021*
\$5,743.00

*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." – Colossians 3:2
 On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We
 celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let us try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the
 year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation
 plan.*

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.

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.

PRAYER FOR EASTER

Dear Risen Lord:

Teach me to cherish the profound gift of your resurrection. May my life reflect the power and radiance of redemption that I may be your witness. Increase in me the gift of grace that your love has given me and allow me to share that joy with others. May I always worship you in spirit and truth, until the day we meet face-to-face in the glory of heaven. Amen

SPECIAL SCHEDULE

PLEASE NOTE: THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM HOLY THURSDAY THROUGH EASTER MONDAY, REOPENING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 6TH.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Next Sunday, April 11th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have prayer and adoration in our church beginning at 3:00PM. All are invited to attend.

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. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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, 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, Elizabeth Chen, Maryann Ascione.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Blanche Lopez.

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**

**"HAVE I RESURRECTED FROM
BREAKING THE BARRIERS/FORCES
OF EVIL AND SINS?"**

