

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY & JOSEPH

5:00PM Dianna Dumond
8:00AM Rose Zilocchi
10:00AM Angelina Foglio
12:00PM Anthony Dragas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

8:00AM Mayor Gerald Calabrese
11:30AM Angelina & Alfonso Vigna

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29

ST. THOMAS BECKET

8:00AM Stephen Petruzzello – 1st Anniv.
11:30AM Maria & Tommaso Morin

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

8:00AM The He Family
5:00PM Gloria Manganelli

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31

ST. SYLVESTER I

8:00AM Mayor Gerald Calabrese
5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Forget, Blais
& Thibeault Families

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00AM Slavko Grgurev
11:30AM Bobbie Legentil

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2

STS. BASIL THE GREAT &
GREGORY NAZIANZEN

11:30AM Vincenzo Parisi
5:00PM Trinidad Benitez

SUNDAY, JANUARY 3

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:00AM Louie Manafrandia
10:00AM Maria Henriquez
12:00PM Michelangelo Spoletti

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
John Mattessich

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
John Pettrizzie – Anniv.

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
The Marino Family

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Isa 60:1-6

All the nations of the earth shall walk in
Jerusalem's light.

Psalms 72

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

God's plan is revealed to all people.

Matt 2:1-12

The magi came from the east, seeking the
Christ Child.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Make it your business to take a look at the banner that we've put up on the front of the Church on Knox Ave....We've got another to put on the side wall of the elevator entrance - we just haven't found a way to get it up there yet...They're both a gift of the McCorry Brothers Funeral Home and they announce our parish's 100th Anniversary celebration...Our motto for this Centennial celebration is: "A CENTURY WITH CHRIST AND COMMUNITY"...So!!!...Our Founders' Day celebration is scheduled for the weekend of the of **Feast the Epiphany...2/3 January 2015- THAT'S NEXT WEEKEND**...We'll kick off our 100th year celebration with a reception in the parish hall after each of the Masses...**Come and see our parish 100th Anniversary exhibit**...have some refreshments...take a look at the slide show...and receive two free gifts- a *magnet memento* of the 100th Anniversary and a special parish calendar...We've also had made some **100th Anniversary Mugs** with the parish logo - they'll be on sale for the first time at the FOUNDERS' DAY EXHIBIT for \$7.00 each...If you know people who aren't reached by the banners or by the bulletin - please extend to them a personal invitation to come and celebrate **FOUNDERS' Day**...

...This weekend we honor The Holy Family...and...we give thanks for the group of people we most closely share our lives with - our own families...We also give thanks for this parish family that provides for us a faith community that we can pray with...No matter what our families look like - and they certainly do come in many different varieties - let's say a prayer for the precious gifts that God has given us all - in the members of our families! We don't always agree - I guess...but we are always called to do the loving thing and to care for one another!

...As we approach the end of one year and the start of another...I wish you all a happy and a holy New Year - our parish's 100th Anniversary Year - 2016!

God bless,
Fr. Ken

PARISH SUPPORT

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

DUE TO THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, ALL BULLETINS FOR THIS WEEK AND THE NEXT WEEKEND HAD TO BE PRINTED AHEAD OF TIME. WE WILL PUT THE COLLECTION TOTALS INTO THE BULLETIN OF JANUARY 10TH.

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." – 1 John 3:1

During this season of giving, let us remember the most important gift we have received – being children of God. As God's children, it's important that we express our love for others as well. Tell your spouse, children and other family members and friends that you love them, frequently.

BINGO

PLEASE NOTE: THAT FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, BINGO WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL TUESDAY, JANUARY 5TH AT 7:15PM AND THURSDAY, JANUARY 7TH AT 12:15PM. WE WILL SEE YOU IN 2016. WE WISH EVERYONE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS AND A PEACE-FILLED NEW YEAR!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATRONAGE.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will join in the festivities for the Feast of Epiphany, January 2nd, at the 5:00PM Mass and walk down the Church aisle for Founders' Day. This will be our regular monthly mass. Please wear your medal for the start of our 100th Anniversary Celebration.



EPIPHANY FOUNDERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Come join us in celebrating Epiphany's 100th Anniversary with our Founders' Day Celebration on Saturday, January 2nd with a special 5:00PM Mass and full Wine & Cheese Reception in the Church Hall. The reception will feature an assortment of hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Come visit with many former priests and Sisters of Charity who once served our parish. Browse a collection of hundreds of historical artifacts, items of interest, and thousands of pictures from Epiphany's hundred-year history. Free commemorative souvenirs will be given to all who attend. If you can't make it for our Saturday evening celebration, come join us before and after all of the Masses on Sunday, January 3rd - we'll be serving bagels, muffins, cake, coffee, etc. **ALL ARE WELCOME - FREE ADMISSION.**

FULL-TIME SECRETARIAL POSITION AVAILABLE

Holy Trinity Church, Fort Lee, is looking for a full-time secretary. Must be professional, organized, proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet, knowledge of Publisher, general clerical duties, and must be able to multitask. Please fax your resume to 201-947-1217 or email holytrinity01@gmail.com For additional information, please call 201-947-1216 and ask for Susan.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADDRESSING ABUSE

The Catholic Church Is Battling Sexual Abuse

While the majority of media focus over the past ten or more years has been on the incidents of sexual abuse with the Church, little is being said with any consistency about the many positive steps that the Catholic Church has taken to address the issue. Dioceses across the country, and especially the Archdiocese of Newark, have instituted compassionate outreach to victims and support services, training and background checks for staff and volunteers, training for children and youth, codes of conduct, reporting requirements to civil authorities, independent Review Boards to investigate allegations and recommend actions under Canon law for offenders, as well as other initiatives. To date, the Catholic Church is the only youth-serving organization in the country - private or public - to undertake such a comprehensive program to create and promulgate safe environments for children and young people. Independent auditors from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops have found the Archdiocese of Newark fully compliant with the Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People in every year since audits began in 2003.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Christ the Teacher School is participating in the Box Top Education Program again this year. We are asking you, the parishioners, for your help. Please clip off the Box Tops for Education that can be found on many of the products you might already purchase. Each one earns CTT \$0.10. Place them in the box near the elevator of the Church. We thank the parishioners of Epiphany Parish for your continued support.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

Ring in 2016 at the Cliffs Park Senior's New Year's Brunch with DJ Nick on December 31st from 10:00AM-1:00PM. Cost is \$10 per person. Reserve your seat by December 28th. There will be a Super Bowl Party on Sunday, February 7, 2016 which will feature a hot and cold buffet, and a giant screen TV. Cost is \$15 per person. Reserve your seat by January 25th. To make reservations, please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

**"YOU SAY" 'I CAN'T GO ON' AND
GOD SAYS: 'MY GRACE IS
SUFFICIENT!'"**

SPECIAL SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Sunday, December 27

Saturday, December 26.....5:00PM
Sunday, December 27.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

NEW YEAR'S EVE MASS

Thursday, December 31

Vigil Mass.....5:00PM

NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS

Friday, January 1.....9:00AM & 11:30AM

PATRONAL FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Saturday, January 2.....5:00PM

Sunday, January 3.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

Founders' Day Exhibit in the Parish Hall after All Masses

Please Note: The Rectory Office will be opened for Mass Cards on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week from 10:00AM-6:00PM only. The office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week. It will be open next Saturday and Sunday from 10:00AM-2:00PM. The Food Pantry will be closed until January 4th.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Bergen Regional Medical Center, Paramus, needs volunteers to: transport long-term residents to and from hospital Masses, to be friendly visitors to those confined to bed or wheelchairs, and to set up and take down altar items for hospital Masses on Saturdays (3:30PM) and Sundays (11:15AM). If you are 18 years of age or older and wish to volunteer, please contact Fr. Edito Gamallo at 201-414-0522 or Fr. John Quill at 201-421-0009 for more information. God will reward you for your kindness.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Jean Schwartz, Marion Calabrese, Joseph Mangone, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Nancy Suarez, Brian Hone, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Linda Shiers, Ralph Cappola, Paula Banitez, Doris Portillo, Sid Berger, Angelica Colavito, Una O'Connor, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Sarah Farid, Carl McManus, Lauren Basso, Corrado Gugliotta, Pietro Gugliotta, Victor Sohm, Bobby Busanic, Alvino Masolotti, Dr. Richard Ming, Vincent Sariti, Hay Blou Htoo, Minerva Lugones, Wilma Smithward, Bill Kraus, Antonia Picinic, Mickey LoPresti, Dorothy Mazzone, Carmella Carlucci, Eve Keenan, Patsy DeRito, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Couglan, Debbie Cyr, Samuel Esposito, Silvia Vega, Colin Berg, Angie Cozzitorto, Rose & Giulio Scoccimarro, Robert Zveiman, Elizabeth Zenorini, Pat Romano, Michael Coughlin, Joyce Lind, Marta Coelho, Margaret Ever, Matthew Rush, Mary Pugliese, Ann Callagher, Patsy Hughes.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Dr. Robert Gerety, Stephen Pavlik, Rev. Edward Thompson, Mary O'Brien.

BLESSED ARE THE PARENTS

Blessed are the parents who refuse to compare their children with others.

Blessed are the fathers and mothers who have learned to laugh, for it is the music of the child's world.

Blessed are those parents who accept the awkwardness of their growing children, letting each child grow at their own speed.

Blessed are the parents who can say "NO" without anger.

Blessed are the parents who take their children to church for it gladdens their hearts.

Blessed are the parents who are teachable, for understanding brings love.

Blessed are the parents who love their children and try to be a Holy Family in the midst of a sometimes hostile world, for love is the greatest gift of all.

