SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

5:00PM Margaret Hans

8:00AM Anna Tarabocchia

10:00AM Dinko Morin

12:00PM David Mihalinec

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

8:00AM Nick Morin

11:30AM Juliana Moonsoo Lee

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Nick Morin

11:30AM Fay Fogliano

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

8:00AM Nick Morin

11:30AM Nick Morin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

8:00AM Carolina Napolitano

11:30AM Enrietta DiPaolo

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

ST. HILLARY

8:00AM Eva Leon

11:30AM Nicolina Matesic

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

11:30AM Maria Kirincich

5:00PM Josephine D'Oro

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2017

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Carmela & Attilio Dente 10:00AM Rita Osmanski

12:00PM Peter Foglio

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of John Mattessich

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Linda Tripodi

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Ernie Sdrigotti

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of Millie Majorana

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 49:3, 5-6

The servant will bring salvation.

Psalm 40

Here I am, Lord, I come to do your will.

1 Cor 1:1-3

All who call upon the name of Jesus are called to be holy.

Jn 1:29-34

John proclaims Jesus the Son of God and the Lamb of God.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

...So...It's Epiphany Sunday – our Patronal Feast ...and we celebrate that the Saviour of the world was manifested...shown to the three Wise Men and also to the Gentile and Pagan world...He was not just to be for a small group of people...but he was to offer salvation to all those that would embrace the gift of faith...and try to live a holy and faithful life - thank you Lord Jesus for loving me...for showing me your glory...and for including me in your plan of salvation

...Thanks also to the members of the $100^{\rm th}$ Anniversary Committee who did such a wonderful job planning our celebrations.

...With the celebration of *our patronal feast of the Epiphany* this weekend, we begin our $101^{\rm st}$ year and our next century...Thank you Jesus for The Church of the Epiphany which gathers us together, lifts us up in prayer, and sustains us with your grace...

...Our custom is to bless and distribute the 2017 Calendars this weekend as we celebrate our patronal Feast of the Epiphany – many thanks to the A.K. Macagna Funeral Home for their kind generosity in providing the calendars.

...I invite you to remember in your prayers our four RCIA candidates: Andrew Poye, Jacqueline Poye, Chad Armstrong, and Yvette Melian...Andrew and Chad are looking to convert to the Catholic faith from another Christian denomination...and Jacqueline and Yvette are both baptized Catholics looking to receive Confirmation as adults...They will continue to study and pray with our congregation as they prepare to become members of the Church of the Epiphany at Easter...

...Many thanks for your kind generosity to the parish over the years...and just let me tell you about our Epiphany Heritage Fund...We identify some items that need doing in the parish and put them on the Heritage Fund Wish List...We then ask any parishioner to contribute to whatever wish list item they choose and their entire donation goes to that project. None of the Heritage Fund donations are subject to the 18% assessment that the Archdiocese charges us for our regular collections...Below is a list of the current wish list items for the Heritage Fund...Please be in touch with me for further information and if you wish to donate to one of the items...

- 1. Replacement of ten windows in the rectory projected cost is \$4,500.00
- New paneling for the rectory basement conference room projected cost is \$1,500,00
- 3. Paint the stage floor in the Parish Hall out to bid
- 4. New carpeting for the rectory basement conference room out to bid

...Please be in touch with me for further information and if you wish to donate to one of the items...Make out your check to The Epiphany Heritage Fund...and put the wish list item in the "memo" line of your check...and Thank You as always for your kind generosity...

...HAPPY PATRONAL FEAST DAY!

Sunday Collection

Christmas Collection (thus far)

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.

December 25th \$ 4,148.00 \$30,976.00

Sunday Collection\$ 3,757.00Mary, the Holy Mother of God\$ 3,597.00

"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." – Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share <u>all</u> of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.



BINGO

BINGO IS PLAYED ON TUESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM AND ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY AN EVENING OR AN AFTERNOON OF FUN.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Please note that CCD Religious Education Classes for grades 1-7 will reopen on Sunday, January 8th at 11:00AM.

HOLY HOUR FOR LIFE

The Legion of Mary is sponsoring a Holy Hour for Life on Monday, January $23^{\rm rd}$ at 7:00PM. Let us pray to protect the rights of the unborn, an end to the practice of abortion, and healing for God's people and our land.

NEW CHURCH HYMNALS

Our new hymnals are in the Church pews. If your family would like to memorialize a loved one or simply present the hymnal as a gift from your family to the parish, please use one of the envelopes that are at the church doors. The **memorial fee is \$25.00 per book**. We will be placing these memorials in the new books. We are keeping the dedications that were made at the time the old books began to be used and placing them into the Book of Remembrance in the vestibule.

RETROUVAILLE - A LIFELINE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGES

You can save your marriage! Has your marriage become unloving or uncaring – your relationship grown cold, distant – thinking about a separation or divorce? Are you already separated/divorced but (both of you) wish to try again – then the Retrouvaille program may help you. Retrouvaille (Rediscovery) sponsored by the Family Life Office – Diocese of Metuchen consists of a weekend experience for couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next program is scheduled for the weekend of February 10-12, 2017. All inquiries are confidential. For more details, please call the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573, Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or Tom & Pat McTague at 732-583-4468 (evenings).

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to our students who attend Paramus Catholic High School for their achievements during the First Marking Period: President's List – Kelsey Contreras; First Honors – James Clooney. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Cliffside Park Senior Center presents the following activities: January 11th – Sands Casino Trip -\$30 – signup - departs at 8:30AM; January 18th – Empire Club Luncheon Show \$32 – sign up – 11:15AM; January 25 – Dinner & Movie – Sully - \$5.00 sign up – 4:00PM; February 5 – Super Bowl Sunday Party - \$15 – sign-up – Food, Fun & Football – 5:30PM; February 15 – AARP Driver Safety Class – sign-up - \$15/\$20 – 9:00AM-3:00PM. For information, call 201-943-3768.

TD BANK AFFINITY PROGRAM

Our participation in the Affinity Program continues. Going forward, the Church will receive \$10 for every existing checking account included in the program and \$50 for every newly opened checking account included in the program. **Nothing is taken from your accounts.** In addition, the <u>Church</u> will receive 1/10 of 1% of the average balance of all savings accounts and CDs included in the program. To sign up, please visit the TD Bank at Lafayette and Palisade Avenues.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct should call the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-497-3256.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

Open House and Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will take place for any **siblings of existing students and for parishioners** on Tuesday, January 24th from 9:00AM-2:00PM. This includes the PK-3 year old program to Grade 8. This date guarantees a space in any grade. Please note that being a parishioner, or having another child that already attends the school, does not guarantee any **late** registrants a space. Please remember once the class quota is reached, that class is closed and no exceptions are made.

Open House and Registration for non-parishioners will be held on Wednesday, February 1, 2017 from 9:00AM-12:00PM and from 6:00-7:30PM. During the evening session, we will be having a Student STREAM Fair as well!

From February 4^{th} going forward, we will continue to have open registrations from Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-2:00PM, as long as there is availability. Please contact the school at 201-944-0421 with any questions.

EVENING OF DISCERNMENT

Single, Catholic Young Adult Men are invited to an Evening of Discernment with the Edmund Rice Christian Brothers on Tuesday, February 7th at their Province Center, 742 Monroe Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey. To request details and to register call or text 815-272-7742 or email bromaccfc@yahoo.com

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

There will be a Young Adult Retreat from February 10-12 at the Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ. Come join other young adults – ages 22-34 – married or single, to take a step back from our busy lives. This will be a time to examine your personal faith and your relationship with God, your family members and yourself. Our time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions Eucharist and lots of fun. Cost is \$130 per person, double occupancy. Register at www.capemaymarianists.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Couglan, Colin Berg, Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Ann Callagher, Esther Evertz, Barbara Dooley, Gloria Masella, Peter Bertinato, Joann Helmick, Mario Pajar, John Hroncich, Kathy Herring, Vinka Usalj, Anna Tarabokija, Joseph DeMiglio, Efrem Lavrido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Sandy Snow, Lydia Locurcio, Kevin Harris, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, Mary Bunero, Cabrini Lepis, Erica Duran, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Maria Murphy, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Roger Cook, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynols, Baby Ella Grace Gavina, Sister Rosemary McGavin, Luisa Vlacich, Andrew Mircovich, Marie Gagliardi, Arianna Cappola, Liberata Tarabocchia, Archbishop John J. Myers, Anne Frey, Frances Ianuale.

<u>PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH</u> Maria Busanic, Elena Squitieri.

"LIFE ISN'T ABOUT WAITING FOR THE STORM TO PASS...IT'S LEARNING HOW TO DANCE IN THE RAIN!"