

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2017**

**7<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Macaluso Family  
8:00AM Anna & Luca Bussanich  
10:00AM Antonia Picinic  
12:00PM Antonia & Giacomo Scrivanich

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:00AM Dec'd Mbrs. Vecchione Family  
11:30AM Domenico Tarabocchia

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**ST. PETER DAMIAN**  
8:00AM George Malik  
11:30AM Antonia Mattessich

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE**  
8:00AM Landina DeCarlo  
11:30AM Anne Frances Lepis

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**ST. POLYCARP**  
8:00AM Maria Rici Mattessich  
11:30AM Ints. of Mary Peterson

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

8:00AM Kimi Hahm  
11:30AM Donna Marie Cingire

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

11:30AM Ester Vanrheenen  
5:00PM John & Antonetta Bucco

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26**

**8<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM Antica Morin  
10:00AM Stanley & Rita Osmanski  
12:00PM Kara Antonia Ascione-Shusko

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*  
Peter Jeon &  
Renata Lee

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*  
Frato & Olmo Families

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*  
Louis M. Botto

**ALTAR FLOWERS**

*In Memory of*  
Peter Jeon  
Renata Lee

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Is 49:14-15**

*"I will never forget you."*

**Psalms 62**

*"Rest in God alone, my soul"*

**1 Cor 4:1-5**

*Only God can judge us.*

**Mt 6:24-34**

*"Do not worry about tomorrow."*

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

*Dear Parishioner:*

.....The pledge weekend for the Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal has been changed to February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Our goal for this Appeal is \$33,281.00. Once again, the Diocese is asking us to be aware of our calling to care for those in need. Thank you for your kind generosity in the past and we ask that you prayerfully consider this year's Annual Appeal.

.....I ask you to save the date for our Parish Mission which is scheduled for three Mondays in Lent – March 20<sup>th</sup>, March 27<sup>th</sup>, and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fr. Giordano Belanich will be our guest speaker. Some of you may recognize him as one of our substitute priests. Fr. Gio will speak at the 11:30AM Mass and also at 7:00PM on the three Mission days. Please plan to attend this Mission and use this time of penance and renewal to prepare for the great feast of Easter.

..... Our Baptism calls us to use our gifts and talents to serve our parish community. I'd like you to consider the ministry of lector. We could use a couple of lectors at each of our masses: 5:00PM on Saturday, 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12 Noon on Sunday. You do need a good speaking voice, and ability to be comfortable in standing in front of a large group of people and a willingness to prepare and pray over the Scripture reading you're called upon to proclaim to the people of our parish. If you feel a call to this ministry – please be in touch with me. There will be three nights for lector preparation:

**Monday 6 March 7:00-8:00PM – Rectory Dining Room**

**Monday 13 March 7:00-8:00PM – Rectory Dining Room**

**Thursday 23 March 7:00-8:00PM – Church**

**The new lectors will be installed on Saturday/Sunday 18/19 March at the Masses. Please prayerfully consider stepping forward for this special ministry.**

.....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...

*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.*

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**\$5,143.00**

**Sunday Collection**

*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." – Matthew 5:44*  
*Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemies". When we pray for others, even "our enemies", maybe it softens their hearts as well.*

**BINGO**



**TUESDAY BINGO IS SUSPENDED UNTIL THE SPRING. IT WILL REOPEN IN MARCH OR APRIL. BINGO WILL BE PLAYED ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND HAVE SOME FUN.**

**PRESIDENTS' DAY**

Monday is President' Day, a legal holiday. The Rectory Office will be closed on that day. Daily Masses will be at the usual time – 8:00 and 11:30AM.

**HOLY HOUR**

The Legion of Mary will sponsor a Holy Hour based on Consecration to Jesus through Mary on Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. All are welcome to attend.

**CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL**

Christ the Teacher School, Fort Lee, 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.

**CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER**

Cliffside Park Senior Center presents the following activities: Lake George-Saratoga-Lake Placid Trip – May 22-25 - \$528.00 double occupancy; Canadian Cruise – September 16-23. For information and reservations, call 201-943-3768.

### SAINT PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

**ONLY FOUR WEEKS LEFT TO** get your tickets for our Saint Patrick/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Featured will be a family-style sit-down corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings, soda, water, and beer. BYOB Music will be by Shooting Star Entertainment – DJ Nick. Tickets are \$33 per person and can be purchased at the rectory. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund for the Rectory Basement carpeting. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

### WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have a scholarship for a beginning or current college student who is an active parishioner of Epiphany Church who will be an entering freshman, in the fall of 2017 or is currently enrolled in a four-year college as a sophomore or junior. One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually. New applications will have to be submitted yearly. Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for applications is May 1<sup>st</sup>. The scholarship will be awarded on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

### 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 they have been placed in the Book of Remembrance in the vestibule.

### NEEDED: NEW OR USED COMMUNION DRESSES & SUITS

The Office of Development and Stewardship of the Archdiocese of Newark will be collecting gently used, in good condition, Communion dresses/veils, suits and shoes for our inner city parishes, the Religious Sisters of the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart who know families in need, and any parishioner in need of one for their child. A child's First Communion is a special day and the Diocese is trying to make sure financial hardship does not stand in the way of it being as special as it can be. All items can be dropped off at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark beginning Monday, February 27 through March between the hours of 9:00AM and 4:00PM. Outfits will be distributed in April.

### GOLDEN, SILVER & FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*April 30<sup>th</sup> – 3:00PM – 25 & 5 years (all counties)*

*May 7 – 3:00PM – 50 years (all counties)*

The Archdiocese will honor all couples married 50, 25 and 5 years at the Cathedral Basilica, Newark. You must come to the rectory to fill out a form for any of these anniversaries. All reservations must be made two weeks before the Mass is scheduled. Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant at all Masses. Please call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4323 if you have any questions.

### BRIDGE ACT

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops has come out and supported the BRIDGE (Bar Removal of Individuals who Dream and Grow our Economy) Act which is being proposed in both Houses of Congress. This is a bipartisan effort to sustain temporary relief from deportation and employment eligibility offered to youth through the Department of Homeland Security's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program. The Justice for immigrants' website of the USCCB has a link to help those who wish to petition their representatives in Congress to pass the Bridge Act. <http://justiceforimmigrants.org/category/action-alerts> is the website for you to visit to have your voice heard.

### THANK YOU DINNER INVITATION

If you have received a thank you dinner invitation for February 27<sup>th</sup> for your participation in past Archdiocesan Appeals from Fr. Ken and the Archdiocese of Newark, please respond to the rectory at 201-943-7320 by February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Dinner will be held at 7:00PM in the Church Hall for all those who have been invited. **You cannot attend unless you RSVP.**

### SINGLE PARENT SUPPORT GROUPS

According to the US Census data, 30% of children living in New Jersey live in a single parent household. Single Parenting is difficult, non-stop and often goes unappreciated. Single parents are providers, nurturers and disciplinarians. The Family Life Office has created a support group specific to the needs of single parents. Two local churches will be offering this group: St. Matthew, Ridgefield – 201-945-3500 and St. John the Baptist, Jersey City – 201-653-8814. If interested in attending, please call the parish group you wish to attend. Groups will begin in April.

### CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Be Not Afraid: Becoming Missionary Disciples." Speakers will be Cardinal Sean Patrick O'Malley, Archbishop of Boston and Joe Lombardi, Jr., quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints. Day runs from 8:00AM-4:30PM. Mass will be celebrated by His Eminence Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For registration, visit [www.rcan.org/offices-and-NJCatholicMen.org](http://www.rcan.org/offices-and-NJCatholicMen.org)

### CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

The Catholic Women's Conference will be Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at Seton Hall University. This year's theme is "Alive in Christ as Missionary Disciples." Keynote speakers are Mother Olga of the Sacred Heart, founder and mother servant of the Daughters of Mercy of Nazareth in the Archdiocese of Boston and Lisa Hendey, founder and editor of CatholicMom.org. The day runs from 8:00AM-3:30PM. Cost is \$25.00 per person. For registration, please visit [www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/womens-commission](http://www.rcan.org/offices-and-ministries/womens-commission)

### SUPPORT GROUP FOR FATHERS WHO HAVE LOST A CHILD

The needs of fathers who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter are unique. The Office of Family Life Ministries invites all bereaved fathers to a morning of prayer and discussion in the hope it will provide a place of understanding and healing. The Support Group for Fathers Who Have Lost A Child will meet on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at Notre Dame Church (Bennett Room), 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell between 10:00AM and 12 Noon. Please call Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 for any questions.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Ann Callagher, Esther Evertz, Gloria Masella, Peter Bertinato, Mario Pajar, John Hroncich, Anna Tarabokija, Joseph DeMiglio, Efremlavido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, Mary Bunero, Cabrini Lepis, Erica Duran, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Roger Cook, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Baby Ella Grace Gavina, Sister Rosemary McGavin, Luisa Vlacich, Andrew Mircovich, Marie Gagliardi, Arianna Cappola, Anne Frey, Frances Ianuale, Dr. Bridget Sonesson, Hilda Borroto, Grace Siccardi, Tara Grassani, Maryann Ascione, Bishop Manuel Cruz, Barbara Biccocchi, Shannon Brenner, Doris Levy.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Carlos Ynfesta, Pearl Van Dam, Arthur Mohan, Charles Parlier, Romana Komanski.*

**"IN ITS MOST PRACTICAL FORM –  
LOVE IS ALMSGIVING!"**

