

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM John & Antonetta Bucco
8:00AM Antica Morin
10:00AM Stanley & Rita Osmanski
12:00PM Kara Antonia Ascione-Shusko

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

8:00AM Gregorio Mattesich
11:30AM Tommaso, Nicolina & Pietro Pallotta

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00AM Gargurino Matesic
11:30AM Landina DeCarlo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

ASH WEDNESDAY

8:00AM Joseph Caroleo
11:30AM Anna Mattesich
3:00PM Prayer Service
7:00PM David Mihalinec

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

8:00AM Mary & John Wahrenberger
11:30AM Maria Garritano

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

8:00AM Franica Frantin
11:30AM Anne Lepis

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

ST. CASIMIR

11:30AM Giovanni Vaccaro
5:00PM Daniel O'Connor – Birth.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Elena Morin
10:00AM Stanley Osmanski
12:00PM Nicolo & Giacomina Scrivanich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Peter Jeon

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Renata Lee

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Thanksgiving for
Natalie

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Hilda & John Dondero

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of
Peter Jeon
Renata Lee

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Adam and Eve are tempted.

Psalm 51

Be merciful, O Lord, for we are sinners.

Rom 5:12-19

Jesus' obedience overcomes sin

Mt 4:1-11

Jesus himself is tempted

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

.....We prepare yet again for the great celebration of the Feast of Easter by entering into the forty days of Lenten Retreat. Keep your eyes open for the bulletin where several activities planned for Lent will be posted including our Lenten Mission, our Lenten Soup Supper, the progress of our RCIA candidates toward full communion in the Church of the Epiphany, and the devotion of the Stations of the Cross. On the First Sunday of Lent we will be giving out a booklet to help you in your prayer reflection in this Lenten Season. And so I invite you to ponder this time to prepare for the reception of the ashes on Ash Wednesday.

.....Our new Cardinal has announced the inception of the Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal to be held February 25th and 26th. 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 20th, March 27th, and April 3rd. 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 19th

Sunday Collection

\$5,890.00

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (material wealth)." – Matthew 6:24

For many people, God and money run "neck and neck" as their first priority. Making money and spending money becomes the center of their life and they actually become a slave to money. The solution – become more generous - giving money to Church and charity frees us from slavery to money and from making money a "god" before God.

BINGO

TUESDAY BINGO IS SUSPENDED UNTIL THE SPRING. IT WILL REOPEN IN MARCH OR APRIL. WATCH FOR THE OPENING DATE! 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.



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly Mass on Saturday, March 4th at 5:00PM. Please wear your medal and assemble in the vestibule. Meeting will be held on Monday, March 6th at 7:00PM. Please note change of day for this meeting.



SAINT PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

ONLY THREE WEEKS LEFT to purchase tickets for our Saint Patrick/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance to be held on Saturday, March 18th. 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 1st. The scholarship will be awarded on June 11th.

FREE CITIZENSHIP AND ESL CLASSES

Register for free Citizenship and ESL Classes at the Franciscan Community Development Center, 239 Anderson Avenue, Fairview on February 27th & 28th. These classes will prepare green card holders for the U.S. Citizenship Naturalization Exam. Classes begin on March 6th. Call 201-941-1000 to register.

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 30th – 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.

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.

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.

2017 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one(1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 5, 2017 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 11, 2017.

**Canon 920, S. 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during the following Masses and Prayer Service: 8:00 and 11:30AM Masses, 3:00PM Prayer Service and 7:00PM Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be held each Friday in Lent at 7:00PM. Each week a guest seminarian will give a reflection on the stations. This Friday our speaker will be Seminarian Christian Scalo speaking on the first and second Stations.

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 4th 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, Efram Lavrido, 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, Barbara Bicochi, Shannon Bremmer, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Frank Liccione, Louise Ranu, Madeline Pastore.

**"YOU ARE ONLY TRULY IN CONTROL OF
YOUR LIFE WHEN YOU ACCEPT THAT
YOU ARE NOT!"**

