

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2017  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Daniel O'Connor – Birth.  
8:00AM Elena Morin  
10:00AM Stanley Osmanski  
12:00PM Nicolo & Giacomina Scrivanich

MONDAY, MARCH 6

8:00AM Dorothy Carleton &  
Carmela Salerno  
11:30AM Gregorio Mattesich

TUESDAY, MARCH 7

STS. PERPETUA & FELICITY  
8:00AM Gregorio Mattesich  
11:30AM Landina DeCarlo

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8

ST. JOHN OF GOD  
8:00AM Gargurino Matesic  
11:30AM Anna Mattesich

THURSDAY, MARCH 9

ST. FRANCES OF ROME  
8:00AM Gargurino Matesic  
11:30AM Anna Mattesich

FRIDAY, MARCH 10

8:00AM Mark & Flavio Zen  
11:30AM Vincenza & Frank Parisi

SATURDAY, MARCH 11

11:30AM Donald Morella  
Robert Bellobuono

5:00PM Cheryl Barbara

SUNDAY, MARCH 12

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Deborah Kim  
10:00AM Antonia Bussanich  
12:00PM Nikola Morin

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of  
Peter Jeon

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of  
Renata Lee

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of  
Dorothy Carleton – Anniv.

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of  
Marco DeBenedetto

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Gn 12:1-4a

God's blessing and promise to Abram

Psalms 33

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place  
our trust in you.

2 Tim 1:8-10

God gives us strength to live the Gospel.

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus is transfigured on the mountain.



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 this First Sunday of Lent we will be giving out a booklet to help you in your prayer reflection in this Lenten Season.

.....Our new Cardinal has announced the inception of the Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal which began last weekend. 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. We usually gather at the 10:00AM Mass and the congregation for that mass has gotten to know our RCIA candidates. I will be bringing them to all the other masses during Lent. We are scheduled to be at the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday, the 11<sup>th</sup> of March, the 8:00AM Mass on Sunday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of March and the 12 Noon mass on Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. We will be praying a special prayer for our RCIA candidates and afterward the people at that mass will have an opportunity to speak a personal word of support and caring. Please offer these candidates a hearty Epiphany welcome.

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 26<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Collection

\$6,420.00

"It is written: The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve." –  
Matthew 4:10

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. How is God calling you to serve?

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 meeting on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Please note change of date for this meeting.

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

**ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT** to purchase 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>.

### 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.

### 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**. All new memorials have been entered into the new hymnals

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood Band will have their Annual Extravaganza at The Elan, Route 46, Lodi, on Saturday April 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-11:00PM. Featured will be a cocktail hour from 6:00-7:00PM, dinner, 4 hour open bar, live entertainment and dancing, featuring the beautiful voices of Blue Lilly, the comedy of Eric Haft, Tina Giorgi, and Richie Byrne. Donations are \$95 per person and must be paid by April 17<sup>th</sup>. Reserve early as tickets are limited. For tickets call Ross at 201-945-3978.

**“IT IS GOD WHO GIVES LIFE. LET US  
RESPECT AND LOVE HUMAN LIFE,  
ESPECIALLY VULNERABLE LIFE IN A  
MOTHER'S WOMB!”**

### 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 Steve Chun speaking on the third and fourth Stations.

### BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomers baptized during the month of February:

*Kirsten Sansa Darocha, Sujin Yelena Moore, Troy Michael Rubino*

### CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate the following students who made the President's List at Paramus Catholic High School for the second marking period: James Clooney and Kelsey Contreras. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

### BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands Bethlehem on Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves at about 9:00AM and returns at about 6:00PM. Tickets are \$35 per person with \$20 back for play and \$5 for food. Proceeds will benefit the Heritage Fund. Tickets must be paid by April 20<sup>th</sup>. Call the rectory for reservations at 201-943-7320.

### INCLUSIVE FAMILY MASS

An Inclusive Family Mass will be held for persons with disabilities and their families on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:20AM in the Lover Level Chapel of the Cathedral Basilica, Newark. Bishop Manuel Cruz will be the presider.

### JUBILEE YEAR IN FATIMA

Fr. David Kosmoski will host a trip to the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Apparitions in Fatima from May 10-20. Trip will include three nights and three days for the Jubilee celebration with Pope Francis, tour Portugal and Southern Spain – Madrid, Seville, Granada, Avila and much more. Daily Mass will be celebrated each day. Cost from Newark is \$3,695. Call St. Andrew Church, Avenel at 732-634-4355. Arrangements are by Select International Tours – 800-842-482.

### QUO VADIS RETREAT

A Quo Vadis Retreat is for young men in high school. It is an opportunity to examine where one's life is going. This retreat is designed to help young men understand their baptismal call to holiness, via married life, religious life or the priesthood. On this retreat, young men will be able to take time to ask the Lord where it is that He desires to send them. The website is [www.NewPriestNJ.com](http://www.NewPriestNJ.com) and the phone number is 973-313-6190.

### 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, Efreem 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 Vlatic, Andrew Mircovich, Marie Gagliardi, Arianna Cappola, Frances Ianuale, Dr. Bridget Sonesson, Hilda Borroto, Grace Siccardi, Tara Grassani, Maryann Ascione, Barbara Biccocchi, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Ivan Skrivanic.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Thomas Venino, Margaret June Spincola, Thomas Kelaher.*

