

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Gelsomina Marchesani  
8:00AM Matteo Piccini  
10:00AM Anthony Dragas  
12:00PM Rose Tatulli

MONDAY, MARCH 27

8:00AM Nick Tarabocchia  
11:30AM Maria Busanic

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

8:00AM Pearl Van Dam  
11:30AM Biagio Hroncich

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

8:00AM Sarah Bracciodieta  
11:30AM Maria D'Urso

THURSDAY, MARCH 30

8:00AM Nicolo Tarabocchia  
11:30AM Biagio Hroncich

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

8:00AM Giovanni Tarabocchia  
11:30AM Philip J. Lapolla

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

11:30AM Marcella Viscovich  
5:00PM Maria Martire

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Rose Zilocchi  
10:00AM Lucy Bussanich Grskovic  
12:00PM Emilia DeBenedetto

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of  
Peter Jeon

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of  
Renata Lee

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of  
Jean Maruska

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of  
Louis M. Botto

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Ez 37:12-14

God's life-giving presence restores Israel

Psalms 130

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness  
of redemption.

Rom 8:8-11

If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive.

Jn 11:1-45

Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead

**“FOR AN  
UNDERSTANDING OF  
CHRISTIANITY – CALL  
II CORINTHIANS  
5:15-19!”**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

.....Our Parish Mission continues for the next two Mondays in Lent - Monday – March 27<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Fr. Giordano Belanich is 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 two Mission days. Please plan to attend this Mission and use this time of penance and renewal to prepare for the great feast of Easter. After our second evening together on March 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have a fellowship time in the Parish Hall with coffee and cake and after our final evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, individual confessions will be available

.....We continue to pray the Stations of the Cross on the Friday evenings of Lent at 7:00PM. The seminarians who come appreciate the opportunity to share their reflections with our parish and we are glad to support them in their vocations. This week's seminarian guest speaker will be Anthony DiStefano.

.....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. They will both be welcomed into our Church at the Easter Vigil on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM. Jacqueline and Yvette are both baptized Catholics looking to receive Confirmation as adults. They will be fully initiated in the Catholic Faith with the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation on Easter Sunday morning at the 10:00AM Mass. As a final part of their preparation, I will be bringing them to 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.

.....Our new Cardinal has announced the inception of the Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal which began several weeks ago. Our goal for this Appeal is \$33,281.00. Thus far we have received \$12,000. 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. Donation envelopes are in the pews or at the church doors.

.....As I do every year at this time, I want to take a moment to invite you all to the special celebration to occur during Holy Week. This week I would like to focus on the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday 13 April at 7:30PM. This is the first day of the Sacred Triduum – our three High Holy Days. We gather to remember the Passover Meal that Jesus shared with His apostles and washing of the Apostle's feet. During the service we carry the Eucharist in a special procession to the Repository and spend some time in quiet prayer with Jesus in the Sacramental Form. The Church is open until 11:00PM for those who would like to be with the Lord. Please plan to be with us.

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.

March 19<sup>th</sup>

Sunday Collection

\$5,248.00

*“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.” – 1 Samuel 16:7*

*How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talents and treasure here on earth.*

BINGO

TUESDAY BINGO WILL REOPEN ON APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>! GAMES WILL BEGIN AT 7:15PM. THURSDAY AFTERNOON BINGO WILL BE PLAYED AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE GAMES AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND HAVE SOME FUN.



DO YOU GRIEVE THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE?

St. Leo's Parish will begin their spring Bereavement Support Group on Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at St. Leo's Downstairs Meeting Room located at the Rectory at 324 Market Street, Elmwood Park. It will commence at 7:00PM and conclude around 8:30PM. It will consist of approximately six, weekly sessions. Many people have benefited from the kind of mutual support a Bereavement Group can offer. Nothing can ever replace a loved one, but together, in an atmosphere of love and understanding, we hope to provide some help in dealing with grief that death brings. The ministry is open to all. Please advise any members of your family and friends that we welcome them with compassionate arms. If you are interested in registering or would like more information, please call Judy Regan at 201-703-9367.

## 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 to the end of 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.

### ASUNTOS LEGALES

Domingo 26 De Marzo, 1:30PM - Centro Parroquial P. Pio, 569 65<sup>th</sup> Street, West New York, – Seminario sobre – Violencia Domestica – Abogados y asistentes sociales de la Oficina de Caridades Catolicas, estaran presents para explicar los sentido de lay ley y las ayudas que la Iglesia ofrece en esta situaciones. Avisa tus amistades y companeros de trabajo

### 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.

### NEW HOPE – HELPING HANDS

Save the date for the New Hope Helping Hands cocktail hour, gourmet dinner, silent auction, tricky tray and huge 50/50 and dancing on Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-10:30PM at Seasons, 664 Pascack Road, Washington Township. Cost is \$85 per person. Your generosity enables them to reach out to first-time single mothers and their babies. For more information or to purchase tickets please call Kathy at 201-573-8697 or email [kturlick@gmail.com](mailto:kturlick@gmail.com)

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

The following is the calendar for the rest of CCD Classes: March 26, April 2 – OPEN; April 9 and April 16 – CLOSED; April 23 – Open - last day for Sunday CCD; May 13<sup>th</sup> – May Crowning at the 5:00PM Mass.

### ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Our parish will again be holding our Annual Lenten Soup Supper on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> after the 5:00PM Mass. Dinner will be served continuously between 6:00-8:00PM. The all-you-can-eat dinner will feature a number of delicious fresh-made soups, salad, a variety of breads, a wide assortment of cakes and desserts, and soda/coffee/tea. Free-will monetary donations will be accepted (suggested donation of \$10 per person), and all proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Community Food Pantry. All are invited to attend. Please reserve your seats in advance by contacting the rectory at 201-943-7320.

### 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.

### EDGEWATER/CLIFFSIDE PARK WELLNESS CHALLENGE

What is the Challenge? It is an effort to increase overall wellness in our community which includes six weekly exercise classes, blood pressure screenings, and nutritional information. Kickoff date is April 21<sup>st</sup> from 6:00-7:30PM at the Edgewater Community Center, 1167 Edgewater Road. To register visit [llukanik@cliffsideparknj.gov](mailto:llukanik@cliffsideparknj.gov) or call 201-313-2049. You must be a resident of Cliffside Park or Edgewater and must be 18 years or older. The Challenge is free of charge.

### MEET JESUS PERSONALLY AND RENEW YOUR FAITH

On Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 8:00AM-6:30PM, St. Michael's Church, Palisades Park, will hold "Meet Jesus Personally and Renew Your Faith" a retreat featuring Fr. Bill Halbing, Fr. John Gordon and Fr. Pedro Repollet in the Notre Dame School Gym, next to the Church. There will be a Healing Service, Speakers, Holy Charismatic Mass and the People's Praising Band. \$10 donation includes a light breakfast and lunch. Walk-in donation is \$15. Make checks payable to St. Michael's Church. Please mail or bring in ASAP. Bring at least one person to Jesus and become an evangelizer.

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The following activities will take place at the Cliffside Park Senior Activity Center: March 29 – Atrium Concert; March 30 – Physical Therapy with Dr. Zaccone; Canadian Crusie – September 16-23. To register for any of these activities, please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

### 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, Efre Lavrido, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Lorraine Noack, 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, Frances Ianuale, Dr. Bridget Sonesson, Hilda Borroto, Grace Siccardi, Maryann Ascione, Barbara Biccocchi, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Ivan Skrivanic, Tammy Ledden, Maria Tarabocchia, Dina Picinich, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Vanessa Perkins.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Mary Bunero, Tara Grassani, Bernard Hebda.*

