

**SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2018**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

5:00PM Luca & Anna Bussanich  
8:00AM Guglielmo & Anna Porco  
10:00AM Matteja Morich  
12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Vigna & DeMiglio Families

**MONDAY, MARCH 19**

**ST. JOSEPH**

8:00AM Beppino Busanich  
11:30AM Michael Pallotta

**TUESDAY, MARCH 20**

8:00AM Hilda & John Dondero  
11:30AM Anton Juric

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21**

8:00AM Anton & Emma Vidovich  
11:30AM Matteo Hroncich

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22**

8:00AM Maria Morin  
11:30AM Mateo Mattessich

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23**

**ST. TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO**

8:00AM Ints. of Norma Ortiz – Birth.  
11:30AM Joanne & Tony Mircovich

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

**BL. OSCAR ROMERO**

11:30AM Araceli I. Militar  
5:00PM Maria Martire

**SUNDAY, MARCH 25**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

8:00AM Michael F. Bitondo – Anniv.  
10:00AM Peter Foglio, Sr.  
12:00PM Cappadonna Family

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*  
David Mihalinec



**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*  
Marie Mazzo

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Is 50:4-7**

The Lord's servant describes his suffering

**Ps 22**

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

**Phil 2:6-11**

Jesus is both humiliated and exalted

**Mk 14:1-15-47**

In his suffering and death, Jesus is the suffering Messiah.

**Pastor's Message March 18, 2018**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

We have scheduled our parish communal celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for this Monday, March 19, beginning at 7:00 PM. After a brief service, both Fr. Jim and I will be available to hear individual confessions until 8:30 PM or until the last person in the church has had the opportunity to receive the grace of God's forgiveness.

We know that only God can forgive sin, but we believe that the Sacrament of Penance is the way that God has chosen to administer that forgiveness in the Church. In order to receive the grace of the Sacrament, God asks each of us to be truly sorry for our sins, to be determined to try to avoid those sins in the future, and to be willing to make up for what we have done that may have hurt anyone.

We make our confession to a priest because Jesus himself gave the authority to forgive sins to his Apostles. We read in John 20: 21-23, "... 'As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' And then he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.'"

Perhaps we need to be reminded that none of us is perfect (not even us priests). In the First Letter of John 1:8, the apostle wrote, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."

I would like to invite you to seek God's forgiveness in anticipation of our celebration of Holy Week. But if you are unable to make it on Monday, we will also provide additional opportunities for you to make your confession before Easter: Saturday, March 24, 1:00-2:00 PM; Tuesday, March 27, 7:00-8:00 PM; and Wednesday, March 28, 3:00-4:00 PM.

Please plan ahead, because the priests may not be able to accommodate you for individual confessions during Holy Week itself.

*Fondly yours in Christ,  
Fr. Bruce*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

*Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here*

*March 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Sunday Collection*

**\$4,961.00**

*Peter's Pence Collection*

**\$1,624.00**

*"I will be their God and they shall be my people." – Jeremiah 31:33*

*What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our neighbors and the world, just as God cares for us.*

**BINGO**



**THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.**

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Every Friday during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. This week's guest seminarian is Carlo Santa Teresa. All are invited to attend.

**CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL**

Christ the Teacher will continue to have 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.

**"FRIENDS ARE ANGELS WHO LIFT US TO OUR FEET  
WHEN OUR WINGS HAVE TROUBLE REMEMBERING  
HOW TO FLY!"**

### JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN

Join Epiphany Church and Our Lady of Mercy Church as we travel to the Holy Land and Jordan. Experience, feel and see the wonders and physical manifestations of our faith and beliefs as we venture into the holiest places on earth – moments that will move you!! It will be November 5-14, 2018. Father Bruce Harger will be the Spiritual Director and the cost is \$3,490 per person, based on double occupancy. The single supplement is \$535. Cost includes one round-trip ticket, hotel accommodations, Continental breakfast and dinner, air-conditioned motorcoach, entrance fees and professional guide. Plane will leave from Newark Airport and the trip is being handled by Holy Land and Beyond LLC. Points of call are: Ben-Gurion Air Port; Nazareth (the Basilica of the Annunciation/St. Joseph Church), Mary's well/Mt. of Precipice/Nazareth, Galilee (overnight); Mt. Tabor/Cana – (renewal of marriage vows in the church of the wedding); crossing to the Kingdom of Jordan, Journey to Petra; crossing the border to Israel/Eilat/Arava Valley/Negev Desert/Dead Sea; Bethlehem; the Pools of Bethesda/Via Delorosa, Western Wall; Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Road to Emmaus/Joppa/Tel-Aviv. Transfer to Ben-Gurion for Departure. Contact Fr. Bruce at 201-943-7320 for more information.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. Epiphany is 50% towards our goal of \$32,346.00. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located at the doors of the church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.

### GOLDEN, SILVER & FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese of Newark invites any couple celebrating 50, 25 or 5 years of Christian Marriage in 2018 to anniversary liturgies that will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. Golden Anniversaries will be celebrated on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Silver and Fifth Anniversaries will be celebrated on April 29<sup>th</sup> – deadline for reservations is April 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hours to register.

### BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves at about 9:00AM and returns about 5:30PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. Proceeds to benefit the Epiphany Community Food Pantry. Tickets must be paid by April 4<sup>th</sup>. Only about 4 seats left.

### LOOKING FOR ALUMNI OF EPIPHANY SCHOOL

The 1958 graduating class of Epiphany School is planning a 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion for October 13, 2018. We are also inviting other classes to join us as we celebrate our years at Epiphany School. If you wish to be included in this list, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so that we may be able to contact you for this event.

### A RETREAT FOR WIDOWS

The Marianist Family Retreat Center will hold a retreat for widows at Cape May Point, NJ from April 27-29. Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, Eucharist and other appropriate liturgies. Beach walks, socials and fun are also included. Cost is \$135 pp, double occupancy. To register visit [www.capemaymarianists.org](http://www.capemaymarianists.org) or call 609-884-3829.

### THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood Band will hold its Annual Extravaganza on Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-11:00PM at The Elan, Route 46 West, Lodi. Featured will be a Cocktail Hour, Dinner, 4 hour open bar and live entertainment and dancing. Entertainment will be by The Tercels, Blu Lilly, Rich Walker and Special Guest Comedian, Rob Falcone. Tickets are \$95 per person and can be purchased by contacting Ross – 201-945-3978 or Cathy – 201-943-7320. Tickets must be paid by April 16<sup>th</sup>.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE AND CONFESSIONS

#### LENTE STATIONS

All Fridays during Lent.....7:00PM

#### CONFESSIONS

Lenten Penance Service, Monday, March 19.....7:00PM

All Saturdays during Lent.....1:00-2:00PM

Tuesday, March 27.....7:00-8:00PM

Wednesday, March 28.....3:00-4:00PM

#### PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 25

Saturday Evening.....5:00PM

Sunday Morning.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

(Distribution of Palm at all Masses)

#### MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

MARCH 26, 27 & 28

Mass.....8:00AM & 11:30AM

#### HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29

Morning Prayer.....8:00AM

Mass of the Lord's Supper.....7:30PM

Adoration until 11:00PM

#### GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30

Morning Prayer.....8:00AM

Commemoration of the Passion & Death of Jesus.....3:00PM

Stations of the Cross.....7:30PM

#### HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31

Morning Prayer.....8:00AM

Easter Vigil Service.....7:30PM

#### EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1

Masses.....8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12 Noon

### SINGLE PARENT SUCCESS

The Archdiocese of Newark's Family Life Office is sponsoring a special event to honor single parents on National Single Parent Day on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:45PM-8:30PM at Notre Dame Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell. If single parenting leaves you feeling overwhelmed or inadequate some days, or overlooked in terms of your needs, join Loyla Louvis from Mothers in Training, LLC for an insightful look at 5 strategies every single parent should know. Loyla Louvis is a parenting coach, a mentor, a public speaker, and last but not least, a mother and wife. If you are a single parent, were raised by a single parent, a grandparent raising children or have ever been a single parent, you are welcome to come! Babysitting and food will be provided - no fee. RSVP to <https://www.smoe.com/dnqb9> or email [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org)

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Matthew Dickman, Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, George Landeck, Brother Peter Lyne, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Cora Shaffer, Helen Steinel, Richard Scheiblich, Ivan Tarabokija, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Angie Vigna, Mary Barchetto, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Marie Maraia, Joe & Nonni Villani, Michael Duddy, Eileen Palazzo, Jacqueline Landeck.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Robert Di Iorio, Mark McKenna, William John Starasinich, Erika Duran.*

