

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2016
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

5:00PM Maria Morin
8:00AM Salvatore & Mary Ascitutto
10:00AM Rita & Stanley Osmanski
12:00PM Senko Skific
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29
8:00AM John Hammalian
11:30AM Senko Skific

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

8:00AM Senko Skific
11:30AM Nicolina Matesich

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

8:00AM Hilda & John Dondero
11:30AM Maria Garritano

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL
8:00AM Antonia Picinic
11:30AM Giovana Tarabokia

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

ST. CASIMIR

8:00AM Antonia Picinic
11:30AM Maria Picinic Pia

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

11:30AM Ruthann & Donald Umland
5:00PM Rita Osmanski

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:00AM Rose Zilocchi
10:00AM Dec'd Mbrs. Sottile & Sariti
Families
12:00PM Antonia Mezzich

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Vincent M. Sariti

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Marco DeBenedetto

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Josh 5:9a, 10-12

God has mercy on his people.

Psalm 34

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

2 Cor 5:17-21

Whoever is in Christ is a new creation.

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

The parable of the prodigal son

**OPPORTUNITY MAY
KNOCK ONCE BUT
TEMPTATION BANGS ON
YOUR DOOR
FOREVER!"**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

...PLEASE remember our **100th Anniversary *Parish Lenten Mission*** with Fr. Kim - a former associate pastor at Epiphany - as our guest speaker. The Mission will continue for *three Mondays* in a row...**29 February (THAT'S THIS COMING MONDAY), 7 March, and 14 March...**at 11:30 AM Mass - **OR** - in the evening at 7PM...PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND!

...Please remember in your prayers our **three RCIA catechumens**: Sungeun Park, Hediye Bahmanabadi, and Mohammad Bahmanabadi...as they prepare for the Easter sacraments...As they move closer to becoming a part of our parish community, I'll be bringing them to each of the Masses so you can meet them and wish them well personally...On **Sunday 28 Feb** we'll be at the **8AM**...and on **Sunday 6 March** we'll be at the **12Noon**...We have a special prayer and a blessing at each of those Masses and there will be time at the end of the Mass to greet our catechumens personally...And we'll return to the **10AM** Mass on **Sunday 13 March** for the Anointing of our three Catechumens with the special *Oil of Catechumens* - preparing them for their Baptism at the Easter Vigil...

...Start saving now for our **100th Anniversary Gala Dinner** on Sunday 15 May...Bishop Flesey will celebrate the 12 Noon Mass at Epiphany...and then join us at the Palasadium...Be there to celebrate as we mark "a Century with Christ and Community" here at the Church of the Epiphany...

...Each Friday of Lent we welcome to our parish one of the Archdiocesan seminarians as we gather to pray the devotion called "the Stations of the Cross" at 7PM...please come to support the seminarians and to hear them reflect on one of the Stations...this Friday we're especially pleased to welcome our own College Seminarian - Royce Sarmiento - to our pulpit...

...Mark your calendar for our annual Lenten fund raiser for the Epiphany Food Pantry...our **Parish Lenten Soup Supper** is scheduled for Saturday 12 March after the 5PM Mass...

...Our two remaining receptions scheduled for the **Living Stones Archdiocesan Capital Campaign** are Thursday - 3 March at 7PM...and Friday - 11 March at 12:30PM...Please plan to be at one of the receptions to hear more about "The Living Stones"...Please call the Rectory to let us know you're coming so we can be prepared...

...On Palm Sunday - 20 March at the 10AM Mass we will bless the palms on the **front lawn of the Rectory** and then process together into the Church...please gather in front of the Rectory and we will begin our blessing service at 9:55AM...(weather permitting)...The palms will be blessed **inside** the Church at all the other Masses...

...I'd like to look forward with you to our **Holy Week** celebrations. Over the next three weeks in the bulletin I'll be reflecting on the meaning of our Holy Week services and describing to you what they look like and how much time they take...

...I'd like to start with the Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30PM on 24 March...We first welcome the Blessed Oils used in the Sacraments - which the Archbishop has blessed at the Cathedral during the Chrism Mass on Monday evening of Holy Week and sent to each parish in our Archdiocese...later - as a part of the Liturgy of the Word, we recall the action of Jesus as he washed the feet of His apostles...and those who serve as ministers in the Church also have an opportunity to re-commit themselves to their ministry...at the end of the Mass we process with the Blessed Sacrament around the Church and we bring the Sacrament to the Altar of Repose located in our Daily Mass Chapel...all this takes about an hour and a half...Our Chapel is open then for private prayer and adoration until 11:00PM as we close the evening with Night Prayer...You are welcome to participate in as much of this celebration as you can...On Holy Thursday - Jesus ate this Passover Meal with His disciples...We gather to remember and honor the importance and the power of that moment...as we hear His words: "Do This in Remembrance of Me!"

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.

Feb. 21st

Weekly Collection

\$6,552.06

"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.'" - Luke 13:7

Are you like the barren fig tree? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

BINGO

Bring your friends along for a fantastic day at our weekly bingo games. We offer **jackpot prizes, progressive, specials and 50/50 bingo games**. **Doors open at 5:30PM on Tuesday and 10:00AM on Thursday**. Game play begins at 7:15PM on Tuesday, and on Thursday afternoon at 12:15PM.



ANNAUL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

Our parish will again be holding our Annual Lenten Soup Supper on Saturday, March 12th 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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity will have its regular monthly Mass on Saturday, March 5th at the 5:00PM Mass. Please wear your Medal.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 7:00PM. The guest speaker this Friday will be Seminarian Christian Scalo.

COMMUNION DRESSES & SUITS

A child's First Communion is a special day for any family and the Archdiocese of Newark is trying to make sure financial hardship does not stand in the way of it being as special as it can be. The Office of Development and Stewardship will be collecting gently used, in good condition, Communion dresses/veils, suits and shoes for our inner city parishes, the Religious Sisters at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart who know families in need, and any parishioner in need of one for their child. All items can be dropped off at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, beginning Monday, February 22 – Friday, March 25 between the hours of 8:45AM and 4:00PM. Please make sure all outfits are clean and free of stains.

GOLDEN, SILVER & FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese of Newark invites any couple celebrating 50, 25 or 5 years of Christian Marriage in 2016 to anniversary liturgies that will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. Golden Anniversaries will be celebrated on May 1st at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 18th. Silver and Fifth Anniversaries will be celebrated on April 24th at 3:00PM – deadline for registrations is April 10th. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hours to register.

COOK NEEDED

Madonna, Fort Lee, is looking for a cook for Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday for lunch and dinner. If interested, please call Fr. Bruce Janiga at 201-944-2727. Hours are negotiable.

THE NEIGHBORHOOD'S ANNUAL EXTRAVAGANZA

The Neighborhood Band will hold its Annual Extravaganza on Saturday, April 23rd 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 Andre & Cirell and One Night of Elvis with Brian Weldon. Tickets are \$95.00 per person and can be purchased by contacting Ross at 201-945-3978 or Cathy at 201-943-7320. Tickets must be paid by April 11th.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

Free 6 week Nutrition Workshop – March 8-April 12 – 10-11:30AM – Nutrition Certificate & Healthy Food Bag upon completion. Atlantic City Casino Trip – March 9th – 8:15AM - \$30/receive \$25 back. For registration, please call 201-943-3768.

100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Our 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner will be on Sunday 15 May...Bishop Flesey will celebrate the 12 Noon Mass at Epiphany and then join us at the Palisadium...where we will be honoring three parishioners for their outstanding contributions to our parish...John Bucco, Sheila Lally, and - posthumously - Mayor Gerald Calabrese. Tickets are now available at the rectory at a cost of \$85.00 per person. If anyone finds that they cannot pay the full \$85.00 all at once, they can pay in three installments until it is fully paid.

...As a part of that celebration, we will be publishing a Commemorative Journal and we would like to offer you the opportunity to express your family's congratulations to the parish on our 100th Anniversary, or to memorialize a deceased loved one. Advertising option sheets are located at the Church doors.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

Next weekend our Diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides the Holy Father with the funds he needs to carry out his charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

MEET JESUS PERSONALLY

Fr. Bill Halbing and Fr. Pedro Repollet will present "Meet Jesus Personally" at St. Michael's Church, Palisades Park on Saturday, March 19th from 9:30AM-6:30PM. Bring your family, friends and co-workers and all who are sick with cancer, have financial or family problems. There will be testimonies, confessions, Holy Mass and much more. \$5.00 will be taken for lunch and snacks. To register call Edna at 201-370-1945 or Maria at 201-417-7793.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

Seton Hall University is offering a 5-part, hands-on series of workshops aimed at helping individuals to get the most out of social media to market a business or boost a personal brand. This Professional Certificate series will provide practical skills to work with WordPress blogs, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn, Pinterest and Snapchat. This program is being offered through the University's Division of Continuing Education and Professional Studies on Saturdays from 9:30AM-12:30PM, beginning March 12. For more information, contact ceps@shu.edu

ALASKAN CRUISE

Fr. Bruce Janiga, pastor of Madonna Parish in Fort Lee, is organizing an Alaskan Cruise for this August. Experience Alaska while enjoying the luxurious comfort of Holland America's MS Noordam for a 7-Day Glacier Cruise with an optional land tour to visit Denali National Park and travel on the famous Denali Express domed railcars. For more information, contact Fr. Bruce at 201-944-2727 or the travel agent, Lucille Pucciarelli, at 908-595-0400.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Marion Calabrese, Andree Degedrinsky, Natalie Lopac, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Linda Shiers, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Alvino Masolotti, Dr. Richard Ming, Hay Blou Htoo, Mickey LoPresti, Dorothy Mazzone, Carmella Carlucci, Eve Keenan, Patsy DeRito, Amantina Lizardo, William Weitzel, Michael Couglan, Samuel Esposito, Silvia Vega, Colin Berg, Rose & Giulio Scoccimarro, Marta Coelho, Margaret Evers, Matthew Rush, Mary Pugliese, Ann Callagher, Patsy Hughes, Antoinette Mazza, Willie Soto, Esther Evertz, Barbara Dooley, Carmella Gioffre, Anthony Cherkashyna, Pearl VanDam, Marilyn Brenes, Patsy DeRito, Brendan Kelaher, Matthew Spisak, Richie Allen.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Antonia Picinic.

