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PRAY



“Love your enemies
and pray for those
who persecute you.”

MATTHEW 5:44

Wednesday, February 26th

ASH WEDNESDAY

The Holy Season of Lent Begins.

Masses at 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, 12:10 PM and 7:00 PM

Ash Service at 3:45 PM

From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Lent arrives! We need Lent's blessings and peace! Now it is upon us! No sin is greater than the Passion of Christ.

We Catholics have the Sacrament of Penance for the forgiveness of our sins, no matter how serious. All we need is the grace of repentance.



The ashes we wear on Ash Wednesday are a sign of our repentance and the temporary nature of our lives on earth. The distribution and wearing of ashes is a Catholic practice of many centuries that has been taken in recent years by other denominations.

Ashes will be distributed during the Masses of Wednesday: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:10 pm. We are adding a special Ash Wednesday Mass at 7:00 pm. Also, a special Ash Wednesday service that is not Mass will be at 3:45 pm. May God bless each of us with Lenten grace and the desire to turn away and be free of the sins in our lives!

Last year we and every Catholic Church were filled with people several times on Ash Wednesday. That is not a test of patience but rather a reason for hope!



Anniversary! This Monday, February 24, marks the 47th anniversary of the Dedication of Saint Philomena Church. On that day in 1973, Archbishop of Newark Thomas A. Boland officially laid the cornerstone of our Church. Here is a somewhat grainy photo of him doing that.



Veteran parishioners will remember that the actual First Mass in the Church was offered on Christmas Eve of 1972, two months before the formal Dedication. It was celebrated by then-pastor, Monsignor William McCann, assisted by the priests of the parish. Here is a photo of that, complete with a wreath instead of the Crucifix above the altar.



Since Monday is the Anniversary of the Dedication, and because the Catholic Faith celebrates a wide variety of traditions, we will offer special prayers at each of the three scheduled Masses. We will offer the "Mass on the Anniversary of the Dedication of a Church" from the Roman Missal and thereby celebrate the greatness of our parish at 7:00 am, 8:30 am, and 12:10 pm. May God continue to bless and sanctify us, leading us through our parish to the gates of heaven!

Dip Last Sunday the collection dipped somewhat, probably due to the holiday weekend of Presidents Day. The public schools were off for the week so some parishioners may have been out of town. This is a perfect example of why we are pushing online giving! It makes life simpler for parishioners and it helps the parish even more. If you are not here you can still help your parish. Please go to our website, www.stphilomena.org, to sign up.

RIP Bishop Charles McDonnell was an auxiliary bishop of Newark who died two weeks ago at the age of 91. He was long retired but his life was one of amazing achievements. Ordained a priest in 1954, he served in a parish as a curate and then volunteered for the Army as a chaplain. He entered in 1965 and had impressive success in a variety of chaplaincies. He went to Vietnam at the height of the war. (Catholic priests carry no weapons in war, by the way.) President Reagan in 1986 presented then-Monsignor McDonnell to the US Senate for the rank of Brigadier General with appointment as Deputy Chief of Chaplains. He was the highest (continued on next page)



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ranking priest in the entire American Military, I believe. Here is a photo of Msgr. McDonnell, General in the United States Army, in 1986.

Upon his retirement from the Army and return to the Archdiocese, he served as Pastor of parishes in Ridgewood, South Orange and Hackensack, and also served as Vicar General of the Archdiocese. He was ordained a bishop in 1994.

A few of our parishioners knew him, and of course I did too. He was a very good man, strong and decisive. As a soldier/chaplain/General, he looked the part. Priest, patriot, soldier, pastor, bishop... may he be welcomed to the fullness of life in heaven.

Today the American military is desperately in need of priests. The Newark Archdiocese has always been more than generous in letting priests serve as military chaplains. Two Newark priests, Father John Washington and Father Charles Watters have died in the line of duty. But there are far too few priest chaplains and sadly, their places are being taken by others of different religions that could never replace Catholicism.

~ Msgr. Fuhrman

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Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 22nd, The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

5:00 PM Anne and Edward Mc Govern

SUNDAY, February 23rd, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Anthony Roos and Martin Hughes
10:30 AM	Dorothy and Thomas Rossell
12:00 PM	Marie Byrne (42nd Anniversary)

MONDAY, February 24th, Weekday

7:00 AM	Iris Henderson
8:30 AM	Maria Infante
12:10 PM	Jean Long

TUESDAY, February 25th, Weekday

7:00 AM	Margaret Nagle
8:30 PM	Antonio Cirne
12:10 PM	Craig F. Parker, Sr. (1st Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, February 26th, Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM	Elaine Alfieri
8:30 AM	Antoinette Carlucci
12:10 PM	James Boland
3:45 PM	Service/Distribution of Ashes
7:00 PM	Bill and Lucy Colonna

THURSDAY, February 27th, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM	Kathleen Whelan
8:30 AM	DonaL Percell
12:10 PM	Eleanor Sachor

FRIDAY, February 28th, Friday after Ash Wednesday

7:00 AM	Patrick Di Martino
8:30 AM	Gene Sullivan, Sr.
12:10 PM	Marion Goeckel

SATURDAY, February 29th, Saturday7 after Ash Wednesday

8:30 AM	Memorial Mass
5:00 PM	Josephine Picillo

SUNDAY, March 1st, First Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM	People of the Parish
9:00 AM	Karen Killary
10:30 AM	Jose P. da Fonseca
12:00 PM	Anna Magliacane

Memorial Mass February 29th

Francesco Carbone, Susan Scholler, Shirly Dela Cruz
and Florencia Santa Maria



“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father.” — *Mt 5:43-44*

Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

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| Sunday: | Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48 |
| Monday: | Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29 |
| Tuesday: | Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37 |
| Wednesday: | Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18 |
| Thursday: | Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25 |
| Friday: | Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15 |
| Saturday: | Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32 |
| Next Sunday: | Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11 |

SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR CANDLES, HOSTS & WINE

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn in memory of
Jane Kocur,
gift of Carol Anne Hughes.

The Altar Candles this week will burn in memory of
Sr. Mary Claire Weber OP,
gift of Lucia Ilaria.

The Hosts and Wine to be used at the Masses this week
Connectta Costanza,
gift of the Family.

Parishioners who wish to bring up the Hosts and Wine,
please see one of the ushers before Mass.

THIS WEEK . . .

IN THE PARISH

Sunday, February 23rd, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM
Religious Ed. Gr K—8 9:00 AM, SJH, DPC, MH

Monday, February 24th

Masses, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12:40—6:30 PM, CH
Novena to St. Jude 6:30 PM, CH
Prayer Shawl Ministry 1:00 PM
Religious Ed. Gr 1-5 3:45 PM, SJH, DPC, MH
Religious Ed. Gr 6-8 7:00 PM, SJH, MH

Tuesday, February 25th

Masses, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM
Religious Ed. Gr 1-5 3:45 PM, SJH, DPC, MH
Young Adult Group Meeting 7:00 PM, SJH

Wednesday, February 26th

Masses, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM
Boy Scouts Meeting 6:00 PM, SJH

Thursday, February 27th

Masses, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM
Legion of Mary 9:30 AM, CH
Children’s Choir Rehearsal 4:30, CH
Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:30 PM, CH

Friday, February 28th

Masses, 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 12:10 PM
AQA Winter Dance 6:00 PM, DPC

Saturday, February 29th

Masses, 8:30 AM and 5:00 PM
Men’s Ministry 7:00 - 8:30 AM, SJH

Sunday, March 1st, First Sunday of Lent

Masses, 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 PM
Religious Ed. Gr K-8 9:00 AM, SJH, DPC, MH
Youth Mass 12:00 PM, CH

Daly Parish Center - DPC, St. Joseph Hall - SJH, Youth Center - YR, Madonna Hall – MH, Church—CH, Parish Meeting Room—PMR.

Welcome to our parish!

Please call the Rectory, 9 am through 4 pm, Monday to Friday, and we will be glad to send you a census form to join the Parish. Please call also for a change of address or if you are leaving the Parish. That will help keep our records updated.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE MEN AND WOMEN SERVING OUR COUNTRY AROUND THE GLOBE IN THE UNITED STATES MILITARY SERVICES, ESPECIALLY THOSE FROM OUR PARISH:

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS DANIEL DEVLIN
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PRIVATE FIRST CLASS CURTIS KREBS
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Ruth Marinello and Raymond De Filippis

FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL

AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL
AND FOR THEIR CAREGIVERS:

Susan Allanson, Meghan Amorim, Mary Amy, Patty Arnold, Eileen A. Azzinaro, Laurissa S. Azzinaro, John Bagasse, Linda Bellardo, Joseph Bolognini, Christopher Browne, Kelly Burke, Patty Calabrese, Kathy Cambell, Anthony Caruso, Stacy Cavello, Maria Cipolla, Vincent Cipolla, Ruth Cross, Maria da Fonseca, Jorge da Costa, Gary DaVila, Mike DeCastro, Deborah DeMarzo, John DeRosa, Laura Dowe, Lyra Dowe, Barbara Entwistle, Joey Foglio, Tina Galante, William Garrett, Joseph Genovino, Michelina Giuliano, Ismael Grizarry, Gino Ghirelli, John Groome, Kerry Groves, Haley Jacob, Elizabeth Johnson, Susan Amy-Kelly, Martha King, Ken Lordi, Cheryl Mactal, Eugene Marra, Henry Masias, Theresa McGurk, Pat Miller, Angie Martinez, Matty Molinaro, Mary Mulhall, Chris Parnau, Suzanne Rapa, Maria Rella, Philip Riccio, Sylvia and Ray Sanchez, Patricia Sarasohn, Kathy Sasse, Gabriella Scalera, Naomi Scott, Gabrielle Spano, Jeff Tamburri, Justin Tchao, Salvatore Tino, Jr., Frank Tumminia, Anthony "Tony" Trapanese, Gary Traverso, Hank Traverso, Steve Tumminello, Venisa Tyson, Nancy Valdivia, Eugenia Valente, Patricia Vaillancourt, John Farro Vitale, Rosaria Viviani, Nicole Wallace, Jon Jon Weinstein and Amber V.

Open Your Home to Our Lady



Welcoming a beautiful statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home is a very special way to show your love for Mary. A sign-up sheet to request the Statue is located in the vestibule of the Church. The Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be at the home of Maria Glaser (973-994-7069) this week for the recitation of the Family Rosary.

The Rosary is also recited after the 7:00, 8:30 AM and the 12:10 PM Masses each weekday.

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Divine Mercy Candle will burn in memory of

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gift of .

The Blessed Mother Candle will burn in memory of
Ken Spassione, Sr.,
gift of Nicholas W. Tomasicchio, Jr..

The Saint Philomena Candle will burn in memory of
Ruth "Cookie" Marinello,
gift of Richard and Rita Lynch and Family.

If you would like a Candle to burn in memory of a living or deceased beloved one, please stop by the rectory and make your request. (Cost \$15)



The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

Excerpts from the Diary of Saint Faustina

"Although my face is often bowed to the ground, and my tears flow profusely, at the same time my soul is filled with profound peace and happiness. . ." (Diary 1394)

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA PRAYER WITH VENERATION
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Reflections on Stewardship

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." (Matthew 5:44)

Love your enemies, easier said than done, no doubt. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It allows us to have a little more empathy for "our enemy." When we pray for others, even "our enemies," maybe it softens their hearts as well.

Stewardship of Treasure

February 15-16, 2020

Income from Parishioners	\$	12,946.00
Less Diocesan Assessment	\$	3,122.00
Amount available for Parish Expenses	\$	9,824.00
Net this week last year	\$	7,388.00
Saint Augustine, Newark	\$.00

2019/2020 Year to Date (Beginning 7/1/19)

Income from Parishioners	\$	542,017.00
Extraordinary Repairs	\$	61,606.00

2018/2019 Year to Date

Income from Parishioners	\$	503,880.00
Extraordinary Repairs	\$	47,160.00

Word of Life

"The essence of our identity is that we are created in God's image and likeness and loved by Him. Nothing can diminish the priceless worth of any human life. Every person is cherished."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
2018-19 Respect Life Reflection

SPEND TIME WITH OUR LORD EACH WEEK



Eucharistic Adoration takes place each Monday immediately following the 12:10 pm Mass and concludes at 6:30 pm with the Novena to St. Jude and Benediction.

"I know I would not be able to work if it were not for the continual force coming from Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament." St. Mother Teresa

Annual 5, 25 and 50th Anniversary Masses

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing the annual tradition of honoring couples in our Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Christian marriage in the year 2020. Those anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart as follows:

April 19, 2020 3:00 PM 25 and 5 years (All Counties)
May 3, 2020 3:00 PM 50 years (all counties)

It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese deserving of such recognition be present at the appropriate liturgy. The presence of a large number of couple's will give favorable witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society. If you would like to participate, please contact the Rectory at 973-992-0994, during regular office hours.

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Lent



Archdiocese of Newark

2020 Lenten Regulations

1. 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.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
3. The Fridays of the year, outside of 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.
4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, **March 1, 2020** to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, **June 7, 2020**.

*Canon 920, §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.

Spiritually Adopt a Baby 5 months

Your spiritually adopted baby weighs over one pound now. His/her mother can feel him/her moving now. Previous to this point in time, he/she was too small for his/her mother to feel. Although he/she swam with ease in his/her watery world, he/she needed to be big and strong enough to kick hard against the uterine wall and dent it (the inside wall of the uterus has no feeling). Your prayers have helped your baby's mother continue with her pregnancy and seek the help she needs.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Parish Update:



2020 Goal	\$80,060.00
Amt Pledged	\$15,450.00
Amt Received	\$ 9,240.19
Average Gift	\$351.14
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