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If you cannot make our office hours, please call
and we will do our best to accommodate you.

We are closed Saturday and Sunday.

Parish Directory

Parish Office: 201.939.0457

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Hearing Assistance System

Hearing Assistance Systems are available in
church by one of our ministers. Please ask.

Parish Registration

Registration forms are available at the parish
office and at the parish web site.

Always Remember

Our Church is open year round, 7 days a week,
offering the sacraments, the Mass, the same
valuable spiritual service, programs and guidance
in the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer.

Therefore, we need your support year round.

Please consider on-line giving. It is safe and
secure. Visit parishpay.com for more details.



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass

8:00pm to 9:30 pm Neo-Catechumenal Mass

Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 & Noon.

Monday thru Friday

7:30 am

12:05 pm

Civic Holidays—8:30 am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday — 11 am – Noon

Other times by appointment.

Sacrament of Baptism

Fourth Sunday of the month — 1:00 pm

For information regarding baptisms
please contact the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Plans are usually made one year in advance to
prepare for marriage. Please call the parish
office to schedule an appointment.

Devotions follow the 12:05 pm Mass

St. Anthony Novena—Every Tuesday

St. Joseph Novena—Every Wednesday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament—Every
Thursday.

First Sunday of Lenten Time— February 15, 2015



SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, February 21

First Sunday of Lent- Vigil

5:00 pm + Joseph DiGravina

SUNDAY, February 22

First Sunday of Lent

8:00 am + Mario Tarolaro
10:00 am + Mark Smilovic
12:00 pm + Mimi & Walter Bode

MONDAY, February 23

7:30 am + Florence Callanan
12:05 pm + Ann & Joseph
Schoonmaker

TUESDAY, February 24

7:30 am + Rosa Amato
12:05 pm + Michael Anselmo

WEDNESDAY, February 25

7:30 am + Alfia Mauro
12:05 pm + Julia Bamonte

THURSDAY, February 26

7:30 am + James Winared
12:05 pm + Cosmo Recanati

FRIDAY, February 27

7:30 am + Mary Marafelias
12:05pm + Frank Saggio

SATURDAY, February 28

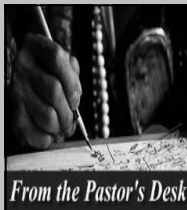
Second Sunday of Lent- Vigil

5:00 pm + Joseph Di Gravina

SUNDAY, March 1

Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am + Nicholas Joseph Manzo, Jr.
10:00 am + Michael Wisneski
12:00 pm + Raffaele DeGeronimo



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Lent commemorates the forty days Jesus Christ spent in the desert to prepare for his public life of preaching and healing, which culminates in the cross and triumph of the Resurrection, of Easter. Mark's gospel briefly recalls for us today those forty days of prayer, fasting, and the temptations of the devil.

St. John Chrysostom tells us that the Lord does everything for our instruction and we should not be surprised when we suffer temptations; we ought to expect them. A temptation is not a sin; when we say yes to the temptation, then we sin. We break with God in a small way (venial sin) or a serious way (mortal sin).

The temptations of Jesus Christ in the desert are the same ones that we undergo. They are on a different scale for Jesus than they are for us. The devil is a very smart angel and he knows how to trip us up. The first temptation concerning the bread has to do with money and how we secure ourselves in life, rather than depending on God. The second temptation has to do with rejecting aspects of the life God has given us, like our looks, our parents, our hair color, and thinking somehow God made a mistake. And the third temptation concerns the idols of the world that we can put before God. Probably the biggest one is money, and to this we can add health, relaxation, our plans, etc. So you see that these can cover all aspects of our life.

Pope Francis is inviting us to use this Lent as a time of renewal so that we do not become indifferent to the needs and sufferings of others. Since we may be healthy and comfortable it is easy to forget about others. So rather than giving something up, or in addition to this, let us see what we can do to go out of the way to help others. There are many ways to do this. The most important is by praying for them. Ask the saints to help us in this area. It is impossible to hate people, even ISIS, if we, and the saints, are praying for them.

Another positive thing we can do is to train ourselves to have a merciful heart, not a weak one. Let it be pierced by the Spirit. A poor heart realizes its own weaknesses and gives itself freely to others. Let us ask the Lord for a heart like his. Make our heart like yours, we can say over and over during these weeks of Lent. Let the Lord guide you, which does not mean to do nothing. Be specific as to what you will do.



John Joe

The *Sanctuary Light* will burn this week in honor of
THE SICK OF THE PARISH.

The *Wine & Hosts* are offered this week in memory of
THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH.

The *Acolyte Candle* will burn this week in honor of
THE MARRIED COUPLES OF OUR PARISH.



RESTING IN THE LORD

Come, you who are blessed by my Father, says the Lord, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.



THE PRAYER CORNER
“Like burning incense, Lord, let my prayer rise up to you.”

As a community of faith, we offer the support of our prayers for one another. These brothers and sisters are in **acute** need of our prayers:

Michael Furtak, Melissa Major, Fred Luberto, Sr., Elyse Latella, Errol Ogilvie, Pat Paparella, Joseph Biamonte, Carlos Rivera, Rosemary Montagna Landers, Thomas Sanders, Stanley Sudol, Lenore Papale, Daniel Leach, Sharon Fitzpatrick Costello, Kathy Szedlacik, Linda Judge, Bryan Consulmagno, Lourdes Taveras, Geraldine Litter, Rich Hirsch, Franziska Maria Taba Karu, Lillian Danscuk, Christine Taueras, Lorna Schweer, Maybelle Desiongco, Linda Berenger, Carolyn Novello, Dolores Pezzolla, Eden Azor, Mike Moran, Deborah Ravettini, Jonna Calvanico, Steve Danos, Don Stein, Nancy Schumann, Trish Spittler, Ingrid Bayard, Joseph (Wurth) Leuchten, Irene Pienciak, Barbara Wexler and all who are sick and suffering around us.

(Please call the Parish Office @ 201-939-0457 if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.)



REVISED WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 759 people attended Mass.

Total Giving: \$ 7,820.00

FEBRUARY 8TH

1st Collection	\$ 4,762.00
Number of Envelopes 105	\$ 2,831.00
Cash Received	\$ 1,931.00

2nd Collection	\$ 2,958.00
Number of Envelopes 83	\$ 1,650.00
Cash received	\$ 1,308.00

Food Pantry- \$100.00

SNOW REMOVAL

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Last Sunday 613 people attended Mass.

Total Giving: \$ 5,345.00

1st Collection	\$ 3,782.00
Number of Envelopes 117	\$ 2,109.00
Cash Received	\$ 1,673.00

2nd Collection	\$ 1,563.00
Number of Envelopes 94	\$ 1,301.00
Cash received	\$ 262.00

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS



SOCIAL CONCERNS

"In truth I tell you, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

FOOD PANTRY

WHAT ARE YOU DOING FOR LENT?

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillars of the Lenten season. While prayer and fasting are commonly associated with Lenten practices, almsgiving frequently falls by the wayside, but it should not. Giving alms, Jesus teaches, means making the needs of others our own, especially the needy in our little corner of the world. Here in East Rutherford/ Carlstadt, the needy are all around us: children and the old, veterans, the sick and the suffering, families and individuals, next-door neighbors. This year why not plan on including prayer, fasting AND almsgiving in your daily Lenten practice?

Whether you make contributions to the Food Pantry one can at a time, or one case at a time, please decide generously. Most needed items include:

JELLY	CORN	CARROTS	POTATOES
CHILI	STEW	RICE	
	HOT/COLD CEREAL		

Whatever we give should be something of ourselves, and we will receive boundless blessings in return.



CALENDAR SECTION

BAPTISMS

"In all truth I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born through water and the Spirit; what is born of human nature is human; what is born of the Spirit is Spirit."

BAPTISM DATES AND MEETINGS SCHEDULE

February / March

Baptism – March 1st

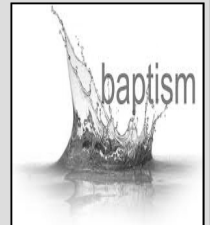
Meetings – 26th

April

Baptism – April 26th

Meetings – Apr 16th & 23rd

Meetings are held in the Rectory at 7 PM on the dates listed.



UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

- 22- CCD @ 8:30 am
- 25- RCIA @ 7 pm
- 26- Baptism meeting @ 7 pm
- 27- Marriedlife meeting @ 8 pm
- 28- Summer plus @ 8:30 am

FOR OUR SOLDIERS

COURAGE

"O Lord, we pray for all the national and world leaders, for the safety and well being of all the military personnel defending our freedom"

Michael Brockway (Afghanistan)

Lt. Patrick Stevens (Iraq 2nd tour)

Lance Corp. Kevin Murphy (Afghanistan)



TAX DONATION LETTERS

We may have misinformed you about your 2014 donation report. If you have not received it, please call the parish office.

A FAMILY NEEDS OUR HELP

Carline Azor and her 8 children need a place to live. She was looking last year and the place that she had close to Newark she needs to vacate. If you know anyone who may be able to help her please call (845) 659-3029, or call the parish office.

ST. FRANCIS INN

During the month of February we are collecting

30 GAL GARBAGE BAGS.

Your donations may be left at the Giving Tree. For information please visit www.stfrancisinn.org [or] call Tony Pierantoni 201-933-4850.

Tools for a Great Marriage

MARRIEDLIFE SEMINAR

MarriedLife seminars have begun in our parish on Fridays at 8 PM, for one hour. These meetings are for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, those who are deciding about getting married, and those who are experiencing some struggles, which are always part of marriage, priesthood, etc. Those who have a civil marriage can convalidate their marriage in the Church by attending these seminars.

LENTEN SERIES

The Catholicism Faith Formation Program of Father Robert Barron brings together the beauty, goodness and truth of the Catholic Church so you can better understand *and share your faith*.

The presentation will be in the auditorium at 7:30 PM on Tuesdays starting February 24, and small groups will meet afterwards in the cafeteria. The suggested donation is \$20 for a five week course. Other materials will be available for purchase for those who are interested. Please register by February 17th by calling or emailing the parish office. Feel free to invite a friend.

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 14th @ Seton Hall University
8am to 4pm.
400 South Orange Avenue
South Orange, NJ 07079

ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 7th, 2015
9am to 5pm, Registration at 8am
Seton Hall University
400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER DANCE

Get ready! The Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name Society are holding their annual St. Patrick's Day dinner dance on Saturday March 14th at 7:00 PM. The place is St. Joseph's school auditorium, 120 Hoboken Rd., East Rutherford N.J.



The best home cooked corn beef and cabbage in town. Dance to the music of DJ Dennis Zimmerman and be entertained by the Admore Irish Dancers. Bring your own bottle, we will supply the mixers. Beer and soda is included in your ticket price. Tickets are \$25.00 each and we can accommodate any amount at a table. A word of warning— we sell out early so order you tickets early. No tickets will be sold at the door. For ticket information contact Joe Egan 201- 842- 9262. We look forward to seeing you on the night that everyone is Irish so put on your green and come out for a great night.

40 CANS FOR LENT

Each year the Knights of Columbus sponsor 40 Cans for Lent program. It starts on Ash Wednesday and goes till Easter Sunday. Any donations of canned food will be appreciated and can be left at the church giving tree. The food will be added to our food pantry for the people of our community that are in need. If you have trouble bring the food to the church and need it picked up please call Joe Egan 201-842-9262 or Pat Brislin 201-638-0309 and we will schedule a pick up. Thank you for your support, be safe & God bless.
Knights of Columbus Council 4524 East Rutherford N.J.

CELEBRATING WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese will celebrate in the Cathedral Basilica in Newark 5, 25, and 50 years of Christian marriage in 2015. April 19 at 3 PM for 50 years, and May 3 at 3 PM for 25 years and 5 (10,15, 20) years. It is a wonderful way to give witness and to thank God for the good he is doing for many couples. To celebrate in the Cathedral is a true gift that many have not done. Please call our office to register.



CHURCH CHUCKLES

Father Dan got football fans to attend Sunday services by promising a “two minute drill” sermon.

TODAY’S READINGS



First Reading — I will set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth (Genesis 9:8-15).

Psalms — Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant (Psalm 25).

Second Reading — The water of the flood prefigured baptism, which saves you now (1 Peter 3:18-22).

Gospel — Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels ministered to him (Mark 1:12-15)

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election; Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending;

Washington’s Birthday

Monday: St. Polycarp; Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



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ELECTRONIC GIVING



St. Joseph Parish asks you to consider utilizing the many benefits of Electronic Giving through ParishPay.

EGiving provides you the opportunity to make prayerful, consistent gifts to our parish without using checks. Much in the same way you may use the Internet to pay your mortgage, car and other bill payments, you can now use the same technology to help you fulfill your stewardship intention to our church using electronic checks or credit cards.

Parish Pay is completely safe and simple to use. We are pleased to be able to offer our parish family a greener, more convenient way to give. For more information, please visit www.ParishPay.com or pick up a commitment card after Mass. To learn more, please visit: ParishPay.com

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1-866-PARISH1 (727-4741) or by calling the parish office to pick up a parishioner commitment card.



Little Things Help Others

We appreciate those who are helping us keep our church beautiful and clean in so many ways.

Everyone can help!

- Tidy your pew before you leave by removing bulletins, papers, etc.
- Return Breaking Bread (plastic covers) books to the corners of pews.
- Put Gather Books (blue hard cover) in racks standing up.
- Let an usher know if repairs are needed
Put kneelers in upright position.

Thank you!!

Announcement from the Archdiocese of Newark Schools Office

For the 2015-2016 academic year, the Archdiocese of Newark, NJ seeks qualified applicants for the position of principal in our elementary and secondary schools, both urban and suburban schools, located in Bergen, Essex, Hudson, and Union Counties.

Candidates must meet the following requirements: Practicing Catholic. Relevant experience in teaching, leadership, and/or administration

Earned Master's degree in Education, preferably in school leadership

NJ Teaching Certificate or its reciprocal

NJ Principal Certification preferred or commitment to attain or its reciprocal

Applicants with the qualifications listed below, may send a letter of intent, resume, with three (3) letters of reference to Sister PatriciaButler, SC at [<mailto:butlerpa@rcan.org>] butlerpa@rcan.org or Archdiocese of Newark, Schools Office, 171 Clifton Ave. , Newark, NJ 07104 by February 15, 2015

Archdiocese of Newark 2015 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.***

WAYS TO GIVE BACK

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2015

YEAR OF CONSECRATED LIFE

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As you know, we have started the Year of Consecrated Life. This year is a gift to us Consecrated People, but also to the entire Church. Our Holy Father recently published an Apostolic Letter for this Year of Consecrated Life. You may find this letter on the following website:

http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco_lettera-ap_20141121_lettera-consacрати.html

I'm very thankful for this beautiful letter and most appreciate the third chapter where Pope Francis gives some guidelines as to how everyone else (besides the consecrated men and women) is called to enter into this Year of Consecrated Life and participate in its spiritual celebration. It will be one of the big challenges for us for the Year of Consecrated Life to draw priests and the lay-faithful who are not part of consecrated life into the spiritual celebration of this Year and to encourage them to participate in our events. I would also like to draw your special attention to the website that was created for the Year of Consecrated Life for our Archdiocese (the above mentioned Apostolic Letter can be found on that website as well):

<http://newarkyearforconsecratedlife.weebly.com>



It is in the light of this Year of Consecrated Life that
Archbishop Myers
and I appreciate all the efforts the faithful make during this
year to celebrate
the year of Consecrated Life and to pray in thanksgiving for
the gift of consecrated life.

Each Eucharistic celebration also gives us another
opportunity to render
deep gratitude to those in Consecrated Life who have served
the parishes
and institutions of the Archdiocese for so many years.

