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"Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. "

Mark 1:40-42

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# SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR CANDLES, HOSTS & WINE

The Sanctuary Lamp this week will burn in memory of **Marylou Schlachter**,

gift of Marion and Jerry Schiazzano.

The Altar Candles this week will burn in memory of

gift of .

The Hosts and Wine to be used at the Masses this week

gift of .

# Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, February 27<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday

5:00 PM Josephine Picillo

#### SUNDAY, February 28<sup>th</sup>, Second Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM People of the Parish 9:00 AM Marion Goeckel 10:30 AM John Tranzano

12:00 PM Anne and Edward Mc Govern

#### MONDAY, March 1st, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Dolores Thomas (1st Anniversary) 8:30 AM Jósé P. da Fonseca

12:10 PM Virginia "Ginny" Koenig

#### TUESDAY, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Domenico D. Carnevale 8:30 AM Dorothy and Jack Soley 12:10 PM Lisa Anne Sanderson

#### WEDNESDAY, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, Saint Katherine Drexel, virgin

7:00 AM Elizabeth Moore 8:30 AM Terry Del Tufo

12:10 PM Thomas Dubelt (36th Anniversary)

#### THURSDAY, March 4th, Saint Casimir

7:00 AM Eugene Sullivan, Sr. 8:30 AM Terry Costa 12:10 PM Josephine Graboski

#### FRIDAY, March 5<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday

7:00 AM Philip Coviello

8:30 AM Peter Christopher (41st Anniversary)

12:10 PM Josephine Picillo 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross

#### SATURDAY, March 6<sup>th</sup>, Lenten Weekday

8:30 AM Memorial Mass

5:00 PM Thomas Chiarella (10th Anniversary)

#### SUNDAY, March 7<sup>th</sup>, Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Anne and Edward Mc Govern

10:30 AM Kay De Girolamo 12:00 PM Youth of the Parish

#### Memorial Mass March 6<sup>th</sup>

Marilyn Campanelli, Mildred and Edward Opat, Lucy and Paul Opat, Stella and Fred Tinkl, Julia, Stan and Walter Banach

#### From the Pastor's Desk . . .

Lent in a pandemic With each vaccination against the COVID virus society in general is a little bit safer and a bit less likely to become sick from it. And if we get the vaccine we are far less likely to be hit by the virus. I write this early on Monday morning. Tomorrow, Tuesday, I am to get my second shot, and so is Fr. Denis. The last thing I would ever want to do is transmit this virus to anyone. We have taken great care to sanitize our Church constantly, several times every day. The priests sanitize our hands before and during every Mass. Masks are everywhere and I have a feeling that we will have to use them for years.

When you read this we will be ten or eleven days into Lent. It is not too late to begin, and you can still have a wonderful Lent and an even better Easter.



Last year the pandemic robbed us of part of Lent, then Holy Week and Easter! The priests offered Mass privately every day and all the Mass intentions were satisfied, but the people were deprived of the sacraments, worldwide, in a way that has never happened before in 20 centuries of Catholicism. Even during the Bubonic Plague of the mid 1300s (which killed at least 75 million people, and some say three times that amount!), the Church did not cease serving, nor prevent the Eucharist from being offered in public. Medical knowledge was limited in those days and the Plague was catastrophic. Last year, when we were required to lock the Church, we decided to place the



Blessed Sacrament in the window of the rectory so the Faithful could come and see the Lord, be in his Presence and pray. Many of you did this! It was a nice blow against the virus!

I am proud that, as soon as we were permitted to be open, we did open! As soon as possible, our regular schedule was resumed. Many parishes were thinning out their schedules but we did not.

Now it is Lent again. The pandemic provides us with enough penances to last a while. Stay strong, remain healthy, and keep your spirits up! Lent is not a time to be down and discouraged.

**Opportunity** As a Lenten exercise, please see the Annual Appeal of the Archdiocese *as a great opportunity for our parish!* The Archdiocese recently announced some changes, two of which energize me to get to the goal, get it done, and enjoy the rewards. In other words:

- 1. When we surpass our goal of \$76,024 we will get 100% back on the total over goal.
- 2. If we reach our goal by June 30, in actual donations, not just pledges, our Archdiocesan assessments for 2022 will be reduced from 18% to 16%. That is a very good deal, and would save our parish about \$17,000! So that is my goal!

Therefore, I humbly ask that you consider a gift of any size to reach and surpass our goal by June. We have received gifts from \$50 to \$5000. What matters is that a large number of donors participate. You can easily donate online at <a href="https://www.rcan.org">www.rcan.org</a>. That is the website of the Archdiocese. Scroll down about half-way and you will see Annual Appeal on the left. Be sure to check off St. Philomena Parish! Or, use an envelope from Church, near the bulletins at the doors. Be assured that I have donated and so have all your priests. A gift to this Appeal is indirectly – or directly – a gift to our parish. I thank you sincerely!

**Defend the Innocent** I received a beautiful thank-you letter for our parish from Several Sources Shelters in Ramsey, which provide residences for pregnant women and their babies in danger of abortion. Recall our Giving Tree, through which you made Christmas real and love-filled for people in need. St. Philomena parishioners donated \$1380 to Several Sources this way, and that is beautiful! I thank you as well. Being pro-life is the Catholic way.



Never be deceived! Being pro-life is the Catholic way. When we put love into action to counteract the culture of death we provide a future for the unborn and a present for their mothers!

**Novena** I am very happy to tell you that we are planning for and working on a special Lenten Novena in honor of the under-sung member of the Holy Family, Saint Joseph! It will begin on Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 pm and end on the Feast Day of Saint Joseph, Friday, March 19. (continued on next page)



Multiple priests will present on Joseph under various titles that Tradition has given him. He is one of the true heroes of our Faith.

~Msgr. Fuhrman

## **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive your Body and Blood. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. Stay close to me, Jesus, so that I may be close to all our sisters and brothers, especially those who are most in need of your loving care. Amen.



Join us for our monthly

#### **Youth Mass**

March 7, 2021 at 12 noon

The Mass will be live streamed via YouTube as well as on Facebook.

#### **Live Streamed Mass**

On Sunday, March 7th, the Third Sunday of Lent, we will be streaming Mass live at 9 am via youtube! (and it will be shared onto Facebook, search for "The Church of St. Philomena, Livingston, NJ".

Mass will also be posted on our website: www.stphilomena.org .

For those not on Facebook, we now have our official youtube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/ UC0K7GPk2yoUkOwG3fcigqOQ



Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; then from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. — MR 2:7:8

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD

#### Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15,

16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23

[23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/

Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17.

18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10,

11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9,

10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

#### MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Divine Mercy Candle will burn in memory of

gift of .

The Blessed Mother Candle will burn in memory of **Kay De Girolamo**, gift of Angelo De Girolamo.

The Saint Philomena Candle will burn in memory of **Joseph Vella**, gift of Anthony and Maria Vella.

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)

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:

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#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED:

Deceased Members of the Parish

#### FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE ILL

AT HOME OR IN THE HOSPITAL AND FOR THEIR CAREGIVERS:

Susan Allanson, Pat Ambio, Meghan Amorim, Patty Arnold, Eileen A. Azzinaro, Laurissa S. Azzinaro, John Bagasse, Linda Belardo, Joseph Bolognini, Christopher Browne, Kelly Burke, Patty Calabrese, Kathy Cambell, Anthony Caruso, Stacy Cavello, Dr. Alfred Christopher, Maria Cipolla, Vincent Cipolla, Jorge da Costa, Gary DaVila, Mike DeCastro, Deborah DeMarzo, John DeRosa, Laura Dowe, Lyra Dowe, Joey Foglio, Tina Galante, William Garrett, Joseph Genovino, Michelina Giuliano, Ismael Grizarry, Gino Ghirelli, John Groome, Kerry Groves, Anthony Iannone, Haley Jacob, Elizabeth Johnson, Susan Amy-Kelly, Martha King, Jack Kruger, Ken Lordi, Cheryl Mactal, Eugene Marra, Henry Masias, Theresa McGurk, Margaret Mc Hugh, Pat Miller, Angie Martinez, Matty Molinaro, William O'Neill, Sr., Chris Parnau, Suzanne Rapa, Maria Rella, Philip Riccio, Sylvia and Ray Sanchez, Patricia Sarasohn, Kathy Sasse, Gabriella Scalera, David Smeraldo, Gabrielle Spano, Justin Tchao, Salvatore Tino, Jr., Frank Tumminia, Anthony Trapanese, Steve Tumminello, Venisa Tyson, Nancy Valdivia, John Farro Vitale, Rosaria Viviani, Nicole Wallace, Jon Weinstein and Amber V.



# The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy Excerpts from the Diary of Saint Faustina

"My child, know that the greatest obstacles to holiness are discouragement and an exaggerated anxiety." (Diary 1488)



# Reflections on Stewardship

"'Here I am!' he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

# Stewardship of Treasure

February 20-21, 2021

Income from Envelopes	\$ 8,017.00
Income from Online Giving	\$ 3,503.00
Less Diocesan Assessment	\$ 3,150.00
Gross Income for Parish Expenses **	\$ 8,370.00
Collection for the Church in Central	
and Eastern Europe	\$ 2,835.00
Additional Extraordinary Repairs	\$ 2,573.00
Saint Augustine, Newark	\$ 133.00
2020/2021 Year to Date	
Income from Parishioners	\$ 506,362.00
Extraordinary Repairs	\$ 88,222.00
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Income from Parishioners	\$ 554,152.00
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\*\*Please note that these amounts are tentative pending final deposit.

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# Welcome to our parish!

Please call the Rectory, 9 am through 3 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.

#### We invite you to celebrate . . .

#### The Eucharist

Saturday: 8:30 AM, & 5:00 PM (Anticipated Sunday Mass)
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, and 12:00 NN
Weekdays: 7:00 AM and 12:10 PM (Monday to Friday)

8:30 AM (Monday to Saturday)

#### Eucharistic Adoration:

Every Monday 12:40 to 6:30 PM

Novena to St. Jude and Benediction 6:30 PM

#### Reconciliation:

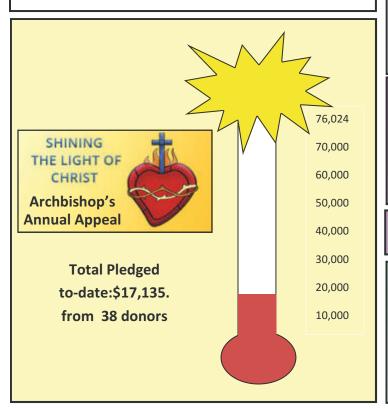
Saturday – 11:30 AM, 4:30 PM or anytime upon request.

#### Ministry to the Sick:

For those of advanced age and those seriously ill or hospitalized, contact the Rectory. Holy Communion will be brought to the home of any person permanently or temporarily homebound.

#### Help us stay in touch...

This past year the pandemic has had an unprecedented affect on how we have ministered to our parish community and communicating with you electronically was a key factor. At this time we are asking all parishioners to provide us with their current contact information, particularly email addresses. Simply email us at **staff@stphilomena.org** and include your name, address, phone number and email address. Thank you!



# Lent



# Archdiocese of Newark 2021 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.
- 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, February 21, 2021 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.

\*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.



#### **Stations of the Cross**

Every Friday during Lent at 7:30 PM in the Church.

Stations will also be live streamed and can be watched on youtube.

The Sacrament of Penance Saturdays at 11:30 AM and 4:30 PM.

### 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."

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