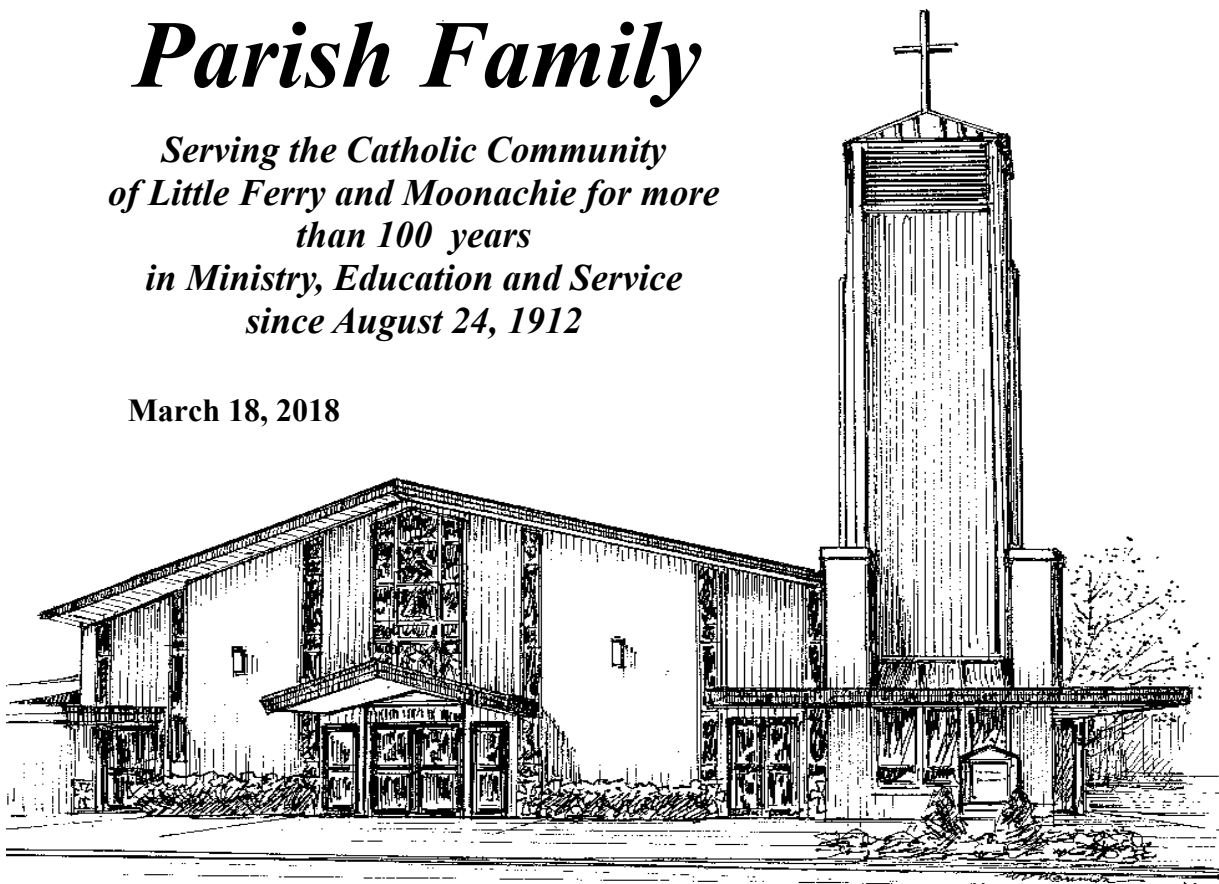


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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon

Weekdays: Monday 7:00 PM

Tuesday to Friday 8:00 AM

Saturday 9:00 AM

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays at 1:00 P.M.

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The Holy Eucharist for this Week



SATURDAY

5:30 PM Antonio Gadaleta

SUNDAY, March 18, 2018

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 AM Lillian & Vincent De Santi
(In Honor of Saint Joseph)

10:00 AM Patrick Pansini

12:00 PM Joseph De Ruvo



MONDAY, March 19

7:00 PM Clemento Mascola

TUESDAY, Tuesday, March 20

8:00 AM Joan Lee [2A]

WEDNESDAY, March 21

8:00 AM Irene Katkowski

THURSDAY, March 22

8:00 AM Josephine Baumeister [20A]

FRIDAY, March 23

8:00 AM Gioacchino Piccinich

SATURDAY, March 22

9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mass Guild

SATURDAY, March 24

5:30 PM Victoria Dupray [9A]

SUNDAY, March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

8:00 AM Angelo Percontino

10:00 AM Anthony Giovine [23A]

12:00 PM Madelyn & Pepe Cinque

Memorials Bread & Wine And Sanctuary Candle Maria De Sario

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A NEW
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REPENTANCE

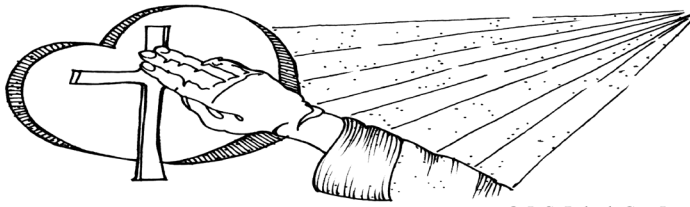
God has promised pardon to one who repents, but has not promised repentance to one who sins.

—St. Anselm

BE AWARE

We need to be aware that happiness can sometimes sneak in through the door we didn't know we had left open.

—Anonymous



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Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 18, 2018

I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts;

I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

— Jeremiah 31:33

SAVED BY GOD'S LOVE

Because the people broke the old covenant, God promised a new covenant, not in the blood of oxen and other animals, but in the blood of the Son, Jesus Christ. This new covenant, foreseen from afar by Jeremiah and the prophets, was not to be engraved on stone, or written on paper, but carved on our hearts, so that we might know God intimately. Not by keeping many laws are we to be saved, but by the love of God, living and real in our hearts through the sacrifice of Christ.

Our Eucharist is the pledge of that indwelling of Christ, and of our response of praise and thanksgiving to God for the mercy, love, and kindness shown to us in forgiving our sins and cleansing our hearts of everything evil. God issues this invitation to intimacy by offering us the chance to have our sufferings transformed into the perfect love of the Savior, who first loved us.

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts.

(Jeremiah 31:31-34) or

Ezekiel 37:12-14.

Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God

(Psalm 51) or Psalm 130.

Second Reading — Christ became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him (Hebrews 5:7-9) or Romans 8:8-11.

Gospel — If a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it produces much fruit (John 12:20-33) or John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent; Third Scrutiny

Monday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

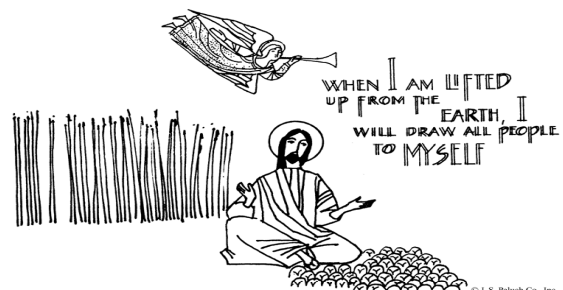
Tuesday: Spring begins

Friday: Abstinence; St. Turibius of Mogrovejo



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**The Stewardship Collection for
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**We lift up to the Lord
in our prayers and
good works for: the
sick, frail and the
homebound.**

Shirley Pizza
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Kevin Michael Francis
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Victims of terrorism and war; genocide in Syria and the Holy Land, worldwide human trafficking, racism and hatred, domestic abuse and street violence, severe weather conditions especially for all those victims who suffered and lost so much, under the severity of hurricanes.



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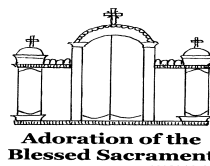


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Food Pantry This weekend March 17th & 18th is our Parish Food Pantry collection. Items can be dropped off at church after any Mass, and placed in the empty room outside of the restroom. We are in need of items people cannot buy with food stamps, such as laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, and personal hygiene products. We are also in need of hot and cold cereals. The Pantry will be open on Wednesday, March 21st, and the third Wednesday of every month from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon for those who qualify. The wonderful generosity of our parishioners, every month, is very much appreciated by those we try to serve.



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Our parish Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place Wednesday, March 21st. Mass will be celebrated at 6 p.m. Adoration will follow until 7 p.m. We will close with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.



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***Easter candy orders
can be picked up
in the parish center on
March 20 after 2:30.***



The Archdiocese of Newark is preparing the annual tradition of honoring those couples who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years (or any years, specify) of Christian marriage in the year 2018. These anniversary liturgies will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, as follows:

April 29, 2018 - 3:00 pm

5 years and 25 years

(all counties)

May 6, 2018 - 3:00 pm

50 years

(all counties)

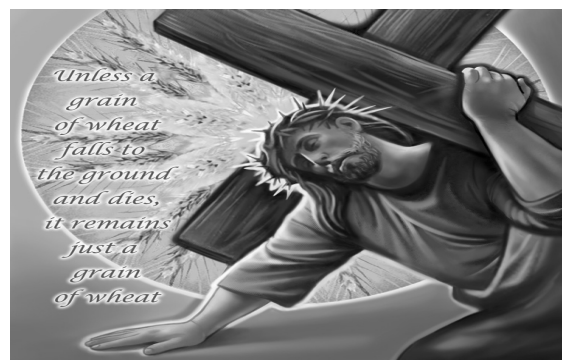
Registration must be by April 20th for those celebrating 5 years and 25 years of marriage and April 27th for those celebrating 50 years of marriage. Please call the Parish Office for more information • 201-641-2988.

MAUSOLEUM NEWS

Dear Friend in Christ,

Madonna Cemetery has completed the construction of an addition to our existing Mausoleum, the first community mausoleum built in the Archdiocese of Newark, has served the needs of our local community for over forty years. The construction of an addition was necessary if we hoped to continue in this mission.

The new expansion is called the "All Saints" section and there are several liturgical features of saints that represent the ethnic diversity of our community. There are also private and semi-private areas in the mausoleum addition and there are options for both single and double interment. Because we believe that pre-planning is an important family responsibility, we are offering cemetery counseling and information about the mausoleum. If you wish to have more information, please fill out the enclosed form in our brochure that will be at the rear of the Church. You may also contact Madonna Cemetery by dialing: 1-866-392-1952. Of course there is no obligation.



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