ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Served by the Vocationist Fathers
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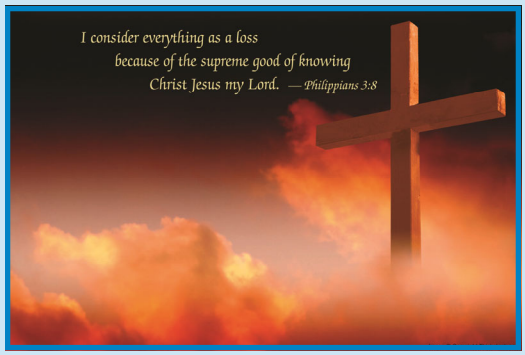


5th Sunday of Lent
March 13, 2016

A woman caught in the act of adultery is brought to Jesus. He challenges anyone without sin to throw the first stone (John 8:1-11)

ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENTS

Baptisms: On any available Sunday during the 11:00 AM (Italian), 12:30 PM (English) & 7:00 PM (Portuguese) Masses. Please, contact the rectory at least one month prior to desired date.

Confessions: Saturdays 5:00 to 5:45 PM, or during the week by appointment.

Marriages: Please contact the rectory at least six months prior to desired wedding date.

Sacrament of the Sick: If you are hospitalized or unable to come to Church for health reasons and would like to be visited by a priest for Confession, Communion, or Anointing of the Sick, please call the rectory.

Religious Education Program (CCD): For children 1st to 8th grades who are not attending Catholic School. Classes are held on Sundays from September to May at 11:30 AM, with attendance to the 12:30 PM Family Mass.

Confirmation: Teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on 8th grade. They will attend classes at 11:30 AM from September to December; and from January to April classes will start at 11:00 AM in the church hall, with attendance to the 12:30 PM Family Mass.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 7:00 & 8:00 AM
6:00 PM (Vigil Mass)

Sunday: 7:30 & 9:30 AM English
11:00 AM Italian
12:30 PM English (Family Mass)
7:00 PM Portuguese

Weekdays: 7:00 & 8:00 AM

Holy Days: 6:30, 8:00, 10:00 AM & 7:30 PM

Other Services & Activities:
Monday to Saturday: 7:40 AM Morning Prayer

Tuesday: 9:00 AM—Legion of Mary
7:30 PM—St. Padre Pio Group (Mar 15)
7:30 PM—Holy Rosary Society (Mar 29)
8:00 PM Holy—Rosary in Portuguese

Wednesday: 7:00 PM—Holy Rosary in Italian
7:30 PM—R.C.I.A. classes

Thursday: 2:00 PM—Bible Study Italian
6:15 to 7:15 PM— Holy Hour Adoration for Vocations (Mar 17)
7:30 PM—Bible Study in English (Mar 17)
8:30 PM—Rosary Brazilian Men (Apr12)

Friday: 8:00 PM—Brazilian Prayer Group

1st Friday: 5:30 to 8:30 PM—Blessed Sacrament Adoration (April 1)

ST NICHOLAS RC CHURCH

Parish Trustee: Giovanni Simone & Michael Massaro
Parish Secretary: Débora Moreira
Music Ministry: Addie Luers, Giovanni & Karen Simone, and Kelly Oliveira

Vocationist Sisters Community
Sr. Benedita Carvalho, S.D.V., Superior & Pre-K Director; Sr. Antonietta Cioce, S.D.V., Sr. Sali Antony, S.D.V. and Sr. Jancy Thomas, S.D.V.
223 14th Street - Palisades Park, NJ Tel. 201-947-2413
Parish Pre-K "Fr. Justin Learning Center" Tel. 201-944-1376

NOTRE DAME ACADEMY
312 First St—Palisades Park, NJ
Principal: Mark Valvano
Tel. 201-947-5262

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, March 12
7:00AM Olga, Mariantonia & Michele by son Lorenzo & fam.
8:00AM John Morin by Julia & Tony Picinich
6:00PM Virginia Martini by Tony & Blanche DiBona

SUNDAY, March 13
7:30AM Ljubica Matesic by M/M Albino Matesic
9:30AM Luigi Police by Rita Garritano & family
11:00AM Corado De Ruvo by Carmela Allegretta
12:30PM Thomas Knoeringer by Ron & Carmela Kida
7:00PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, March 14
7:00AM John Picinich by Mario & Nancy Jakus
8:00AM Mario Hroncich by M/M Mario Matesic

TUESDAY, March 15
7:00AM Marcela Lisica by daughter-in-law Regina
8:00AM Tom Morin by John Albanese & Legion of Mary

WEDNESDAY, March 16
7:00AM Antonia Piccinich by M/M John Hroncich
8:00AM Lubiza Matesic by M/M Martino Matesic

THURSDAY, March 17
7:00AM In honor of St. Lazarus by Eduardo Lorenzo
8:00AM Walter Matesic by Anna Hroncich

FRIDAY, March 18
7:00AM Celestino Mattessich by wife Maria
8:00AM Tommaso Morin by Eleonora Hroncich

SATURDAY, March 19
7:00AM Phillip Kervidou by John Albanese & co-workers
8:00AM Giuseppe Mattessich by wife Gaudenzia
6:00PM In honor of St. Joseph

SUNDAY, March 20
7:30AM Cosimo Palombini by family
9:30AM Diana DeRosa by Carmela Cecere & family
11:00AM Robert Hroncich by family
12:30PM Ottavio Martire by Emilia Martire
7:00PM People of the Parish

News of the Parish

"24 HOURS FOR THE LORD"
Our church will be open Friday, March 18 at 7:30 PM thru Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 PM — see page 5 for schedule

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLES - We will be selling HOT ZEPPOLE and Italian breads, cakes and cookies in the church hall this Sunday from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

We will celebrate a Mass in honor of St. Joseph on Saturday, March 19 at 6:00 PM —All are welcome! And the **"Poor Man's Dinner"** in honor of St. Joseph will be held on Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 PM - Tickets on sale in the rectory office and after all masses $25.00 (6-12 y/old—$10).

ST. PADRE PIO GROUP invites all to celebrate a Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio this Tuesday, March 15 at 7:30 PM, in Italian.

MEMORIAL MASS—We will celebrate a Mass in memory of Fr. Chris' brother, Kenneth Iwunze, who passed away in Nigeria. The Mass will be held this Wednesday, March 16 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to attend. Your presence and or support will be appreciated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Join us for the Stations of the Cross in Italian this Friday, March 18 at 7:30 PM and in Portuguese at 8:30 PM.

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT— *"Forgiveness – In this Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy"*—A Scriptural Reflection—by Dr. Thomas Hicks, PhD. You won't want to miss it! - Next Saturday, March 19 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 noon, lunch included. We will provide babysitter. **THE BEST WAY TO PREPARE FOR EASTER**.

BIBLE STUDY IN ENGLISH—**"Unlocking the Mysteries of the Bible"** by Jeff Cavins. Next meeting will be this Thursday, March 17 at 7:30 PM. All are welcome to join.

In Memoriam

ALTAR CANDLES donated this week in loving memory of **Virginia Martini** by Gina DiBona

Events of the Week

Tuesday, March 15
9:00 AM - Legion of Mary in the Bl. Mother's room
7:30 PM - St. Padre Pio's Group—Mass in Italian
8:00 PM - Holy Rosary in the Brazilian families

Wednesday, March 16
7:00 PM - Memorial Mass to Fr. Chris' brother

Thursday, March 17
2:00 PM - Bible study in Italian in the Bl. Mother's room
6:15 to 7:15 PM - Holy Hour of Adoration
7:30 PM - Bible Study in English in church hall

Friday, March 18
7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross—Italian
8:30 PM - Stations of the Cross—Portuguese

Saturday, March 19
9:00 to 12:30 PM - Parish Lenten Retreat
6:00 PM - Mass in honor of St. Joseph

Ministers' Schedule for March 20

6:00 PM: **Lector** - Carmela B.
E.M. - Maria Claudia and Rita
7:30 AM: **Lectors** - Michael and Linda
E.M. - Sr. Jancy and Sr. Sali
9:30 AM: **Lectors** - Gina
E.M. - Carol and sisters
11:00 AM: **Lectors** - Antonia and Margherita
E.M. - Francesca and Frank
12:30 PM: **Lector** - Youth
E.M. - Wendy and Suzanne
7:00 PM **Lectors** - Laine, Katia and Patricia
E.M. - Leo and Evaneide

Pastoral Care

Holy Communion was brought last week to: Sheila Hutchinson, Valentine Miele, Arthur and Amelia Mazzarella, Gloria Pezzolla and Frances Ceria.

Pray for our sick: Mateus Ribeiro, Domenica Dinaro, Anne Ring, Lorenzo Cafasso, Josephine Dolberry, Eileen Murphy, Angela Tina, Christine Brown, Jovan & Perez family, Rita Vanore, Josephine De Monte, Maria Piccini, Dominick Ostuni and Sara Modafferi.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For collection amount please see bulletin paper edition

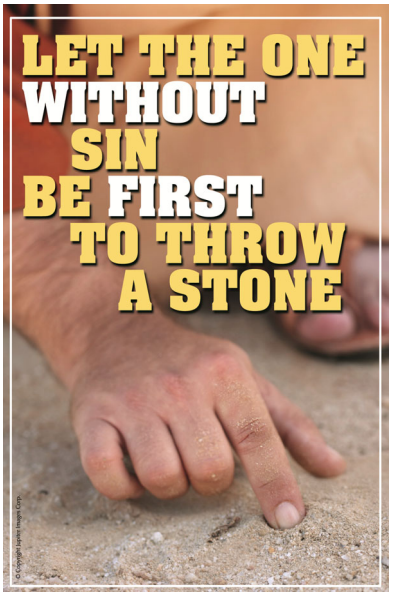
This weekend 2nd collection will be ASSESSMENT FREE (yellow envelopes)

Perpetual Candles

To renew or to assign a perpetual candle in the Blessed Mother or St. Anthony's candle stands for 2016, please come to the rectory office.

5th SUNDAY IN LENT

STRAIGHT LINES



"God writes straight with crooked lines," the saying goes. The power of Paul's testimony that everything is junk but knowledge of Jesus and the power of his resurrection is a straight enough message. And, God knows, Paul had a crooked journey before his blinding insight straight from God.

Through Isaiah, God reminds us all that the past great works were as nothing compared to the new creation. "Can't you see it?" we are asked, as if we are still wandering along our crooked lines.

And there is no straighter line than that between the woman whose misery is intense and the God whose mercy in Jesus is deeper and more acute. You just can't beat this kind of good news.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Three years ago, as we made the shift in the Eucharistic Prayer from "Benedict" to "Francis," we named a "treasure" in our tradition. From apostolic times, the Church has sent disciples on mission with a mandate to proclaim the gospel. Paul and Barnabas and Timothy come to mind as men invested with responsibility for community and mission. First we see bishops, "overseers," good men appointed by the acclaim of their people, the center of leadership, of prayer, of word and sacrament. Their territories were small initially, small enough to get everyone into one room and for the bishop to know everyone's name. In time, men were appointed to function as a council of advisers, "elders," or presbyters. That isn't a comment on chronological age, rather it indicates the maturity of their wisdom and faith. Before long, and only when the bishop was absent, some of these men "stood in" for him to do what bishops usually did: preaching, presiding at Eucharist. The deacons had a strong and visible role in liturgy and service, especially in the care of the poor, but were gradually overshadowed by the new importance of the presbyter. As the Roman Empire first tottered and then collapsed completely by 476, bishops increasingly became civil servants to maintain order and dispense justice. Conferences and duties summoned bishops away from their home posts, and presbyters were entrusted with the sacramental and preaching duties, even though at one time runners were sent out from the bishop's Mass to bring fragments of the host to drop into chalices as a sign of the church's unity around its bishop. --Rev. James Field, Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.

LENTEN PARISH RETREAT

FORGIVENESS

in this Extraordinary
Jubilee Year of Mercy
A Scriptural Reflection

Saturday,
March 19
9:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Presenter: Dr. Thomas Hicks, PhD
Professor of Theology & Psychology

Dr. Thomas Hicks is a Professor Emeritus at Sacred Heart University where he taught courses in both Religious Studies and Psychology. He won several teaching Excellence and Outstanding Faculty awards. He presently teaches several Religious Studies courses at SHU.

OPEN TO ALL
Lunch included . Babysitting available
Don't miss it!

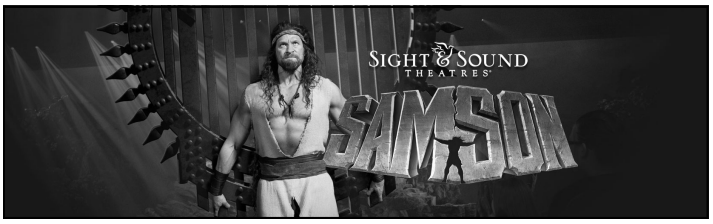
ST. NICHOLAS FUNDRAISING EVENT

~ TRICK TRAY 2016 ~

We are beginning to collect items to be auctioned on
Saturday, June, 4 of 2016— **NEW, NOT USED, UNOPENED** gifts, toys, games, electronics, kitchen appliances, home decoration, paintings, jewelry, etc.

All donations are tax deductible!
Please call the rectory's office for more information
201-944-1154
For safety reasons we cannot accept used clothes, shoes, home decoration or any opened toys
Please no Christmas decoration

We are going to see SAMSON at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA, on Saturday,
June 25
leaving the parking lot at 2:00 PM
Cost: $100.00 adult / $55.00 child
(included ticket and transportation only)
Make your reservation by calling the rectory's office



ST. JOSEPH'S TABLES

St. Joseph's Table
This Sunday, March 13
from 8:00 to 2:00 PM
Sale of HOT ZEPPOLE
and Italian goods

Mass in honor of St. Joseph
Saturday, March 19 at 6:00 PM

Poor Man's Dinner
Saturday, April 16 at 7:00 PM

TICKETS : $ 25.00
(6 to 12 years old—$10)

2016 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Anniversary Masses will be celebrated by Archbishop John J. Mayers in the Cathedral Basilica of Sacred Heart in Newark on **Sunday, April 24** (5th and 25th anniversaries) and **May 1** (50th anniversaries) at 3:00 PM. Sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries. Please contact our rectory office for registration and more information.

Reservations deadline is April 10

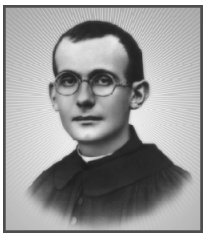
NOTRE DAME ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE—Notre Dame Academy will host an Open House for school tours on Wednesday, March 23rd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We are currently enrolling for grades PreK-3 to 8th. If you cannot make it at that time, please feel free to call and schedule a tour for a time that is more convenient for you.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving
help us prepare for Easter

This Friday at 7:30 PM in Italian
and at 8:30 PM in Portuguese
followed by 5 minutes reflection by a priest

Vocationist Corner



Oh my Saint Joseph!
With Jesus and Mary,
in you, with you and through you,
I glorify the Holy Trinity, who
made you worthy
of Mary and of Jesus; who has entrusted to you
Mary and Jesus; who has made you
head of the Holy Family
in an incomparable mystery of Divine Union!

Blessed Fr. Justin Russolillo, SDV, *Spirit of Prayer*, page 145

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

24 HOURS FOR THE LORD

Pope Francis, in announcing the Jubilee Year of Mercy, expressed a desire for all the faithful to experience the loving mercy of the Father, especially during the holy season of Lent and, most especially, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. "24 Hours for the Lord", begun a few years ago in Rome, holds a special place in the heart of the Holy Father:

> The initiative of **"24 Hours for the Lord"**, (…) should be implemented in every diocese. So many people, including young people, are returning to the Sacrament of Reconciliation; through the experience they are rediscovering a path back to the Lord, living a moment of intense prayer and finding meaning in their lives. Let us place the Sacrament of the Reconciliation at the centre once more in such way that it will enable people to touch the grandeur of God's mercy with their own hands. For every penitent, it will be a source of true interior peace. (Misericordiae Vultus, #17)

ST. NICHOLAS RC CHURCH WILL BE OPEN

Friday, March 18 at 7:30 PM
through Saturday, March 19 at 7:30 PM

Friday, March 18
7:30 PM — "***24 Hours for the Lord***" begins with Stations of the Cross in Italian
8:30 PM — Stations of the Cross in Portuguese
9:00 PM to 5:00 AM — Blessed Sacrament Exposition With Confession

Saturday, March 19
5:00 AM — Holy Rosary in Portuguese with Confession
5:30 AM — Holy Rosary in Italian with Confession
6:00 AM — Holy Rosary in English with Confession
7:00 AM — Holy Mass
7:30 AM — Morning Prayers
8:00 AM — Holy Mass
9:00 AM — Parish Lenten Retreat Opening Mass (it will continue in the church hall)
9:30 AM to 6:00 PM — Blessed Sacrament Exposition With Confession
3:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet in English with Confession
3:30 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet in Italian with Confession
4:00 PM — Divine Mercy Chaplet in Portuguese with Confession
6:00 PM — Mass in honor of St. Joseph
7:30 PM — Benediction and closing of "***24 hours for the Lord***"

Could you commit to spend 5 minutes, 15 minutes, 30 minutes in the presence of the Lord?

Priests will be available for confessions during the entire 24 hours period in church