

February 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 19

7:30 **Edwardo Dairo** req. The Family
11:30 **Laura Gonzalez** req. Linda Vega

Tuesday, February 20

7:30 **Doris Storf** req. Sam Griglio
11:30 **Matea Busanich** req. Jill Busanich

Wednesday, February 21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop
And Doctor of the Church

7:30 **Matteo Piccinich** req. Benito Mircovich
11:30 **Dinka Mircovich** req. Benito Mircovich

Thursday, February 22 The Chair of St. Peter
The Apostle

7:30 **Biagio Hroncich** req. Benito Mircovich
11:30 **Gargurino Matesic** req. Benito Mircovich

Friday, February 23 St. Polycarp, Bishop & Martyr

7:30 **John Tarabocchia** req. M/M Albino Scrivanich
11:30 **Giuseppe Venditti** req. Adda Venditti
7:00 **Stations of the Cross**

Saturday, February 24

8:30 **Recitation of the Holy Rosary**
9:00 **Nicolo Tarabocchia** req. M/M Domenico Tarabocchia
5:30 **Christopher Edelmann (29th Birthday Living)** req. Mom

Sunday, February 25 Second Sunday Of Lent

8:00 **People of the Parish**
10:00 **Caroline Napolitano** req. Anthony & Leli Gagliostro
12:00 **Martucci Family** req. The Martucci Family

PRAYER REQUESTS



A time to be healed...

Barbara Auché, Orazio Bruno, Vito Bruno, Nicole DeOrio,
Holly Duddy, Michael Duddy, Bernadette Halbing,
Carolyn Mangino, Felicia Martello, Addison Rose Palardy,
Jim Pfund, Christine Sargent and Daniel Vandak

A time to serve...

All men and women in our military, here and abroad

A Time To Return To The Lord...

Ross Mason, Sandra Smith and Patricia Skrzyaniarz



Sunday, February 18, 2018

No Religious Education Classes

Tuesday, February 20, 2018

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Wednesday, February 21, 2018

Bible Study –7:00 pm Columbian Hall

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Archbishop Thomas J Walsh Council #3550
Regular Business Meeting – 7:30 PM
Columbian Hall

Friday, February 23, 2018

Stations of the Cross – 7:00 PM

Saturday, February 24, 2018

Lenten Renewal Day Trip to Sterling
9:30am to 3:30pm – See Fr. Bill or Phil Pietro
for more Information.
Leaving St. Matthew’s Parking lot at 8:30am

Stewardship Of Treasure

“Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. In giving, your will receive the peace of Christ.”

Financial information for last weekend and this weekend will be available in next weekend’s bulletin

Offertory Collections-February 11, 2018

Budgeted Amount Needed Weekly 2017-2018	\$5,196.00
Actual Collection	\$4,520.00
Electronic Transfer	\$ 238.61
Surplus/Deficit	(\$437.39)

Year-to-Date thru February 11, 2018

	\$171,432.90
Actual	\$156,272.49
Surplus/Deficit	(\$- 15,160.41)

HOW MUCH IS 5%

Weekly Income	\$150	\$200	\$300	\$400	\$500
Offering	\$7.50	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25

**This weekend’s second collection is the
ARCHDIOCESAN RETIRED PRIEST COLLECTION
Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!**

**Next weekend’s second collection is our
SNOW REMOVAL AND HEATING COLLECTION
Your continued generosity is greatly appreciated!**



There will be a Triduum to St. Joseph held here at St. Matthew Parish on
Saturday, March 17 at 7pm
Sunday, March 18 at 5pm and
Monday March 19 at 7pm

Each evening includes a holy hour and novena closing with benediction. All are welcome to attend



Sharing God's Blessing Annual Appeal

Thanks to all of our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the vestibules of the church. Please help support the many programs and ministries that assist so many in our community.

St. Nicholas Church

Parish Lenten Day of Recollection

**Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the
 Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima
 In Washington, New Jersey**

A spiritual retreat that focuses on better preparing all to celebrate the Holy Week and The Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Leaving at 9:00am – Returning at 3:30pm

Cost: \$20.00 per person (Bring your own lunch)

For more information call Fr. Chris Iwunze at St. Nicholas' rectory at 201-944-1154.



St. Matthew Parish will once again be reenacting the Last Supper with a **LENTEN SEDER MEAL** on Thursday, March 22, 2018 beginning at 6:00 pm. Cost is \$30.00 per person. Tickets can be purchased through Father Bill. Please plan ahead to be with us!



Notre Dame Academy will host it's First

Designer Purse Bingo on

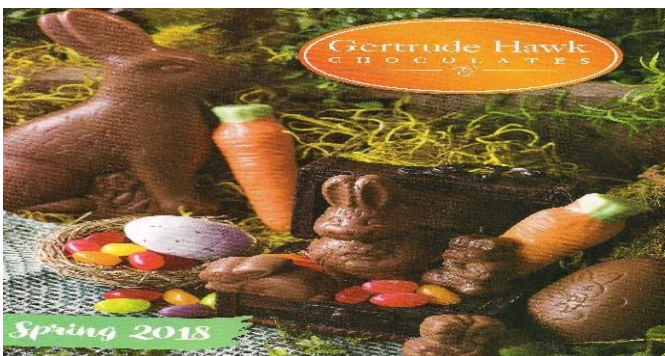
Friday, March 9, 2018

Doors open at 6:00 pm, Bingo will begin at 7:00pm

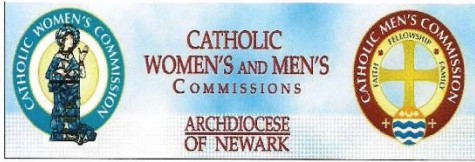
BYO Fun, Snacks and Drinks

\$30.00 entry fee includes a bingo card for each game, coffee and dessert. For tickets please contact

Debbie at 201-696-7170 or Christina at 201-658-2766



St. Matthew's Annual Easter Candy Sale Drive is underway. This drive is important for the successful continuance of many of our parish projects. You can pick up an ordering packet at the back of the church when you leave after mass or come to the rectory office for one.



2018 Annual Archdiocesan Men's and Women's Events
All are welcome! Bring a friend!

Come for a day of Faith, Sisterhood and Prayer!
Women's Commission Day of Reflection

Saturday, March 3, 2018, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm, Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University.

This year's theme is *"Alive in Christ... Renewing Our Families."*

The keynote speakers for the English Track are Hallie Lord, author of *On the Other Side of Fear*, Gloria Purvis, creator of *Authentically Free at Last* on EWTN, and Sr Brittany Harrison, FMA, contributor to the *Catholic Hipsters Handbook*. The Spanish track will feature *Kathia Arango*, National Coordinator for the Hispanic Catholic Charismatic Renewal, in the U.S and Canada, and Director of Hispanic Ministry at the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and Ylma R. Acevedo founder of "Veras la Gloria de Dios" Ministry joined by the musical talents of *Freddy Flores* and *Shaddai*. His Eminence *Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin* will be celebrating the Mass! Register at <http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission>

Revive your spirits and build your faith!
Catholic Men's Conference

Saturday, March 10, 2018, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm, Cost: \$25, Seton Hall University.

This year's theme is *"Be Not Afraid: The Victory is Christ's!"*

Speakers for the English track will be Joe Lombardi, Jr., Quarterback coach for the New Orleans Saints, Jesse Romero, founder of On Fire Evangelization Apostolate, and Hector Molina, who has over 25 years of experience in pastoral ministry. Spanish track speakers will be Jesse Romero and Hector Molina. His Eminence *Joseph W. Cardinal Tobin* will be celebrating the Mass! Register at www.NJCatholicMen.org

Registration for both events is \$25.

Priests & religious are free.

Both events include continental breakfast and lunch.

For registration and more information, visit: www.rcan.org/womenscommission and www.NJCatholicMen.org

Catholic Charities Night at the Rock!



Get Your Picture Taken with Cardinal Tobin!



Thursday Feb. 22nd 2018

Come out for a night of family fun at the Devils game against the Minnesota Wild!

The Group Package includes:

- Chance to win 50/50 raffle
- Group seating & group welcome on the arena screen
- Devils gift for each employee who attends!
- Ticket holders will have the opportunity to meet Cardinal Tobin!

Tickets on sale now! See attached for the order form.

For more information, contact Maria Biancheri
 973.596.3985 or mbiancheri@ccanni.org

A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS

HIS WORD TODAY by Rev. William J. Reilly

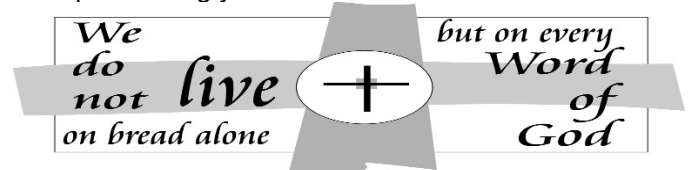
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"Beloved, Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit... This prefigured baptism, which saves you now.... 'The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel.'"

Lent, often described as a journey, is the opportunity for all to come closer to the Lord. In a baptismal sermon Peter tells us that the suffering of Christ, which we recall during these days of prayer, has but one purpose to lead us to God. It is not what I do, but the work of the Lord, bringing me on my desert journey. The gospel tells us Jesus was led by the Spirit for His desert experience to announce that the kingdom is at hand.

God's word spoke of a special moment in time, a moment which speaks to me today. Lent is that special time for me to meet the Lord in a new and different way. Through the threefold steps of prayer, sacrifice and good works, the kingdom becomes more present for me.

My journey began on Wednesday. Be honest, where is the Spirit leading you?





ST. PATRICK'S
DAY PARTY!!
MARCH 17
7:00 PM
COLUMBIAN HALL
ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
B.Y.O.B.

WITH IRISH MUSIC

CORNBEEF & CABBAGE, POTATOES, CARROTS,
IRISH SODA BREAD, RYE BREAD & TOSSED SALAD

WATER, SODA, COFFEE & DESERT

\$25.00

Tickets are available at the rectory office during regular business hours.