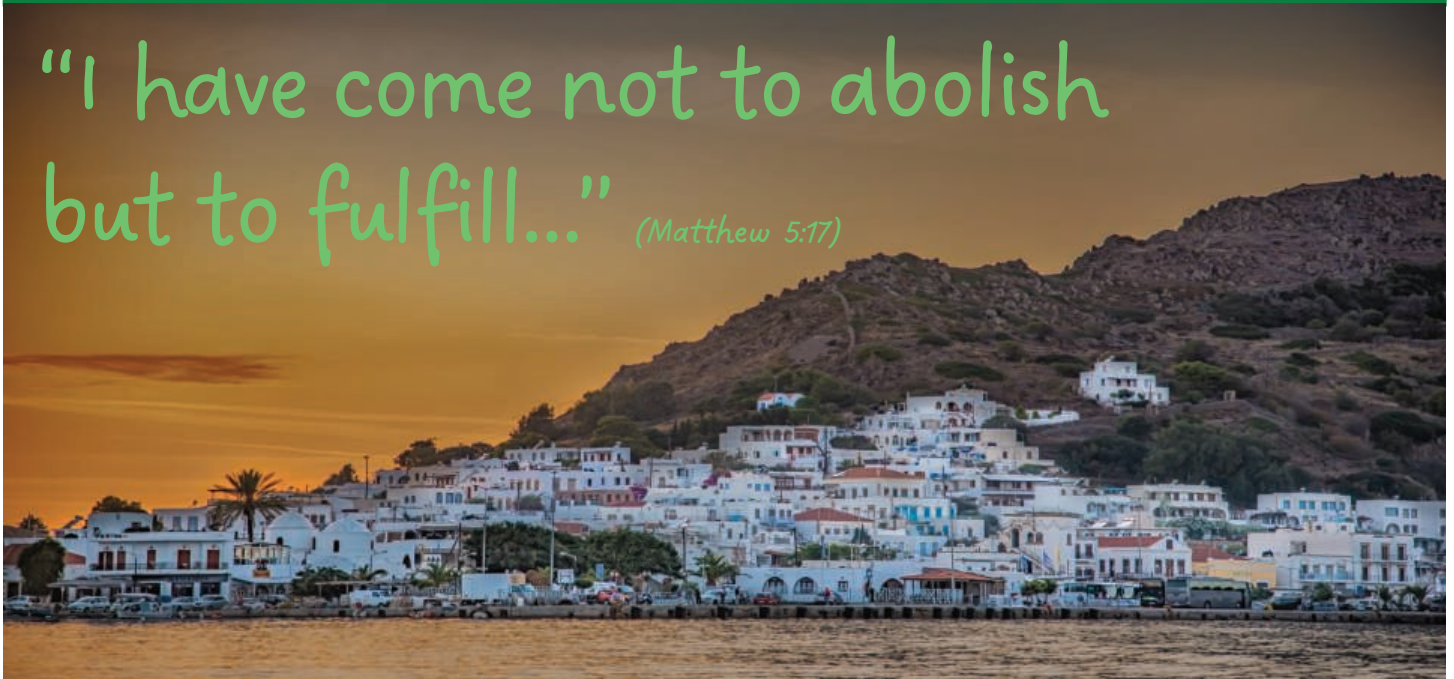


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63 Franklin Street (Silver Lake) Belleville, NJ 07109

"I have come not to abolish
but to fulfill..." (Matthew 5:17)



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

530PM (*Sunday Vigil Mass*)

Sunday

8AM, 1030AM & 12NN

Weekday

Monday—Thursday 7AM & 8AM

Friday & Saturday 8AM

Every **4th Sunday** at 5PM

Filipino Mass

SACRAMENTS

Confession

Saturday 4:30-5:15pm
and by appointment

Baptism

3rd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm, except Eastertime.

Parents and sponsors must attend a baptismal preparation program held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 1:30pm in Ferraro Hall. Please arrange for baptism and the preparation program by calling the office as soon as possible.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least one year before the wedding.

Anointing of the Sick

Please call 973-481-1991 to receive this sacrament. We will also gladly bring Holy Communion to the homebound upon request.



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Newark, NJ 07107

Telephone

973-481-1991

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Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY, February 11

5:30p Lourdes Sychua (Birthday) by Lulu Sychua

SUNDAY, February 12

8:00a Jerry Petrucci by Joanne Petrucci

10:30a Vincent Sabatino by Theresa Sabatino & Family

12:00n People of the Parish

MONDAY, February 13

7:00a Rosario Paraiso by Chit de la Rama

8:00a Antonio Ingino by Marino Family

TUESDAY, February 14

7:00a Romeo Montas by Jay Montas

8:00a JoAnn Nouri by Toni Edwards

WEDNESDAY, February 15

7:00a Fornarotto Family by Carmen

8:00a Fermina & Tess Montas by Jay Montas

THURSDAY, February 16

7:00a Souls in Purgatory by Anonymous

8:00a Anthony D'Anton by Valerie Lasky

FRIDAY, February 17

8:00a Conversion of Family Members by Anonymous

SATURDAY, February 18

8:00a Mely & Celso Cruz (Thanksgiving)

5:30p Anthony Camuso by Linda & Gary Rufino

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Sunday Collections - \$ 3,734.46
(February 5, 2023, including online)

Special Collections - \$ 683.23
Monthly Assessment

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS OFFERINGS! YOUR SUPPORT TO OUR PARISH IS DEEPLY APPRECIATED!

"God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor. 9:7)

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MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

February 12 - February 18, 2023

The **Altar Bread & Wine** will be offered for the Intention of
People of the Parish

The **Altar Candles** will be offered for the Special Intention of
People of the Parish

The **Sanctuary Lamp** will be offered for the Intention of
People of the Parish

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK

Lydia Salzano, Jean Giordano, Joseph Doria, Gerry Baltazar, Pedro Esguerra, Rosina Coppola, Vito Cifelli, Assunta Gencarelli, Edward McNulty, Jimmy Ragab, Laurmando Paleracio, Empson Venturi, Nida Andre, Joyce Risoli, Cynthia Magno, Boy Cagoco

REST IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST



JOHN DEL GUERCIO

Catechesis on *Mardi Gras*

As we intend to celebrate **Mardi Gras (Fat Tuesday)** or **Shrove Tuesday** in our parish on February 21, 2023, it is apt to have a little catechesis on this tradition.

Is Mardi Gras a Catholic tradition?

A popular theory holds that Mardi Gras' origins lie in ancient pagan celebrations of spring and fertility, such as Saturnalia and Lupercalia. Some experts contend, however, that Mardi Gras-type festivities popped up solely as a result of the Catholic Church's discouragement of sex and meat during Lent.

What is Mardi Gras?

Mardi Gras is French for "Fat Tuesday," also called Shrove Tuesday. It is the day before Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Christian Lent season leading up to Easter. During Lent, many Christians fast, and the name Fat Tuesday refers to the last day of eating richer foods before the leaner days of Lent begin. In times of greater Lenten austerity in Catholic countries, Mardi Gras offered an opportunity for households to consume some foods they would not enjoy until Easter.

In England, the day has been celebrated with pancakes (which use eggs, milk and sugar — items our ancestors would have foregone during Lent), while in some areas of Germany the Lenten discipline applied to strong drink as well, so the day before Ash Wednesday became a time for special revelry.

Why is *Mardi Gras* or Fat Tuesday also called Shrove Tuesday?

Shrove Tuesday is the traditional feast day before the start of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Lent — the 40 days leading up to Easter — was traditionally a time of fasting and on Shrove Tuesday, Anglo-Saxon Christians went to confession and were "shriven" (absolved from their sins).

Shrove Tuesday serves a dual purpose of allowing Christians to repent of any sins they might have made before the start of Lent on the next day Ash Wednesday and giving them the opportunity to engage in a last round of merriment before the start of the somber Lenten season.

On Shrove Tuesday, churches also burn the palms distributed during the previous year's Palm Sunday liturgies to make the ashes used during the services held on the very next day, Ash Wednesday. Ashes are a biblical symbol of mourning and penance when the custom was to fast, wear sackcloth, sit in dust and ashes and put dust and ashes on one's head.

Here's
What's
Happening!

Today, February 12

World Marriage Day

HAPPY

VALENTINE'S DAY



2023

FRIDAY, February 17

CCD GAME NIGHT

6:00PM—8:30PM

School

COME & HAVE SOME FUN!!

**"PLAY OR
VOLUNTEER"**



EVERY WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY 7:30 PM

January 2023 Monthly Financial Report (Operational Fund)

Deficit Forwarded **(3,291.21)**

RECEIPTS

Collections/Offerings	
Regular: Sundays & Holy Days	19,850.00
Special: Snow Removal	398.00
Regular Fund Raising	12,580.56
Perquisites	300.00
Candles & Gift Shop	1,030.00
Assessment Collections	516.23
Donations: Ordinary	1,045.00
TOTAL	35,719.79

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries (Priests, Full & Part Time Workers)	17,563.31
Food & Provisions	1,061.91
Gas & Electric	
Church & Lake Street House	2,190.14
Office & Rectory	1,227.55
School	3,568.92
Water	
Church & Lake Street House	56.49
Office & Rectory	52.18
School	458.60
Telephone & Internet	
Church	134.33
Office & Rectory	489.41
School	260.42
Supplies	
Church	1,514.86
Office & Rectory	824.02
Equipment Rentals	1,152.00
Health Insurance & Pension	2,390.65
Transportation & Insurance	721.33
Repair & Maintenance	
Church	340.90
Office & Rectory	78.00
School	97.00
Representations	1,128.58
Property Insurance	2,587.25
Archdiocesan Assessment	2,762.00
TOTAL	40,660.72

DEFICIT **(4,940.93)**

Add: 2022 Annual Appeal rebate* **6,359.00**

DEFICIT (to be forwarded) **(1,873.14)**

** The entire Annual Appeal 2022 rebate is not even enough to offset the deficit of the past months. :(*

SANTO NINO FESTIVITIES

January 6-15, 2023
FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Mass Offerings & Collections	
Novena Nights	\$ 9,792.45
Feast Day	6,254.00
Food Donations & Others	2,528.00
Journal Contributions	15,220.00
TOTAL	\$33,794.45

EXPENSES

Food & Drinks	\$ 2,096.58
* Journal Printing <i>(not paid yet)</i>	
Stipends (Priests & Bishop)	1,400.00
Others (Decorations, Candles, etc)	402.82
TOTAL	\$ 3,899.40

NET PROCEEDS **\$29,895.40**

** Additional expenses are still to be accounted for.*

ANNUAL APPEAL 2023

Our parish goal this year is \$21,091.

We finally received the remaining rebate from last year's collection—a total of \$6,359.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**SPECIAL THANKS TO THE 65 FAMILIES
WHO CONTRIBUTED LAST YEAR!**

A REMINDER

When inclement weather is forecasted to hit on a weekend, whether it be heavy snow, ice, hurricanes, storms, or brutally cold temperatures, pastors (and administrators) must decide whether to cancel church services entirely or hold worship for the few who will brave the elements. The issue is not just about the effects on attendance figures but rather the church collections, or the lack thereof.

When the weather negatively impacts attendance, the church faces a serious financial setback; without a doubt this impact on the budget would consequently affect that particular week's regular offering. The church then tries to "catch up", and this effect is multiplied several times over, when bad weather hits again.

On this note, I personally appeal to all our parishioners to take advantage of our online-giving services. We have developed and implemented a safe and efficient way to give your contributions electronically. In this way, our weekly budget will not be too affected. Until now, after almost two years of implementation, only a few people use this service. I cannot emphasize the importance, the ease and the safety of online giving. It is really quite convenient for both the church, and for all of you. Not only do you use this service during inclement weather, but you can certainly avail of this service all year round.

Kindly check our website or scan the barcode found in our bulletin to begin using our online-giving platform.—FrNol

LET'S CELEBRATE MARDI GRAS 2023

Tuesday, February 21 @ 6:30 PM in Ferraro Hall

After the 6:00 PM Benediction & Making of Ashes at 6:20 PM

FUN, FOOD, MUSIC AND DANCING

Only \$30 per person (children 14 and under FREE)

RSVP by February 17 (event may be cancelled if less than 30 participants)



As we started last school year, we have adopted God's Park to supplement the religious education of grades 1 through 4 of CCD. The children and their parents love it and are learning so well. As promised, we have extended this digital learning tool to grades 5 & 6 this school year. It is hope that the more advanced digital learning tool called OMG-WooF (Wonders of our Faith) will be given to grades 7 & 8 students next school year 2023-2024. So, our CCD program will have complete digital supplements next year. We expect a great improvement in the students' participation and instruction. God's Park & OMG-WooF are catechetical gamified programs that is solidly Catholic, kid-friendly, and engagingly fun. Fr. Nol and all our volunteer catechists are looking forward to having the older children enjoy learning in this new and creative way as we have already entered a new age – the digital age.

8th GRADE CCD SERVICE PROJECT

Donations for our 2023 CCD Service Project will be collected at Church or at the CCD Office on Sunday mornings. This year the 8th Graders will be accepting donations for Foster Pets. They would like pet food, toys, collars, leashes, blankets, towels, pet supplies etc. Thank you for your kind and generous cooperation to support our CCD students. The deadline is on the last Sunday, February 26, 2023.

FORMATION & LENTEN RECOLLECTION 2023

*All LECTORS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS are highly encouraged to attend and participate in the training or refresher training (formation) and reflection (recollection) on **March 25, 2023 (Saturday)** from **9am to 12nn** in the Ferraro Hall. A priest from the Worship Office of RCAN, Fr. Danny Pabon, who is also a professor of Sacramental Theology in Seton Hall Seminary, will facilitate. Those who are invited or who aspire to be lectors or eucharistic ministers are required to attend on this training session. A light breakfast will be available by 830am.*

TRAVELING CHALICE



Today the Traveling Chalice will be received by the **AMISTOSO** Family at the 10:30am Mass. Their family will be praying for vocations this week and present to the **BOCCHINO** Family next week. With these families, let us continue to pray for priestly & religious vocations in our parish! To participate in this program, please contact the Parish Office.

MAKING OF THE ASHES ON SHROVE TUESDAY

Come take part in this brief and poignant service of reflection and preparation for Lent as we burn last year's Palm Sunday fronds to be used for this year's Ash Wednesday ashes.

If you still have the palms you received last year, bring them! We'll gather in the parking lot (near the side doors of the Church & Ferraro Hall) on **Tuesday, February 21 at 6:20pm**, after the benediction and before the start of Mardi Gras. This service only lasts for about 15 minutes.

APRIL 23, SUNDAY AT 12NN MASS

INSTALLATION OF FATHER NOL AS PASTOR
and

CELEBRATION OF HIS 30TH PRIESTLY
ANNIVERSARY

Reception will follow at

The Brookside Banquets

41 Broughton Ave., Bloomfield, NJ 07003

RSVP by March 23, 2023

at 973-481-1991 (parish office)

Contribution \$65pp

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#WHATSMYNAME

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