MARYREST CHAPEL
Our temporary venue of Weekend Masses during our Church Renovation

RENOVATION UPDATE
Since last week, February 5 to be exact, the renovation project began. Our builder is the Malanga Construction and the architect is Vincentsen & Blasi Architects in partnership with McPerson, Simmons Bros. and Sons.

Thank you for all your encouragement, support and your financial contribution. I especially thank those who joined me in the committee. Thank you for your dedication, sharing your expertise and valuable inputs and suggestions that guided us in making wise decisions. You also have spent countless hours sitting at meetings and at informal conversations.

I am also very grateful for the valuable support of the those who showed up to move things out of the church in preparation for the renovation. Your love for our Immaculate Conception Church is laudable.

The ceiling of the church is now gone and the beams are exposed. Now you can see how high our roof is. The front stairs are also gone and the concrete walls that divide the church and Marian Hall were demolished.

I am happy to share some photos for you today. Please see them in inside pages.

We are so blessed that our campaign for MEMORIALIZATION AND HONOR PROGRAM is a tremendous success. This parish is so blessed with generous people like you. There are few more items that await to be memorialized. However, I am very confident that very soon, we will complete this program.

Thank you too for your support to our SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION for our RENOVATION FUND. As you well know, there are surprise added expenses as we move along with the construction.

I also thank those who pledged right from the very beginning of our Capital Campaign. Almost 90% have already completed their pledged amount. I am also thanking those who still continue fulfilling their pledges.

This project is so overwhelming in itself but I find the strength to be on top of everything with all the support, encouragement and positive outlook of all of you.

You have made so much sacrifice for this project. Your sacrificial gift of time, Talent and Treasure will be blessed and graced a hundredfold. God is never outdone in generosity.

The archbishop has sent me a note on my birthday and with that, he was telling me that he is following the progress of our project.

As of now, it is still possible to have a walking tour of the place, please see me after Mass if you wish to do so.

Come celebrate with us!

HOLY MASS
Saturday
9:00am and 4:00pm (Vigil Mass)
Sunday
7:30, 9:30, and 11:30
Weekday
12:00 pm
Holy Day & Holiday
As announced in the Parish Bulletin

RECONCILIATION
Saturday
Daily
HOLY ROSARY
Daily at 11:40 am (before Mass)
WEWKLY DEVOTIONS
(after 12:00pm Mass)
Monday
Immaculate Conception
Tuesday & Thursday
The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
Friday
St. Joseph

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As you know, we are still in the Sermon on the Mount. Last week, we read from the Sermon on the Mount and it’s that part where Jesus says that, “You are the light of the world.”

Very dramatic, especially to the people he was talking to, because the people he was talking to were just ordinary people, not very exceptional, gathered together when Jesus told them, not what they should be but what they are, not whether they were going to heaven but what they were to be here and now in the world in which we live.

And so it was that he said, “You are the light of the world.” St John says one day Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.” And if we put the two together, of course, what we have is Jesus is saying, “I am with you. Together we bring new light and brightness and hope and the new. It does not mean you believe in this covenant according to the way that they would follow, and what they were going to follow was the law. The law was not just the Ten Commandments, but the whole Old Testament, from the beginning to the end. It was the way of the law. It would be the way of healing and the way of salvation.

What Jesus says is something just a little bit different. He says, “You will follow as I do. You will be people who have faith, not a law but faith. And that faith means a faith in me, and a faith in each other, and a faith that will move life forward.” Now, that’s quite a step.

It means that the Old Testament is now being fulfilled and the New Testament is love. Love is the beginning, love is the middle and love is the end.

We follow a person. God sends His Only Son, whom He loves, that we might walk with him, hand in hand, through this world. Now, putting your faith doesn’t mean you believe in him. Putting your faith means you give your life to him and you walk with him through the wonderful happy days but also through the dreadful, sorrowful days.

Because to walk with Jesus is to experience, not just the pieces of life you would like to borrow and content yourself with. It means having the courage and the commitment that no matter what comes we’ll be driven, not by rules and regulations, commandments, but basically by being with him will carry us through life. And in carrying us through life, and our faith and love with him, we will change the world.

Sometimes we make too much of the commandments. The Ten Commandments, basically, were just part of the commandments of God’s law. The Ten Commandments were: Thou shalt not this, thou shalt that not, thou shalt do this, thou shalt honor, thou shalt etc. What we have, however, is something quite different. We have Jesus saying: Happy are you who mourn and hold people’s hands when disaster comes and faces them and you mourn with them and lament with them and you feel their sorrow and you make it your own sorrow.

Happy are the peacemakers, those who do not run after trying in one way or another to outdo their neighbor, but to bring people together, from children to adults to frightened old people who wonder if it has all been worth it. To bring peace, this is the object of God’s becoming man: to restore the peace that God intended for all creation when on that very first day. He said, “Let there be light” and there was light. And that light is now Jesus, and that light is you and I and all those who walk this world driving back the darkness, living it and not just preaching it and talking about it and hoping for it, but living it day by day in every way in the small gestures of coming together in love.

The heart of the matter, which we were never told truly, and if you ever ask anybody what is the most important thing from the Bible, they’ll say the Ten Commandments: thou shalt this and thou shalt not. Jesus says the most important thing is you are the light of the world, because God loves you and cares for you and forgives you and worries about you and will never let you and will always reach out when you ask Him for His help and, this is the important part, you must learn to love, you must learn to have compassion, you must learn how to forgive.

You must not learn how to make each other reasons for competition. You’re not supposed to run around the world being successful, for the world’s success passes so quickly and it’s like the morning dew before the sun takes it away. We are asked to do simple things that everyone can do, every day, every moment, and yet these are the things that change the world, and it’s true.

So when we talk about what God expects of us, He expects us to reach out and care. He expects us to have a feel for each other, not to be locked up in our isolated little lives, not feeling that we have to achieve all kinds of things. All we have to achieve is to continue to walk with Jesus on this very beautiful, often painful path, and put our faith in what he has put his faith in, which is a Father in heaven who will take care of us, bless us and bring us into immortality as easily as the sun rises in the morning and goes down in the evening.

This is what Jesus came to do: to bring us a light, and he is the light, and give us that light that it might shine on the great and good and wonderful things that a world can give when we become less selfish and totally committed to what we should be. And that is a light shining in the darkness of the world, driving back the shadows, that people may see clearly and live once again by faith in God and faith in each other.

Fr. Manolo
SOUND SYSTEM
SHARED MEMORIALIZATION

I am especially campaigning for more contributors for our new Sound System because of its importance in our Renovation Project. I know that the $38,961.00 is quite a big amount for one family. So, I came up with the proposal that you can still contribute to the purchase of the Sound System in any amount that is affordable to you and your family. We will acknowledge our Sound System Donors in the following category:

- **PATRONS** - $3,000.00 and above
- **BENEFACTORS** - $2,000.00 - $2,999.00
- **DONORS** - $1,000.00 - $1,999.00
- **SPONSORS** - $999.00 and below

2020 ANNUAL APPEAL

The theme of the 2020 Annual Appeal is “Shining the Light of Christ.” As disciples, we are individually called to radiate the love of God in our work, our relationships, our service and our giving (cf. Mt. 5:16). As a Catholic faith community, our common worship, hospitality, pastoral care and ministry reflects this love to the wider community. By sharing our time, unique talents, and personal treasure, we participate in shining the light of Christ ever more brightly.

As members of the Catholic Church of Newark, we are united by a common mission entrusted to us by Jesus Christ - to proclaim the Gospel, to pass on the faith to the next generation through the celebration of the sacraments, to care for the poor and vulnerable, and to form our future priests. The 2020 Annual Appeal binds us more closely to this mission through our stewardship of God’s many gifts.

Your support of this year’s Annual Appeal will have a direct impact on the lives of those served through the ministries and programs of this Archdiocese.

Sunday, February 2 is PLEDGE SUNDAY. Please return PLEDGE FORM in any given Sunday. Our parish goal has been reduced from $34,700.00 to $20,000.00 due to our current fund raising for our renovation project.
**Honor Gifts or Memorial Opportunities**

As our church renovation project is about to begin, I would like to thank all of you especially those who support this project through your financial contribution, active involvement in planning and those who prayed with us. Since our Church Renovation Budget does not include the church furnishings and fixtures, we are pleased to present our **MEMORIALIZATION AND HONOR GIFTS CAMPAIGN** as part of our efforts to raise the funds for our church furniture. The memorial or honor gift is a permanent and lasting testimony to your loved one. One or more individuals or families can share the cost of each item.

**Payments**

You don’t need to pay the whole pledge amount at once. You can do it on an installment basis according to your capability.

**Acknowledgement**

As our way of saying thanks to you, all those who contributed to the **Capital Campaign** and those who donated for the **Honor Gifts and Memorialization Program** and those who are being honored and/or memorialized will be acknowledged. Their names will be grandly displayed in perpetuity on an exquisite **Donors and Memorial Wall** which will stand as a testament to the generosity of our family and friends. No plaque or marker will be attached to the furniture.

- New Immaculate Conception Marble Statue by the Stairs Landing $35,000.00 (TAKEN)
- Antique statue of John the Baptist Baptizing Jesus (TAKEN)
- Tabernacle - $16,000.00 (TAKEN)
- New Baptismal Font - $16,000.00 (TAKEN)
- New Carillon Bells - $16,000.00 (TAKEN)
- Altar of Sacrifice with Marble Top = $13,000.00 (TAKEN)
- High Altar of the Tabernacle with Marble Reredo - $13,000.00 (TAKEN)
- Ambo - $8,000.00 (TAKEN)
- Side Altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary - $8,000.00 (TAKEN)
- Side Altar of St. Joseph - $8,000.00 (TAKEN)
- Niche of the Blessed Virgin Mary by the Stairs Landing - $5,000.00 (TAKEN)
- Niche of St. John baptizing Jesus by the Baptismal Font - $5,000.00 (TAKEN)
- Regal Hanging Sanctuary Lamp Holder - $2,900.00 (TAKEN)
- Church Pews - $1,800.00 each
- The Presider’s Chair $2,900.00 (TAKEN)
- Processional Cross - $2,500.00 (TAKEN)
- **New Sound System by Monte Brothers** - $38,961.00 ($5,180.00 have been contributed)
- New Confessional Room - $35,000.00
- 7 Marble base of the Stations of the Cross - $2,000.00 each
- 4 Regal Floor Candle Stand for the Altar of the Eucharist - $1,900.00 each
- 4 Regal Altar of the Tabernacle Candlesticks - $1,000.00 each
- 6 Secondary Sanctuary Chairs for Deacon, Altar Servers, Lectors and Cantors (TBD)
- Credence Table and Offertory Tables
ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

Dinner Dance

Saturday, March 7, 2020
6:00 - 10:30 PM
Tickets - $35.00

We need Volunteers to help us run this event
Please call Jacqui Oprysko for details

We are starting to collect donations for our St. Patrick’s Dinner Raffle Baskets. Below are ideas for baskets that we have for this year, but not limited to. We are also in need of baskets of all shapes and sizes! Baskets will be assembled at ICC, the week before the St. Patrick’s Dinner. Donations can be dropped off in Nazareth Room. Thank you for your help!

GARDENING BASKET
Flower & Vegetable seeds, planter, gloves, shovel, knee pad, hose attachment, etc.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE
Sugar/Waffle Cone, Sprinkles, Chocolate & Caramel Syrup, Candy Assortment, Ice Cream Scoop, Shoprite gift Card (to buy Ice Cream)

CHOCOLATE LOVERS
Assortment of Chocolate Candies, Hot Chocolate Mix

KIDS CRAFT
Crayons, Coloring Books, Paint & Brushes, Beads & Strings, Pipe Cleaners, Playdoh

GRILL MASTERS
Grilling Utensils, Marinades, Lighter, Skewers

FAMILY GAME NIGHT
Board Games, Card Games, Snacks

ITALIAN BASKET
Olive Oil, Pasta

IRISH BASKET
Whiskey, Irish Tea, Baileys, Irish Signs/decorations

DATE NIGHT
Bottle of Wine, Wine Glasses, Crackers, Cheese & Meat

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
AMC Gift Card, Popcorn, DVDs, Candy

TEA
Assortment of Tea, Tea Cups, Travel mug, Biscotti

SPA AT HOME
Lotion, Candles, Epson Salt, Face Mask

BEACH BASKET
Beach Towel, Sunscreen, Cooler, Shovel & Pail

YOGA
Yoga Mat, Water Bottle, Yoga Socks, Foam Roller

COFFEE LOVERS
Gift Card to Starbucks or Dunkin Donuts, Coffee Mugs, K-Cups, Pound of Coffee, Travel Mug

MONEY TREE
Assortment of Scratch off Tickets

PET BASKET
Toys, Treats, Blanket, Picture Frame/Sign

BAKING BASKET
Mixing Bowl, Wooden Spoons/Spatula, Measuring Cups, Oven Mitts, Baking Sheet, Cooking Spray, Baking Mixes

February 26
MASSES
with Imposition of Ashes
12:00 Noon - Maryrest Chapel
4:00 PM - Maryrest Chapel
7:30 PM - ICC Chapel


**Wedding Anniversary Masses**

Each year the Archbishop joyfully celebrates Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark to pay tribute to couples who are celebrating milestone years, as well as other couples who value the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Marriage is a vital structure and institution in our society. These Anniversary Masses are a way in which the Church can continue to honor and uphold these sacramental unions, and, at the same time, the celebrating couples can be re-energized in their marriages.

If you or someone you know is celebrating a milestone year of marriage or would simply enjoy attending an Anniversary Mass, please contact your home parish to register to attend the Mass and to receive an anniversary certificate.

**The Dates of the Anniversary Masses for 2020:**

- **Sunday, April 19, 2020 @ 3pm**
  - All Counties - 5th & 25th Wedding Anniversaries
- **Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 3pm**
  - All Counties - 50th Wedding Anniversaries

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**SAFE ENVIRONMENT**

**How to Report Abuse**

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who need to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do by calling the Victim’s Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

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**Stewardship Report**

Weekend of 02/10/2020 - $ 2,695.00
Renovation 2nd Collection - $ 1,336.00
Assessment - $ 60.00
Restricted for Utilities - $ 295.00

**January Online Donation**

Online Ordinary Collection - $4,452.00
Online Renovation - $365.00

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**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, February 15**
9:00 a.m. William Walker by Jay & Kathy Heing
4:00 p.m. Dorothea Magrini by Kathy & Fred Haitz

**Sunday, February 16**
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Fulvio Zingaro by Lia Chagris
9:30 a.m. Janet Lamparelli by Marguerite McCrimlisk
11:30 a.m. Noreen Hanson by Tony & Kathryn Lamanna

**Monday, February 17**
President’s Day
9:00 a.m. Jose Alberto Duller by Larry & Julie Lycksell

**Tuesday, February 18**
12:00 p.m. Paulette Ferrara by Mary Leggour

**Wednesday, February 19**
12:00 p.m. Mary Bednar by Staff of ICC

**Thursday, February 20**
12:00 p.m. Stephanie Zonenberg by Cathy Garbor

**Friday, February 21**
St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
12:00 p.m. Josephine J. Holloway by Philip & Marsha Devencentis

**Saturday, February 22**
Chair of St. Peter, Apostle
9:00 a.m. Evelyn Gale by Philip & Marsha Devencentis
4:00 p.m. Louis Lombardi by John Turano

**Sunday, February 23**
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 a.m. Mary Ann Belfield by Tom Worsley
9:30 a.m. John Henry Williams by Tom & Jingay Williams
11:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the Parish

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**Parish Giving**

*With your generous stewardship, you are supporting our various Parish Ministries. Thank You!*

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