

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2018

PENTECOST SUNDAY

- 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Della Bella & Rossi Families
- 8:00AM Barbara Bilocchi
- 10:00AM Antonia Busanic
- 12:00PM Charles, Mildred, Victoria & S. Anthony Martorano

MONDAY, MAY 21

ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES & COMPANIONS

- 8:00AM Anthony C. Morin – Anniv.
- 11:30AM Conception Pineda

TUESDAY, MAY 22

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

- 8:00AM Dec'd Mbrs. Vecchione Family
- 11:30AM Ints. of Joanne & Marty Tarabochia

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

- 8:00AM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.
- 11:30AM Anton & Gloria Jadrosic

THURSDAY, MAY 24

- 8:00AM Mila Trebotic
- 11:30AM Dec'd Mbrs. Holmstrom & Fox Families

FRIDAY, MAY 25

STS. BEDE THE VENERABLE, GREGORY VII & MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI

- 8:00AM Maria Rici Mattessich
- 11:30AM Eda Bussanich

SATURDAY, MAY 26

ST. PHILIP NERI

- 11:30PM Eileen Monaghan
Querubin Evaristo
Linda Clark
Nicolina Mirkovic
- 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Dooley & Miele Families

SUNDAY, MAY 27

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

- 8:00AM Luigia Venier
- 10:00AM Dinko Busanic
- 12:00PM Marion Bruno

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

John Mattessich

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of

Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Dinko & Antonia Busanic

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Deut 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses reviews God's creative and salvific acts

Psalms 33

Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own

Rom 8:14-17

We are adopted children of God and heirs with Christ

Mt 28:16-20

Jesus sends the disciples to all nations

Pastor's Message May 20, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends,

There are three Sacraments which constitute a person's full initiation into the Christian faith: Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Most adults in our community have received all three, but there are also many who may not have received the grace of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Some of these may be asking, why should I be Confirmed? Does it really make a difference? The short answer to them is, "Yes, it does matter, because if you haven't been Confirmed you cannot serve as a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation."

I think the deeper question has to be, "Is this something that God is calling you to?" Because that is the first question we should ask any adult who is seriously interested in growing in their relationship with Jesus. Jesus is always calling us into a fuller participation in the life of grace, and Confirmation is yet another avenue for us to experience God's grace in our lives.

The specific effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit, just as this was granted to Mary and Jesus' Apostles on the day of Pentecost. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit unites us more firmly to Christ and it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us to take part in the mission of the Church, that is, to spread and defend the faith by our words and our actions as true missionary disciples and witnesses of Christ.

This fall we will be inviting our eighth graders to participate in a Sacramental preparation program to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. At the same time, we will begin a program of preparation for adults who may have missed the opportunity to be Confirmed when they were younger. This program is combined with the program to prepare unbaptized adults who will be Baptized and received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. The program is called the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA), and it is a process of discernment and growth in faith that is meant to be open to all adults... even those who may already have completed their Sacraments, but who feel that they could benefit by attending a little "refresher" course on the Christian faith. If you are interested in being a part of the RCIA this fall, please contact Fr. Bruce.

*Fondly yours in Christ,
Fr. Bruce*

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here

May 13th

Sunday Collection

\$5,401.00

Communicating God's Word Collection

\$1,472.00

"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." – 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances; God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do and guess what – we are not all called to do the same thing!

BINGO

THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.



SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Sharing God's Blessings Appeal. We have received \$30,220.00 in pledges from 129 families and have achieved approximately 94% of our goal. Epiphany will receive 62% of all funds received over our goal. Please be sure to honor your pledges. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your prayers and support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

Christ the Teacher will continue to have registrations from Monday – Friday, 9:00AM-2:00PM, as long as there is availability. Please contact the school at 201-944-0421 with any questions.

"LIFE IS GOD'S GIFT TO YOU; THE LEGACY YOU LEAVE BEHIND IS YOUR GIFT TO HIM!"

FATHERS' DAY CARDS

Fathers' Day Cards are available at the Church doors. Please mark your intentions on the envelope and return them with your donation to the rectory or in the collection basket by June 13th. Your intentions will be placed on the altar on Fathers' Day weekend.

JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN

Join Epiphany Church and Our Lady of Mercy Church as we travel to the Holy Land and Jordan. Experience, feel and see the wonders and physical manifestations of our faith and beliefs as we venture into the holiest places on earth – moments that will move you!! It will be November 5-14, 2018. Father Bruce Harger will be the Spiritual Director and the cost is \$3,490 per person, based on double occupancy. The single supplement is \$535. Cost includes one round-trip ticket, hotel accommodations, Continental breakfast and dinner, air-conditioned motorcoach, entrance fees and professional guide. Plane will leave from Newark Airport and the trip is being handled by Holy Land and Beyond LLC. Points of call are: Ben-Gurion Air Port; Nazareth (the Basilica of the Annunciation/St. Joseph Church), Mary's well/Mt. of Precipice/Nazareth, Galilee (overnight); Mt. Tabor/Cana – (renewal of marriage vows in the church of the wedding); crossing to the Kingdom of Jordan, Journey to Petra; crossing the border to Israel/Eliat/Arava Valley/Negev Desert/Dead Sea; Bethlehem; the Pools of Bethesda/Via Delorosa, Western Wall; Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Road to Emmaus/Joppa/Tel-Aviv. Transfer to Ben-Gurion for Departure. Contact Fr. Bruce at 201-943-7320 for more information.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, June 10th. Bus leaves at about 9:00AM and returns about 6:00PM. Reservations are \$35 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Heritage Fund. All tickets must be paid by May 29th. **ONLY 12 SEATS ARE LEFT FOR THE TRIP.**

PARISH PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, June 24th, at our Annual Parish Picnic. Picnic will be catered by Sedona Taphouse. Picnic will be from 1:30-5:00PM. Featured will be chicken, steak, hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta, potato salad, baked beans, salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$20 per adults and children are \$5.00 for 10 years and under. Families of four (two adults and two children or more) will be \$45.00. Entertainment will be by DJ Nick plus Sprinkles the Clown, who will make balloon animals, do face painting and much more. Tickets are available at the rectory.

DIVORCED/SEPARATED MINISTRY TRAINING DAY

Thousands of years ago the blind, deaf and dumb ran to Jesus for healing. He still invites them to come to Him today. Those who are in need of healing from divorce or separation want to learn how to rebuild their lives. They can through experiencing the love of Jesus Christ through His Church and people. Please consider bringing the 12 week program *Surviving Divorce* to your parish. This program can be facilitated by any clergy, religious, permanent deacon, pastoral staff member or layperson designated by the parish. The Family Life Office offers a one-day facilitator training session at the Archdiocesan Center on Saturday, June 23 from 9:00AM-4:00PM. To register/info contact: Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org

A DAY OF COMFORT AND HOPE

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark invites all parents who have suffered the loss of a child to attend *A day of Comfort and Hope* on Saturday, June 2nd at Notre Dame Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell. This full-day retreat affords bereaved parents the opportunity to join together in a caring, spiritual setting. Pre-registration is required by May 29th as space is limited. For information, please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org

WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIPS

This year we will be awarding two Scholarships – one for an 8th grader going to a Catholic High School and one for an entering or current college student.

PARENTS OF CHILDREN GRADUATING FROM EIGHTH GRADE

Is your child planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall? Did you know Epiphany Parish awards a scholarship for parishioners' children graduating and planning to attend a Catholic High School based upon their cumulative GPA? To apply for this Scholarship, contact Cathy at the Rectory at 201-943-7320 by June 15th.

WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have a scholarship for a beginning or current college student who is an active parishioner of Epiphany Church who will be a freshman in the fall of 2018 or is currently enrolled in a four-year college. One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually. New applications will have to be submitted yearly. Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for applications will be June 1st. The scholarship will be awarded on June 24th.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations 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 us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. You may report an allegation of sexual misconduct by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Road East, Asbury, NJ will sponsor "Let the Little Children Come to Me" on Saturday, June 2nd. They will be honoring the feasts of Corpus Christi and the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. All First Holy Communion children are invited to attend the First Saturday Mass of Reparation in their First Holy Communion attire as a gift to Our Lord and Our Lady. Our Lady's plea of December 10, 1925 requested that we do Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Schedule of events includes: 10:00AM – Confessions; 11:30AM – Rosary; 12 Noon – Holy Mass with speaker/celebrant Rev. Stanilaus Slaby; 1:00PM – Enrollment in Brown Scapular and Confessions; 2:00PM – Holy House – talk on Last Vision – Fatima Video; 3:00PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet. For further information call 90-689-1700 or visit

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, Brother Peter Lyne, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Cora Shaffer, Helen Steinel, Richard Scheiblich, Ivan Tarabokija, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Mary Barchetto, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Marie Maraiia, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Eileen Palazzo, Johanna Rea-Reynolds, Florence Hoffman, Peter Foglio, Jr., Hilda Borrito, Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Dorothy Tolomeo., Ralph Aurelio, Giovanni Centrella, Thomas O'Riordan.

