

**SUNDAY, JUNE 17, 2018**

**11<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00PM Dolores Calabrese  
8:00AM Don Boso Hahm  
10:00AM Joe Bartoletta  
12:00PM Joseph & Grace Fiore

**MONDAY, JUNE 18**

8:00AM Federico Orpilla  
11:30AM Renato Vlachich

**TUESDAY, JUNE 19**

**ST. ROMUALD**

8:00AM Mark & Flavio Zen  
11:30AM Andrijana Skrivanic

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20**

8:00AM Maria Morin  
11:30AM Hipolito Claudio

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21**

**ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA**

8:00AM Ante Franin  
11:30AM Mary Cahill

**FRIDAY, JUNE 22**

**STS. PAULINUS OF NOLA & JOHN FISHER**

8:00AM Martino Matesic  
11:30AM Anthony Tardio

**SATURDAY, JUNE 23**

11:30PM Bridget & Charles Barbato  
Ann Canonico  
Mara Magnozzi  
Nicolina Mirkovich  
Giovanna Vaccaro  
5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Sottile & Sariti Fam.

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**NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST**

8:00AM John Mattessich  
10:00AM John Della Rosa, Sr. – Birth.  
12:00PM Filomena Pallotta

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

Roseann Corbisire-Brooks



**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

Joseph Lally

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*

Joseph Lally

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*

Joseph Yun

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Is 49:1-6**

The Lord's servant is called from his mother's womb

**Ps 139**

I praise you for I am wonderfully made

**Acts 13:22-26**

Paul proclaims John's special role

**Lk 1:57-66, 80**

The birth of John, the Messiah's precursor

**Pastor's Message June 10, 2018**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

In today's gospel Jesus speaks about the mystery of how the kingdom of God grows. We must affirm in every aspect of growth that we might see in the church, it is always God who is making it happen... not us! That doesn't mean, however, that we should simply sit back and let God do all the work. No, God wants to use us in the process of bringing growth and life and vitality into the world by means of the Body of Christ, the church. And we are that Body in the flesh. As St. Teresa of Avila's prayer reminds us:

*"Christ has no body now, but yours.*

*No hands, no feet on earth, but yours.*

*Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks compassion into the world.*

*Yours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.*

*Yours are the hands with which Christ blesses the world."*

So the kingdom grows through God's action, but we are a part of the plan. Our work, our planning, our vision, all our effort on behalf of the kingdom is just a part of God's overall design. We don't see the finished product, we just have to be faithful to the tasks that lie before us. And there is so much for us to do here in this small part of the Lord's vineyard.

This past week, at one of the daily masses, I preached about some of the "images" of what it means to be a priest/pastor. I mentioned a couple of the ideas that I have heard. So, for example, the priest/pastor is like a cheer leader. He is the one who is supposed to animate people... and encourage them... rooting them on to accomplish the mission of building up the church. Another image is the image of the priest/pastor as the one who is supposed to keep the vision of what the church is supposed to be... the "visionary"... always reminding the community of who they are and charting the course to accomplish the mission of Jesus. Yet another image is the priest/pastor as the conductor of the orchestra. All the people in the parish community are like different instruments in the orchestra, but it's up to the conductor to lead the people into making a harmonious "sound".

All these images are helpful to some extent, and they do describe the work of a priest/pastor, but we also have to take this into account: if there is no team, what good is a cheer leader; if there is no community to make the vision come about, what good is having a "visionary"; and, if the people in the orchestra aren't bringing their instruments to play, will there ever be any music? Brothers and sister, you are the church. Without you, I can do nothing. Pray to God, who makes all things grow and thrive, that our community will also grow and thrive as we continually seek to do His will in all things.

*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*

*June 10<sup>th</sup>*

*Sunday Collection*

*\$5,467.00*

*Assessment Collection*

*\$1,782.00*

*"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive good or evil, according to what he has done in the body." – 2 Corinthians 5:10*

*We are all accountable for the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?*



**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**

We have received \$31,850.00 in pledges from 133 families and have achieved approximately 99% 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](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**LIFE LINE SCREENING**

Take a step toward staying healthy and active. Be smart and do more for your cardiovascular health. Life Line Screening will be at our parish on Monday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Package one includes plaque, vascular disease and heart rhythm screenings for \$139. Package 2 includes all of the above plus osteoporosis screening for only \$10 more - \$149. It's a savings of \$181. Life Line Screening has partnered with over 100 hospitals across the country and has conducted 8 million screenings since 1993. To register for these screenings and receive a \$10 discount, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit [www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/community-partners)

### PARISH PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at our Annual Parish Picnic. We will be wishing Fr. Jim Tucker good luck as he embarks on his new assignment. 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 until June 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CITIZENS

The following are the activities to be held at the Cliffside Park Senior Citizens: June 26 – Stoney Hill Inn with Uncle Floyd, Joe Zisa and Friends - \$50; Summer Concerts on the Patio – Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Richie Ranno & Allstars (Rock); Friday – August 24<sup>th</sup> – Son Candelo (Latin); August 10<sup>th</sup> - River Lady River Boat Luncheon – Cruise on Toms River and Barnegat Bay - \$44. Vacation with the Seniors for 7 days and 6 nights at Mackinac Island, Michigan including Frankenmuth and The Upper Peninsula – September 15-21. Please call for more information – 201-943-3768.

### PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM

The Pre-College Program at FDU is an exceptional opportunity for motivated high school students to explore their academic interests, while learning from professionals in real college classes. This summer, courses are being offered in the following cutting-edge areas: Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, Digital Animation, Cybersecurity, Beyond the Game – Explore the Business of Sports, Creative Writing for Future Writers, Cosmetic Science for the Beauty Industry, Project Management for the Business World, Genetics and Its Impact Upon Our World, Astrophysics – the Stars of the Galaxies. Students can choose to attend Pre-College for one or both sessions. Sessions are offered Monday, July 9 to Thursday, July 19 and Monday, July 23 to Thursday, August 2. If you have any questions, please contact us at 201-692-7366 or you can email at [precollege@fdu.edu](mailto:precollege@fdu.edu)

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Summer officially begins June 21<sup>st</sup>. Traditionally this is a time of rest and vacations. Have you planned a get-away for just the two of you? Even if you can't take a "real" vacation fantasize together about a dream vacation either at home or away. A staycation counts.

### PARENTING POINTERS

"Our Father, who are in heaven..." Note that we say "Our " Father not "My" Father since God is father to all the children of the earth. Yes, remember your own father on June 17<sup>th</sup>, but also remember those children whose father is absent, unemployed, deployed in a foreign land, abusive, or in some other way not present. Can you be like a father to someone who needs you?

### PRAYER FOR FATHERS' DAY

*God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves, the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death – or divorce who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen them by your love that they may be and become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen*

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP

For our parish to have accurate records, please notify the parish office when there are changes in your address or phone number. Please let us know if you are moving away and will no longer be members of our parish community. All adult Catholics should be registered in a parish. Young adults of working age should register independently of their parents. For Epiphany to testify for you to be a Baptismal godparent, a confirmation sponsor or witness to a Catholic marriage it is necessary that you be a registered member of our parish. For additional information about this process, please call the parish office – 201-943-7320.

### DON BOSCO PREP HOSTS HSPT TEST PREP PROGRAM

Don Bosco Prep is hosting its HSPT Test Prep Program this summer, open to all rising eighth grade students to help prepare for the high school entrance exam. Session I runs from Monday, July 9-Thursday, July 12 and Monday, July 23-Thursday, July 26 and Session II runs from Monday, July 16-Thursday, July 19 and Monday, July 30-Thursday, August 2. Program Tuition is \$500. For more information, please visit [www.donboscoprep.org/admissions](http://www.donboscoprep.org/admissions)

### LOVE & RESPONSIBILITY NEW JERSEY

Love and Responsibility New Jersey is a life changing series for young adults (18+) based on St. John Paul II's teachings on human love. In an era where there is much confusion about love and relationships, these insights are perhaps needed now more than ever. These Wednesday evenings will shed light on the mysterious dynamics between men and women, and at the same time, challenge us to live out these relationships better. It will be held every Wednesday beginning June 20<sup>th</sup> and concluding on July 25<sup>th</sup>. The series will conclude with a Mass in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of "Humanae Vitae". It will be held at Sacred Heart Hall at the Youth Retreat Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny at 7:30PM. For more information go to FACEBOOK.COM/LRNEW JERSEY.

### BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING PROGRAM

Do you feel called to serve the needs of the bereaved? The Family Life Office is running a course this summer for the first time on Monday nights from July to August at Church of the Annunciation in Paramus. Participants will be trained as Bereavement Support Group Facilitators. To register go to [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org) or call Lauren Egan at 973-497-4326. Pre-registration is required. Class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirement of the Safe Environment Program of the Archdiocese of Newark. Seton Hall CEU's available with course completion.

### 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, Ivan Tarabokia, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Marie Maraia, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Eileen Palazzo, Florence Hoffman, Peter Foglio, Jr., Hilda Borrito, Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Paula Mastromarino, Patricia Bowlby, Clyde Harger.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Giovanna Vaccaro, Rev. Msgr. William Linder.*

**"BLESSED IS THE MAN WHO TRUSTS IN  
THE LORD, WHOSE CONFIDENCE  
IS IN HIM!"**

