

SUNDAY, JULY 8, 2018

14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Sottile & Sariti Families
- 8:00AM Stephen John Petruzzello
- 10:00AM Fernando DeBenedetto
- 12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Mosca & Romano Families

MONDAY, JULY 9

ST. AUGUSTINE SHAO RONG & COMPANIONS

- 8:00AM Maria Morin – Birth./Anniv.
- 11:30AM Martin & Maria Morin

TUESDAY, JULY 10

- 8:00AM Raymond Engels
- 11:30AM Maria Toto

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

ST. BENEDICT

- 8:00AM Giovanni Picinich
- 11:30AM Lina Frankovic

THURSDAY, JULY 12

- 8:00AM Rev. Desmond O'Connor
- 11:30AM Ints. of John Mattessich – Birth.

FRIDAY, JULY 13

ST. HENRY

- 8:00AM Antonia Matesic
- 11:30AM Mary Daly

SATURDAY, JULY 14

ST. KATERI TEKAKWITHA

- 11:30PM Maureen Nocero Müick  
Anne Villani  
Sam DeBella  
Caterina Scaffee

- 5:00PM Connors & Gargiulo Families

SUNDAY, JULY 15

15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00AM Carmela Bussanich
- 10:00AM Talsu Lee
- 12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Hughes Family

ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of*  
Joseph Lally

ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of*  
Patrick McDermott

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of*  
Maria Morin

MASS CANDLES

*In Memory of*  
Erica Duran

PREPARING FOR MASS

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Am 7:12-15**

God calls Amos to prophesy to Israel

**P s 85**

Justice and peace shall prevail

**Eph 1:3-14**

All are chosen and loved by God

**Mk 6:7-13**

The disciples are sent to heal and preach in his name

PASTOR'S MESSAGE JULY 8, 2018

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

In our gospel passage today we heard how the people of Jesus' home town rejected the gospel that he preached simply because they couldn't imagine that someone from their local community might have some new insight to offer. Jesus came home, and he couldn't get around the way that his relatives and friends were so stuck in the past in order for him to perform the mighty deeds that he had done in other places.

This passage should be a warning to all of us that we need to be open to new ideas and new opportunities. And we need to be open to new people and listen to what they have to say about our church, because these are exactly the people that we want to attract and retain as members.

I've been doing a little "research" about Cliffside Park, NJ and this is just a sample of the data available for our community, taken from the 2017 population estimates provided by the U.S. Bureau of the Census:

Borough of Cliffside Park, NJ Population estimate, July 1, 2017 – 25,142 (6.5% increase from 2010 Census)

% of Persons under 18 yrs. – 15.5% (3,897)

% of Persons over 65 yrs. – 20.5% (5,154)

% of Persons over 18/under 65 – 64% (16,091)

% of Persons Asian alone – 13.6% (3,419)

% of Persons Hispanic or Latino – 30% (7,543)

% of Foreign born Persons (2012-2016) – 46% (11,565)

% of Persons age 5+ with a language other than English spoken at home – 59.8% (14,208)

% of Persons age 25+ with Bachelor's degree or higher – 42%

Median household income (2016 dollars) 2012-2016 - \$60,516

Per capita income (July 2015-June 2016) - \$38,808

Looking just at the data available to us, what kind of questions should we be asking ourselves about the ministry here in Epiphany? How are we making decisions about how we "spend" our resources in the parish (time, talent, and treasure)? Are our choices driven by our feelings? Our opinions? Our past practice? What are we doing to keep up with and even to anticipate the changes in our local community?

Jesus' relatives and his neighbors missed out because they weren't ready to accept Jesus' gospel of Good News. And Jesus has entrusted us with the mission of bringing his good news to our neighbors and families here in Cliffside Park. Will we approach that mission and plan for success? Or will we succumb to our own skepticism over past failures and give up the mission before we even start?

*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*  
*July 1st*

**DUE TO THE FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY, THE BULLETIN HAD TO BE SENT THE WEEKEND BEFORE. WE WILL PRINT THE TWO COLLECTIONS IN NEXT WEEK'S BULLETIN.**

*"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" – Ezekiel 2:2-3*

*God asks each of us to do some special work for Him. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. However, do we listen to God when He calls? Do we get up on our feet and use our talent to do the work He asks of us? Remember, God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called.*

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.**



**"GIVE GOD WHAT'S RIGHT, NOT WHAT'S LEFT!"**



### **BLOOD DRIVE**

Today, Sunday, July 8<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM-1:00PM, the Knights of Columbus Benedict XV Council will be sponsoring a Blood Drive to support the Community Blood Services of New Jersey. Blood will be taken in the "Blood Mobile" located in the Church Parking Lot and free refreshments will be served in the Church Hall. Donors must be in good general health and weigh at least 110lbs. Walk-Ins are always welcome. Why not come and donate life-saving blood to someone in need?

### **WELCOME FR. PIUS GOMES**

We wish to welcome Fr. Pius Gomes who will be here with us for the months of July and August. Fr. Pius is studying in Rome. His native land is Bangladesh. Please give him a hearty Epiphany welcome.

### **CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CITIZENS**

The following are the activities to be held at the Cliffside Park Senior Citizens: Wednesday, July 11 – Resorts Casino Trip - \$33 – 8:30AM; Tuesday, July 17 – Veterans Hospital Transport – must make an appointment; Concerts on the Patio – Friday, July 20<sup>th</sup> – Richie Ranno & Allstars (Rock); Friday – August 24<sup>th</sup> – Son Canelo (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.

### **SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL**

We have received \$31,957.00 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)

### **A WEEKEND OF EUCHARISTIC REPARATION**

Take a break from the hectic days of summer, and come to the beautiful Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima in Asbury, NJ. Join them for "A Weekend of Eucharistic Reparation" in honor of the 101<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima, July 12<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup>. Come before the Blessed Sacrament as they pray the Rosary each hour, celebrate Holy Mass, and join in round-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration. Families, groups, ministries, and individuals are invited and encouraged to participate! Please say "YES", and give this special gift to our Blessed Mother! Go to the website: [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) For more information, call 908-303-8859 or 906-689-1700 ext. 24.

### **A GENTLE REMINDER**

During the summer months we are in a more relaxed spirit. However, we urge our parishioners to give some consideration as to how to come dressed in the House of God. This is a church, a house of prayer and worship and fortunately it is air-conditioned. We are called to be reverent, respectful and modest in all aspects of our behavior. *Please dress appropriately to come to the House of God!*

*Thank You*

### **SAVE THE DATE – TRICKY TRAY EXTRAVAGANZA**

We will be having our Annual Tricky Tray Fall Beefsteak Dinner/Dance on Saturday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. We are looking for new items to use in our raffle. **If you can donate any new items, please bring them to the rectory. We are also in need of empty baskets (wicker baskets, gift baskets, etc.) that we can use to wrap the prizes for our Tricky Tray. If you wish to make a monetary donation for us to buy a gift, it would be greatly appreciated.** It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, raffles and prizes. Tickets are now available at the rectory at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Entertainment will be by the Jumpin Dragons Band.

### **NEW ADDRESS FOR FR. JIM TUCKER**

We wish Fr. Jim good luck as he ventures onto his new assignment in the Diocese of Meutchen. Beginning July 8<sup>th</sup>, Fr. Jim will be assigned at St. Mary's Church, 830 Fifth Avenue, Alpha, NJ 08865 – 908-454-0444.

### **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.

### **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 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 at 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)

### **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 Tarabokija, 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, Clyde Harger, Gloria Bonura, Cesar Valdecantos, Leonarda Zafra Santos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH**

*Maria Espinoza Leone, Brother Jim Finnegan.*

