

SUNDAY, JULY 15, 2018

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

- 5:00PM Connors & Gargiulo Families
- 8:00AM Carmela Bussanich
- 10:00AM Talsu Lee
- 12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Hughes Family

MONDAY, JULY 16

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

- 8:00AM In Honor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

- 11:30AM Elena Dominico Bussanich

TUESDAY, JULY 17

- 8:00AM Martino Matesic (Sito)

- 11:30AM Sheila Cunningham

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

ST. CAMILLUS DE LELLIS

- 8:00AM Denise DiStaulo

- 11:30AM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

- 8:00AM Stella & Joseph Oliveri

- 11:30AM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

ST. APOLLINARIS

- 8:00AM Tony Hroncich

- 11:30AM Louis Barricella

SATURDAY, JULY 21

ST. LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI

- 11:30PM Maria Dobric

Rosalie Menzella

Nicolina Mircovich

Albert & Roseann Gaetani

- 5:00PM Theresa & Charles Ciniello

SUNDAY, JULY 22

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

- 8:00AM Stephen John Petruzzello

- 10:00AM Marco DeBenedetto

- 12:00PM Dec's Mbrs. Mosca & Romano Families

ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of*

Joseph Lally

ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of*

Patrick McDermott

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of*

Joseph Lally

MASS CANDLES

*In Memory of*

Johanna Rea Reynolds – Birth.

ALTAR FLOWERS

*In Memory of*

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PREPARING FOR MASS

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Jer 23:1-6**

Israel awaits the shepherd who brings justice and security

**Ps 23**

The Lord is my shepherd

**Eph 2<sup>nd</sup> 13-18**

Christ establishes peace and reconciliation

**Mk 6:30-34**

The shepherd models compassion

PASTOR'S MESSAGE JULY 15, 2018

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

In the first paragraph of his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis makes a special invitation to us all:

*"The joy of the gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus. Those who accept his offer of salvation are set free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness. With Christ joy is constantly born anew. In this Exhortation **I wish to encourage the Christian faithful to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization marked by this joy**, while pointing out new paths for the Church's journey in years to come."*

What I hear in the Holy Father's call "to embark upon a new chapter of evangelization" is something that our church desperately needs in this time and place. We can see how, over the past few years, our attendance is dwindling, our congregation is aging, and many of our most faithful parishioners are either dying or moving away in order to receive the care they need in their golden years. We need to reach out to the community around us and find new ways to engage the younger people who are moving into our area (Remember, 64% of the local population is between the ages of 18 and 65, while only 20.5% is 65 and older).

I believe that we need to invest seriously in programs and facilities that will attract and accommodate that younger population. We need to listen carefully to what these young people have to say to us, and we need to be willing to change in order to make a place for them in this community. There are prophetic voices out there, and we don't want to be like Amaziah in the first reading this week, who refused to listen to the prophet Amos. And we definitely don't want to be like the towns in today's gospel passage, who failed to welcome Jesus' disciples.

Based on this idea of programming and accommodating young people, here's a few of the ideas that we are planning on implementing in the fall: We would like to "experiment" with adding a "youth oriented" mass, once a month, on Sunday evening. This mass will coincide with our monthly sessions for the young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2019.

Another idea is; once a month, to invite our CCD families to attend the 12:00 noon mass and stay afterward for a "family faith" experience in the church hall. This will involve sharing a pancake breakfast or bagels and... with some games or other family-friendly activities.

Recently, when I was flying to visit my father, I had a very interesting experience. I was trying to buy something in the convenience store in the terminal, but all of the stores accepted only credit or frequent flyer miles. Under my breath I said, "Wow! Doesn't anyone take cash anymore?" A young man overheard my remark and said to me, "What's cash?" Young people today seem to prefer paying bills and managing their finances over their phones or tablets rather than carrying a lot of cash around, so another initiative I would like to try out is to offer the option of online giving to the parish. This system will be integrated into the new parish ministry software program that we recently purchased. This program will help us in many ways to establish better communication with all of our registered parishioners, and especially those parishioners who are better adapted to using the internet.

These are just a few of the ideas that we are pursuing. Rest assured, this is not just change for the sake of change. There is a reason that we are doing these things, and it all ties back into the idea that the church's mission is to bring the gospel to more and more people. Key to accomplishing that mission is to reach out to the people in our area and to show them that the gospel we preach is relevant to them. I invite all of you to join with me in this mission. Read the Holy Father's document, *The Joy of the Gospel*, and accept the challenge to become missionary disciples in today's world.

*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*

	<b>July 1<sup>st</sup></b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$5,178.00</b>
	<b>July 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$4,483.50</b>
<b>Assessment Collection</b>	<b>\$1,624.00</b>

*"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." - Mark 6:8*

*How different we are from the Apostles who took nothing when they ventured out to serve God. Today, we make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. When we really put God first in everything and put money and possessions second, we experience more freedom to joyfully serve God and others.*

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.**



### **BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS**

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Bus leaves at about 9:00AM and returns about 6:00PM. Reservations are \$35 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Community Food Pantry. All tickets must be paid by September 20<sup>th</sup>.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

We will be having a "Welcome to September Get-Together" on Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> in our Church Hall from 7:00-11:00PM. Tickets are \$15 per person which includes a hot dog, hamburger, dessert, soda, coffee and tea. Bring your own sides and fixings! Music will be provided by DJ Nick. Tickets will be available shortly.

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

We have received \$32,346 in pledges from 136 families and have met our goal. Epiphany will receive 62% of all funds received when we go 10% 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.

### **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.

### **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)

### **CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CITIZENS**

The following are the activities to be held at the Cliffside Park Senior Citizens: 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.

### **UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE DEGREES**

Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY will offer an Information Session for Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs which is scheduled for Wednesday, July 18 and Wednesday, August 8 from 5:30-7:30PM in the Prusmack Center.

### **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

**"IF YOU LOVE LIFE, LIFE WILL  
LOVE YOU BACK!"**

### **TEEN RCIA CLASSES**

RCIA Confirmation Classes for Teens will start in September. If interested, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number.

### **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 will be available at the rectory shortly at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Entertainment will be by the Jumpin Dragons Band.

### **MASS IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE**

A Mass in honor of St. Anne will be celebrated at St. Nicholas Church, Palisades Park on Thursday, July 26 at 8:00AM. A holy relic of the saint will be venerated immediately following the Mass. All are invited to attend. The church is located at 442 E. Brinkerhoff Avenue in Palisades Park. Access for the handicapped is available at the 13<sup>th</sup> Street side entrance of the church. For additional information, please call the rectory office at 201-944-1154.

### **SPECIAL NOON MASS**

A special mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter on Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup> at 12 noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the use of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information, please call 201-768-7565.

### **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.

### **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 Kilmer, Baby Michael, Marie Marais, 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**

*Dr. Theodore Hali, Anunziato Pitasi, Martha Scaringello.*

