

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Randy Hoffer
8:00AM Christopher Johnson – Birth.
10:00AM John Bucco
12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. O'Hare Family

MONDAY, JULY 30

ST. PETE CHRYSOLOGUS

8:00AM Nicolo Picinic
11:30AM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.

TUESDAY, JULY 31

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

8:00AM Martino Matesic (Sito)
11:30AM John Morich

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

8:00AM Louis M. Botto
11:30AM Rev. Desmond O'Connor

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2

STS. EUSEBIUS OF VERCELLI & PETER JULIAN EYMARD

8:00AM Bruno Matesic
11:30AM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3

8:00AM Palmira Skrivanic
11:30AM Bruno Matesic

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

11:30PM Louis Barricella
Rosalie Menzella
Dorothy Tolomeo
Laurie Rizzo

5:00PM William Paterniti

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Martino Bussani Tarabocchia
10:00AM Maria Skrivanic
12:00PM Sarah Mosca

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Rosalie Menzella

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
John Picinic

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
John Bucco

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Ex 16:2-4, 12-15

In the midst of human grumbling and bout,
God remains faithful

Ps 78

The Lord gave them bread from heaven

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put away your old self and let Jesus' love
define you

Jn 6:24-35

The bread of life does not perish but
endures forever

PASTOR'S MESSAGE JULY 29, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends,

In our reading this week taken from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians, Paul writes, "... live in a manner worthy of the call you have received..." I believe that it is in living our lives in that way that we become a credible witness to the faith. Our world today needs that credible witness more than ever in human history. Interviews of young people who identified themselves as "nones"... people with no religious affiliation... overwhelmingly hold that religion has no place in their lives. It's irrelevant to the issues that they deal with day in and day out. Some of these "nones" are marginally interested in religion but they rarely if ever attend services. And, while they may occasionally attend, they do so saying that they are open to the idea of the supernatural and believe in God or some higher power, but they cannot identify with following any particular religious tradition. It's puzzling to me when you meet someone who says that they are spiritual but not religious.

What are some of the reasons for the growing number of non-affiliated people in our society? First of all, studies point to a loss of respect for all of the traditional authority structures in our society, including religious ones. People are more likely to question authority because they have so much access to information today. A second reason is that fewer people in our society see that important social institutions like religious organizations, corporations and government are having a positive impact in society. There is a growing sense of skepticism and hopelessness about addressing the problems that we face today. Certainly, a third reason that people are less inclined to affiliate with any religion has to do with the financial and moral scandals that have been publicized. And the increasing association between evangelical Christianity and the super-conservative political right hasn't helped with the younger sector of the population who tend to be more liberal. A fourth reason has to do with the way that religious organizations have to compete for people's attention with work, family responsibilities, social media and other activities. That means that religion loses out to more "pressing" commitments. It isn't a priority with busy people when it just seems like another social obligation rather than a time for reflection, conversation and renewal.

A final reason why people choose not to affiliate with any religion has to do with the built-in feature of American individualism. Individuals in our society feel that they have the right to choose their professional affiliations, choose what they want to eat, what clubs they want to join, and a myriad of other associations. For them, religion is just one more affiliation that is "chosen"; whereas, in previous generations and in some other cultures people stayed with the religion in which they were raised.

The struggle to come to faith in God is even more challenging today in a world that has become so secularized and commercialized. It is hard, but it is not impossible to find the relevance of Christ and of the gospel in today's world. But what is needed more than ever is that credible witness to the relevance of our faith. We can be that witness and show the world that our faith does matter! We need to be God's faithful witnesses and missionary disciples.

*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 22nd
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	\$4,565.00
<i>Missionary Cooperation Appeal</i>	\$1,201.00
<i>There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many? - John 6:9</i>	

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. No gift is too small or insignificant!

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.



WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following couple who will be married in our church during the month of August:

Matt Zoklu.....Samantha Pough

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, August 3 is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 8:30-11:15AM concluding with Benediction at 11:15AM.



BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, September 30th. 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 20th.

SAVE THE DATE

We will be having a "Welcome to Fall Get-Together" on Saturday, September 15th 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 are available at the rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

THANK YOU FROM FR. JIM

Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for the outpouring of love from you, my Church family at Epiphany Church. The number of gracious and beautiful sentiments I have received have blown me away. Nine years of experience is impossible to forget. Just as God never forgets us, I will never forget the grace and wisdom I have received from you and my experience at Epiphany. That experience will be the centerpiece of my ministry as a priest. I only hope that I have reflected in some way the power of the One High Priest, Jesus Christ, of which I am but a very small part. Anyone is more than welcome to stop by St. Mary's Church in Alpha, NJ. As they say, if you're in the neighborhood, please stop by.

Fr. Jim Tucker

2018 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Cliffside Park presents the 2018 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7th from 5:00-9:00PM, rain or shine. It will be held at the Municipal Complex, 525 Palisade Avenue (Parking Lot). Come and enjoy foods from local restaurants, barbecue hosted by the Police and Fire Departments and EMS, zeppoles and cakes from Epiphany Parish. There will be lots of fun activities for kids of all ages including a bounce house and a petting zoo and more.

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, August 8 from 5:30-7:30PM in the Prusmack Center.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HIGH SCHOOL

Be Extraordinary! Registration for all grade levels at Immaculate Conception High School in Lodi will continue throughout the summer. Contact Nicole Mineo, Director of Enrollment Management for more information – nmineo@ichslodi.org or call 973-773-2665.

CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM PREP CLASSES

This program services boys and girls entering the 8th grade this fall. It provides an intensive review of math, reading, and language skills, instruction in quantitative and verbal reasoning, practice with all sections of the examination, and training in the appropriate test taking strategies. Summer classes offered at the end of July and August at Mary Help of Christians Academy and Immaculate Heart Academy. Weekend fall classes will be held at St. John's Academy. For more information and to register, visit them at www.sandtsexcel.com or call 201-666-5956.

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.

DID YOU MISS A SACRAMENT?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is one way to make up for the grace you may be missing in your life. To learn more about the RCIA process and about the Roman Catholic faith, please call Fr Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320). Our RCIA process will begin August 30th.

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 3rd. 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 available at the rectory at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Entertainment will be by the Jumpin Dragons Band.

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.

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

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, Peter Foglio, Jr., Hilda Borrito, Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Gloria Bonura, Cesar Valdecantos, Leonarda Zafra Santos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Leonard Cappelluti.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Elisa Minafo, James F. Goodness.

"ONE TODAY IS WORTH TWO TOMORROWS!"

