

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 5, 2018**

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

5:00PM William Paterniti  
8:00AM Martino Bussani Tarabocchia  
10:00AM Maria Skrivanic  
12:00PM Sarah Mosca

**MONDAY, AUGUST 6**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

8:00AM Grazie Paccione  
11:30AM Nicolina Picinich – Anniv.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 7**

**STS. SIXTUS II & CAJETAN**

8:00AM Francesca Baudone  
11:30AM Stephen Tullish

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8**

**ST. DOMINIC**

8:00AM Jeanette Legreca  
11:30AM Paul Del Rosso

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 9**

**ST. DOMINIC**

8:00AM Dobson, Runge & Meuter  
Families

11:30AM Dinka Picinic

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 10**

**ST. LAWRENCE**

8:00AM Giovanni Picinic  
11:30AM Carlo Buonsanto

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 11**

**ST. CLARE**

11:30PM Fred Talamo  
Marion Terranova  
Maria Matorvina  
Samuel & Marie Monaco

5:00PM Margaret & David Hans

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 12**

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

8:00AM Claire Yun  
10:00AM John Bucco  
12:00PM Mario & Assunta Graziano

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*  
Rosalie Menzella

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*  
John Picinic

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*  
Ernie Marino

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**1 Kgs 19:4-8**

When we are filled with doubt, God  
remains near

**Ps 34**

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

**Eph 4:30-5.2**

Be imitators of God in our daily lives

**Jn 6:41-51**

I am the bread of life come down from  
heaven; eat and you shall live

**PASTOR’S MESSAGE AUGUST 5, 2018**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

More words on the need to become “evangelical” Catholics.

In a live video-feed talk he gave to the Catholic Convocation in Orlando this past month, Bishop Robert Baron spoke about “equipping” Catholic men and women for the work of evangelization. He said that the way we evangelize should grab the world by the shoulders and shake it out of its apathy. Bishop Baron noted that evangelization is especially urgent as the “nones” (the people who do not identify with any particular religion) continue to grow. “We do have a fight on our hands, but the great saints of our church have always loved a good fight, and we should too.”

In his talk bishop Baron said that there are three main challenges and three main opportunities that Catholic evangelists face today:

The first challenge is Scientism. He said that the culture’s embrace of “scientism”, or the philosophical belief that the only valuable knowledge is scientific, is one of the great challenges that evangelists face when speaking to the world about God. “When we (as a culture) isolate ourselves from all references to the transcendent, we do damage to the human heart, we do damage to the human spirit,” he said.

The second challenge is the culture of “meh”. Bishop Baron said that there is an apathy in today’s society, especially among young people, who have been formed not to embrace anything as objectively true. “If there is no objective truth, no objective value, what that produces is a culture of ‘meh’, or as the kids say, ‘whatever’”. Bishop Baron holds that objective truths and values form a firm foundation that sends us on mission. Evangelization, the declaration of the good news of Jesus, is the antithesis of this apathy. “Once you’ve been grasped by the power of God...you know where to go and you do it with energy.”

The third challenge is the culture of self-determination. What was once a fringe philosophical idea known as voluntarism, which stemmed from philosophers like Nietzsche and other recent existentialists, is now mainstream thought among the millennial generation in the United States. The core belief of this philosophy is that freedom defines identity. He noted, “My freedom comes first, and then I determine essence, who I am, the meaning of my life. It’s all based on my freedom – my sexuality, my gender, purpose of my life is all up to me,” he explained. But to evangelize is to say that “your life is not about you, your life is not up to you.”

The Bishop then presented three opportunities for evangelization based on the three transcendentals of truth, goodness and beauty.

The first opportunity: An intelligent truth. Bishop Baron told his audience, “I hate dumbed-down Catholicism...” “We are a smart religion. But when we don’t express Catholicism in a smart way, people fall away.”

The second opportunity: The goodness of radical Christians. When the Christian life is embraced fully and radically, its goodness stands out to the world. He said, “The best example of this in the 20th century was Mother Teresa, who evangelized the world by her radical witness of goodness – caring for others indiscriminately.”

The third opportunity: Authentic beauty. Bishop Baron said that the best opportunity from which to start evangelization is with the authentic, objective beauty of the faith. “The objectively valuable and beautiful is ... something so intrinsically good and beautiful that it seizes us, it stops us in our tracks – something called aesthetic arrest.” “... Just show people the beauty of Catholicism – show them Cathedrals, show them the Sistine Chapel, show them Mother Teresa’s sisters at work. Don’t tell them what to think and how to behave, show the beauty of Catholicism, and that has an evangelical power.” “... These are people who have been seized by something so powerful and so overwhelming that they want to grab the world by the shoulders and tell them about it,” he said. “We need to be filled with the same ‘grab-you-by-the-shoulders’ enthusiasm about the beauty of our faith.”

*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 29<sup>th</sup>*

*\$4,261.92*

***Sunday Collection***

*“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” – Exodus 16:4*

*When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern out “wants” from our “needs”. Living a generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.*

**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>.**

### WELCOME TO FALL GET-TOGETHER

We will be having a "Welcome to Fall 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 are available at the rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

### THANK YOU

On behalf of the Passionist Missionaries of Vietnam, I thank you for your generosity and prayers for the work of the mission in Vietnam. Your contribution is greatly appreciated. Rest assured of the prayers from the people whom we serve in Vietnam.

*Fr. Ron Davoren, CP*

### WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH?

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is one way for Catholics, and those who may wish to become Catholic, to enrich and grow in their knowledge and practice of the faith. 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 30 with the Pre-catechumenate.

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

### 2018 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Cliffside Park presents the 2018 National Night Out on Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and the Knights of Columbus. There will be lots of fun activities for kids of all ages including a bounce house and a petting zoo and more.

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CITIZENS

The following are the activities to be held at the Cliffside Park Senior Citizens: August 16 – PAAD & Senior Gold Application Assistance – 11:00AM; August 8 – Resorts Casino Trip - \$33 due at sign-up – 8:30AM; August 17 – Harness Racing Hall of Fame Museum Tour & Lunch - \$20 – 8:30AM; August 21 – Veterans Hospital Transport (new must make appointment); August 21 – Healthy, Body, Healthy Mind/Dance Party & Meditation - \$5 – 12:30PM; August 22-October 3 – Diabetes Workshop (free 6-week course) – 10:00-11:00AM; August 24<sup>th</sup> – Son Candelero (Latin). Please call for more information – 201-943-3768.

**“PROTECTING LIFE IS OUR DUTY AS  
CATHOLICS, AND ENDING LEGAL  
PROTECTION FOR ABORTION IS  
IMPERATIVE!”**

*Denver Archbishop Samuel J. Aquila*

### CALLING ALL TEENS TO DISCIPLESHIP

Our Parish Youth Ministry program is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> with the celebration of a "different-kind-of" mass at 6:00PM, followed by a "different-kind-of" activity from 7:00 to 8:30PM. All young people (8<sup>th</sup> grade and up) are invited and encouraged to attend the mass and the activity. For more information, and to enroll in the Parish Youth Ministry program (including the Confirmation program) please contact Fr. Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320).

### YOUTH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Our Parish Youth Confirmation program is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> with the celebration of a "different-kind-of" mass at 6:00PM, followed by a "different-kind-of" activity from 7:00 to 8:30PM. All young people (8<sup>th</sup> grade and up) who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to attend the mass and the activity. For more information, and to enroll in the Parish Youth Confirmation program, please contact Fr. Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320).

### 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 [201-93-7320](tel:201-93-7320). Our RCIA process will begin August 30<sup>th</sup>.

### VOLUNTEER SINGERS & MUSICIANS WANTED

We are looking for volunteer singers and musicians (keyboard, guitar, bass, flute, violin, etc. and percussion) who would like to play contemporary Christian music for our Parish Youth masses. Please contact Fr. Bruce at [201-943-7320](tel:201-943-7320).

### AUGUST APPARITION OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

On Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, join with His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Road East, Asbury, NJ to celebrate the August Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima. The schedule is as follows: 10:30AM – Confessions; 12:00 Noon – Rosary Procession; 12:30 – Guest Speaker – Mr. Thomas McKenna; 1:15PM – Holy Mass – Celebrant – His Eminence Raymond L. Cardinal Burke; 3:00PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:15-5:00PM – Talks at Holy House USA and Fatima video for children. For more information, please call 908-689-1700 or email [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)

### JOB FAIR

Catholic Charities and Proceed Inc. will be holding a Job Fair on Friday, August 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30AM-1:00PM. It will be held at 1122 East Gand Street, Elizabeth, NJ. Go prepared with a few copies of your resume, photo ID, social security card and meet and interview with an employer. For more information and to RSVP, contact Shirley at Catholic Charities at 908-603-0858 or Roberto at Proceed Inc at 908-351-7727 ext. 235.

### 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, 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, Michael Duddy, 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

*Orsola Klybus, Helen Held, Rev. John Basil.*

