

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM John, Rose & Joseph Ferrara
 8:00AM Rose Zilocchi
 10:00AM Maria Morin
 12:00PM Rita Prashker

MONDAY, AUGUST 20
ST. BERNARD

8:00AM Ernie Sdrigotti
 11:30AM Joanne Mircovich – Anniv.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21
ST. PIUS X

8:00AM Dinko Skivanic
 11:30AM Carlos Ynfesta – Birth.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22
THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00AM Zlatko Simonovich
 11:30AM Lovro Picinic

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23
ST. ROSE OF LIMA

8:00AM Ante Franin
 11:30AM Dinko Matesic

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24
ST. BARTHOLOMEW

8:00AM Theresa Lee
 11:30AM Pedro, Sr, Pedro, Jr. & Luis Velez

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
STS. LOUIS & JOSEPH CALASANZ

11:30PM Mary & John Wahrenberger
 Rosalie Menzella
 Dr. Arsenio Talingdan
 Jakamina Picinic
 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Sottile & Sariti
 Families

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Maria Ricci Mattessich
 10:00AM Stella Cinclini
 12:00PM Edwin Henriquez

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
 Rosalie Menzella

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
 John Picinic

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
 Matteo Suttora – Birth.

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
 Rose, John & Joseph Ferrara

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Decide whom you will serve

Ps 34

Taste and see the goodness of the Lord

Eph 5:21-32

Love one another with mutual reverence

Jn 6:60-69

You have the words of everlasting life

PASTOR'S MESSAGE AUGUST 19, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends,

The 6th Chapter of the Gospel of John is theologically “packed”. Jesus’ “Bread of Life” discourse was controversial in his day. As this Sunday’s gospel passage tells us, “*The Jews quarreled among themselves saying, ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat!?’*” and his discourse is still a source of controversy among Christian denominations today.

Belief in the “real presence” of Jesus in the Eucharist is a foundational teaching of our Church. However, many of our Protestant brothers and sisters do not hold to the same understanding of Jesus’ words, “This is my body... this is my blood.” Many of them say that Jesus’ presence in the Eucharist is solely a matter of faith, and that the celebration of the Lord’s Supper is only a commemorative memorial (symbolic) of what Jesus did on the night before he suffered and died on the cross.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church makes it very clear: “*The mode of Christ’s presence under the Eucharistic species is unique. It raises the Eucharist above all the sacraments as ‘the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend.’ In the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained.’ This presence is called ‘real’... because it is presence in the fullest sense, that is to say, it is a substantial presence by which Christ, God and man, makes himself wholly and entirely present.*”

Many people do not understand why we are so careful in safeguarding the Blessed Sacrament in our churches. They don’t understand why we have Eucharistic Adoration or why we encourage people to come and spend time in the chapel where the Tabernacle is placed. Quite simply, it is because we believe that Jesus is really and truly present in the Tabernacle. Jesus, the Christ, the second Person of the Blessed Trinity, God... is with us; and there is no better way for us to experience our communion with him than to sit silently with him in prayer and contemplation of this mystery.

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

	<i>August 12th</i>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>\$3,994.50</i>
<i>Assessment Collection</i>	<i>\$1,501.00</i>

“Watch carefully then how you live not as foolish persons but as wise...” – Ephesians 5:15
A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

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.

RIGHT TO LIFE

Each Friday through September 28th, answer the U.S. bishops’ call to pray and fast that a change in the U.S. Supreme Court will move our nation closer to the day when every human being is protected in law and welcomed in life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray/

“IF GOD IS YOUR CO-PILOT, SWAP SEATS!”

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.**

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.

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.

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.

EPIPHANY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

We wish to thank all of you who so generously donate food to our Food Pantry. However, lately we have noticed that many food items that are given have already expired. **Please do not send** any expired food items as we cannot give them away. We must dispose of them. We don't want any clients to become ill over out-dated food. We are at this point in need of the following food items: canned fruits, vegetables, sauce; tuna, rice, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly. These items move rather quickly. We appreciate all that you do to support our efforts at the Food Pantry.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUPS

Many who hunger for God's consolation after the loss of a loved one, separation or divorce or other circumstance will find that faith based programs can offer them hope and comfort. A listing of parish support groups are now available on the Family Life Office webpage. Currently, the Archdiocese of Newark has over 60 different types of support groups ministering to an estimate of 1,200 people each year. The types of groups include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated and divorced, single parents and same sex attraction. To find a support group near you, go to www.rcan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0 and select the group type from the menu on the right. To make updates to our list, please contact Lauren Egan at 974-497-4327 or Lauren.Egan@rcan.org

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CITIZENS

The following are the activities to be held at the Cliffside Park Senior Citizens: 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 24th – Son Candelò (Latin); Friday, September 14 –An Intimate Evening of Oldies with Michael D'Amore plus dinner (bruschetta, antipasto salad, penne ala vodka, Italian cookies, coffee, tea) – 6:00-10:00PM - \$30 – transportation available. All proceeds will help fund senior programs. Please call for more information – 201-943-3768.

CALLING ALL TEENS TO DISCIPLESHIP

Our Parish Youth Ministry program is scheduled to begin on Sunday, September 16th 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 (8th 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 16th 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 (8th 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).

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).

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.

DON BOSCO PREP HOSTS HSPT EXAM PREP COURSE

Don Bosco Prep is hosting its HSPT Exam Prep Course this fall, open to all eighth grade boys and girls to help prepare for the high school entrance exam. The session will be held on Saturdays, from September 22- November 3, from 9:00AM-12:00PM in Savio Hall. Program tuition is \$500. Deadline for application is Friday, September 14. For more information, please contact mcooper@donboscoprep.org

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, Ioan 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

Katie D'Angelo, Lenny Farber, Otto Guillen Sanchez.

