

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Gelsomina Marchesani
8:00AM Maria Piccini (Luba)
10:00AM George Glockner & Charles Rossi
12:00PM John Bucco

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00AM Flavio & Mark Zen
11:30AM Maria Hroncich

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

8:00AM Martino Mattesich
11:30AM All who were lost on 9/11

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY

8:00AM Mateo Morin
11:30AM Ints. of Mario & Maria Morin –
Anniv.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:00AM Joseph Yun
11:30AM Antonia Scrivanich

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

8:00AM Anton Picinich
11:30AM Angela Marsico & Grazia
Simeone

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

11:30PM Dorothy Lombardo
Johanna Rea Reynolds
Lisa DiMartino
Dominic J. Salvati
Zdenko Matesic

5:00PM John Glendenning, Jr.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Stephen John Petruzzello
10:00AM Vincent Libero
12:00PM Cappelluti Family

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Gelsomina Marchesani

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Rosalie Menzella

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Natalie Lopac

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Dec'd Mbrs. Pellegrino & Ferrara Families

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 50:5-9a

The Lord God is my help

Ps 114

I walk before the Lord, in the land of the
living

Jas 2:14-18

Faith without works is dead

Mk 8:27-35

Who do you say that I am?

PASTOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends,

Our readings this Sunday offer us the opportunity to receive God's promise of restoration and healing. In the days of Isaiah the prophet, the people of Israel were desperately in need of that message as they languished in exile. God's promise to restore the people to their homeland and to reestablish the temple in Jerusalem deeply touched their hearts. How could God not also open the eyes of the blind and clear the ears of the deaf to see and hear of their salvation?

In our Gospel passage Jesus is seen as the fulfillment of God's promise as he spoke the single word, "Ephphatha!" – Be opened! This Sunday we pray that our eyes may be opened to see, and our ears may also hear the good news of God's promise to restore His suffering church.

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

September 2nd

Sunday Collection

\$5,534.30

Church in Eastern Europe Collection

\$1,448.00

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" – James 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

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 28, answer the U.S. Bishops' call to education, fasting and prayer for the legal protection of human life. Join at www.usccb.org/pray!

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

We have three collection envelopes for this weekend, September 8th & 9th. Therefore, we will only use two of them – regular and assessment. We will take the collection for The Catholic University next weekend, September 15th & 16th.

JOIN TO SING

As we enter the season of fall, the Epiphany Adult Choir is resuming its singing season. Adult choir will begin on September 16th at 9:00AM in the chapel. Everyone is welcome to join. You don't have to be gifted but only to come with enthusiasm and your love of music. If you have any questions, please come and speak to Dr. Sunny Son, Director of Music or one of the cantors!

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. 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.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

Activities at the Senior Center include: Sept. 14th – a Special Evening with Michael D'Amore Dinner Show - \$30 – 6:00PM; Sept. 19th-Oct. 10th – Diabetes Workshop – 10-11:30AM; Oct. 10th – Oktoberfest at Lakeside Manor, Hazlet - \$50 – 9:30AM; Oct. 23rd – Senior Art Show -10:00AM-2:00PM. Call 201-943-3768 ext. 112 for more information.

"LIFE ISN'T TIED WITH A BOW, BUT IT'S STILL A GIFT!"

CCD REGISTRATION

CCD Registration for grades 1 to 8 will be held on the following date:

Sunday, September 9 – 1:00-2:00PM at the rectory office

All registrations must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate if the child was not baptized at Epiphany. The fee is \$100 for Communion and Confirmation (grades 2 and 8). All other grades are \$85. The first day of class is Sunday, September 16 at 11:00AM- 12 Noon held at the school on Lafayette Avenue. **NO** registration will be accepted without Baptism Certificate or payment. Any questions contact Donna Murtagh at the rectory office.

WELCOME TO FALL GET-TOGETHER

LAST CALL TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR OUR "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.

SAVE THE DATE – TRICKY TRAY EXTRAVAGANZA

We will be having our Annual Tricky Tray Fall Beefsteak Dinner/Dance on Saturday, November 3rd, catered by Giresi's. 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.

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, September 15th at 12 Noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. Call 201-768-7565.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held at the following high schools: Bergen Catholic, Oradell, Sunday, September 16th – 1:00-3:00PM. Register at www.bergencatholic.org/admissions; Paramus Catholic, Paramus, Sunday, September 23rd - 1:00-4:00PM and Wednesday, October 17th – 7:00-9:00PM. For more information call 201-445-4466 ext. 104.

HIGH SCHOOL PLACEMENT TEST

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic high school in Fall 2019! The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic high schools will be given on Friday, November 9th. Registration for this exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org beginning September 4th. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program go to www.catholicsschoolnj.org

DON BOSCO HOSTS HSPT EXAM PREP COURSE

Don Bosco hosts its HSPT Exam Prep Course on Saturdays, September 22nd-November 3rd from 9:00AM-12 Noon. Tuition is \$500. Application deadline is September 14th. Contact mcooper@donbosoprep.org

EVENING OF PENANCE AND PRAYER

Cardinal Tobin is inviting all the faithful of the Archdiocese of Newark to an Evening of Penance and Prayer on Friday, September 14th at 7:30PM, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It will be held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart, Newark. The Cardinal is asking that this evening take precedent over all other parish activities and encouraging all to make it a day of fast and abstinence.

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).

REBUILDING TOGETHER

Do you need home repairs? Are you on a fixed or low income? Rebuilding Together North Jersey (a 501 c3 nonprofit) can help for FREE! Residents of Bergen or Passaic County can apply for help in any of these ways: visit rtnorthjersey.org/rtnjapps or call 201-447-8886 or email info@rtnorthjersey.org

FREE CITIZENSHIP AND ESL CLASSES

Free Citizenship and ESL Classes are being offered by the Franciscan Community Development Center, 239 Anderson Avenue, Fairview beginning on September 12th – December 7th. To register call 201-941-1000 or 201-941-2977.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, 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, Cora Shaffer, Helen Steinel, Ivan Tarabokia, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Marie Maraia, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Peter Foglio, Jr., Hilda Borrito, Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Gloria Bonura, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Leonard Cappelluti, Evelyn Rodriguez, Tony Martello, James Heyden, Glenn Rome, Ruth Behsman, Barbara Snow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Sister Josephine Marie Szaro, Debra Ann Sands.

