

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Della Bella & Rossi Families
8:00AM Stephen John Petruzzello
10:00AM Linda Clark
12:00PM Bruno Matesic

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

8:00AM Ante Franin
11:30AM Maria Morin

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00AM Joseph Lally
11:30AM Maria Rici Mattessich

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN
8:00AM Anna Wenderoth
11:30AM Giacomo & Antonia Matesic

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
8:00AM Stanley Krajewski
11:30AM Maria Morin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

STS. WENCESLAUS & LAWRENCE RUIZ & COMPANIONS

8:00AM Joseph Lally
11:30AM Emma & John Mattessich

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL
11:30PM Giovanna Morin

Maria Leticia Rodriguez
Anna Skrivanic
Rita Boyco
Zedenko Matesic

5:00PM Maria "Kiki" Tarabokija

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Maria & Mirko Marusic
10:00AM Anna Tarabocchia
12:00PM Carmela Bussanich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Gelsomina Marchesani

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Rosalie Menzella

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
George, Marie & Larry Eichler

MASS CANDLES

For the intentions of
The Mircovich Family

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Nm 11:25-29

Would that all the people of the Lord were prophets!

Ps 19

The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart

Jas 5:1-6

Come rich, weep and wail

Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Whoever is not against us is for us

PASTOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 23, 2018

"Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them:

'Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me.'"
(Mark 9:36-37)

My dear parishioners and friends,

Our gospel this Sunday asks us to consider the question, "What are we doing for the children and the young people of our parish?" Last Sunday we officially began our Religious

Education Programs for the year. I know that a number of our families are blessed with the financial means to send their children to one of our fine Catholic schools where religious education is a compulsory subject. However, many of our families are unable or even reluctant to send their children to a Catholic school because of the financial burden that might incur.

As the priest who is responsible for the well-being of all our families, I am necessarily concerned for the spiritual life of our children. And for those children who may not have the opportunity to receive religious instruction in a Catholic school, I feel that we have a particular obligation to provide an excellent program of religious education here in our parish. To accomplish that goal, of course, we need to invest a significant amount of our time, talent and treasure.

First of all, we need the support of all parents to make sure that your children are registered for religious education classes, and to insure that your children attend classes on a consistent basis. Secondly, our Religious Education Program needs a number of volunteers to serve as catechists (teachers), classroom assistants and "helping hands" to make sure that the program is able to serve the needs of all of our children. Mrs. Donna Murtagh and Lucinda Sariti, our Parish Catechetical Leaders, can use all the help that you are willing to give them. Let me encourage you to speak with them directly in order to explore the possible ways that you might connect with the religious education programs.

The responsibility to educate our children and to help them to form their consciences in order to make good, wise and moral choices in life is a shared responsibility. Parents principally bear the burden of that because of the commitment that they made on the day of their child's baptism. But we too have a stake in assisting parents in carrying out this responsibility. I would like to ask you all to prayerfully consider whether you could possibly do more to support our parish Religious Education Program. The time to volunteer is NOW because the need is great. And without your help we cannot grow and move forward in our mission to proclaim the gospel.

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 16TH

Sunday Collection

\$4,308.00

The Catholic University Collection

\$1,083.00

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." - Mark 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

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.

FLU SHOTS

The Cliffside Park Senior Center, in conjunction with Shop Rite of Palisades Park, will be hosting a Flu Clinic on October 11th for all residents of Cliffside Park at the Senior Center, 500 Gorge Road, from 10:00AM-1:00PM. All participants must bring their Medicare and/or prescription cards with them.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

LAST CALL to purchase tickets for our bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem next 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 25th.

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.

FAMILY FAITH SUNDAY

With the help of the Knights of Columbus Council 2355 our parish is sponsoring a "Pancake Brunch" following the 12:00 Noon Mass on Sunday, October 7th in the Church Hall. All are invited to attend, but especially families with children in our Religious Education programs. Don't miss this opportunity to be fed spiritually and physically.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

On a Marriage Encounter Weekend married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones for 44 hours – and focus only on each other. If you'd like greater depth, growth, and enrichment in your relationship, you'll like the difference a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend can make! For more information, contact Janet and Mike Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email mikeandjanetwwwme@gmail.com or go to nnjwwwme.org

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held at the following schools: Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus, Sunday, September 23rd from 1:00-4:00PM and Wednesday, October 17th from 7:00-9:00PM. For more information contact the Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext. 104; Immaculate Conception, Lodi – Sunday, September 23rd at 10:30AM and Thursday, October 18th at 6:00PM. For more information visit www.ichslodi.org; Mary Help of Christians, North Haledon – Sunday, September 23rd and Sunday, October 14th at 1:00PM – register online or by email to admissions@maryhlepp.org; Don Bosco, Ramsey – Thursday, September 27th – 6:30-8:30PM and Sunday, October 28th – 1:00-3:00PM. Register at www.donboscoprep.org; St. Joseph Regional, Montvale – Sunday, September 30th from 11:00AM-2:00PM. For more information and directions please call 201-391-3000 or register at www.snjm.org; Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY – Wednesday, October 3rd – 10:00AM-12 Noon in the Prusmack Center; Academy of the Holy Angels – Sunday, October 14th from 1:00-4:00PM. Register online at www.holyangels.org/admissions; St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City – Sunday, October 14th – 1:00-4:00PM – call 201-547-6389; Hudson Catholic, Jersey City – Sunday, October 14 from 2:00-4:00PM.; Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington – Sunday, October 14th from 11:00AM-2:00PM and Thursday, October 25th from 6:30-8:30PM. Online registration is requested at www.ihanj.com or you can call 201-445-6800 for more information.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? (James 4:1) Couples fight about many different things – money, whose job it is to clean up, the kids... Identify your top gripe of today and decide to let it go. Is one day of peace too hard?"

AIDA

Opera lovers! If you are interested in seeing the Metropolitan Opera's production of Giuseppe Verdi's *Aida* in a local theatre, please contact Fr. Bruce. The show begins at 12:55PM on Saturday, October 6th. Tickets are \$24.00 for Adults/\$22.00 for Seniors. We will try to organize a car-pool to the theatre and dinner following the show at an affordable restaurant.

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).

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Epiphany Children's Choir is currently accepting children Grades 3-12 for its after-school choir program. The Choir is responsible for enriching the Mass at 10:00AM on Sundays, and rehearses every Wednesday from 3:15-4:30PM, starting with a snack down in the social hall. The Choir focuses on singing music from the Catholic tradition as well as the modern church structure of the Mass. Community hours are available for older students. October 3rd is the first rehearsal. For more information, please contact Dr. Sunny Son at sunnyjison@gmail.com

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, please 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 Lauren.Egan@rcan.org or 973-497-4327

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, 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, Peter Foglio, Jr., Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Gloria Bonura, Cesar Valdecantos, Leonarda Zafra Santos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Leonard Cappelluti, Evelyn Rodriguez, Tony Martello, James Heyden, Glenn Rome, Ruth Behsman, Barbara Snow, Norma Brown, Doris Portillo.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Al Becker, Hilda Borrito, Silvano Vlacic, James Seymour.

**"IT IS NOT HOW MUCH WE DO,
BUT HOW MUCH LOVE WE PUT IN
THE DOING. IT IS NOT HOW
MUCH WE GIVE BUT HOW MUCH
WE PUT IN THE GIVING!"**

