# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2018 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Ana Katunar

8:00AM Carmine Magnone

10:00AM Marie Theresa Park

12:00PM Millie Maiorana - Birth.

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

8:00AM John & Gaudencia Mircovich

11:30AM John Bucco

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

8:00AM Giovanni D'Urso

11:30AM Eda Bussanich

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00AM John & Antonia Bussanich

11:30AM Aunt Grace, Uncle Mike, Rose, Frances & Joseph Tuozzo

# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

ST. CECILIA

9:00AM Maria & Antonio Hroncich Ints. of Fr. Ken Evans - Anniv.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

ST. CLEMENT I & ST. COLUMBAN

11:30AM Frank Liccione

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24**

ST. ANDREW

11:30AM Dorothy Lombardo

Mara Magnozzi

Samuel & Marie Monaco

Orlando James Cappitelli

Rosa Victoria Gaguana

Zdenko Matesic

Anne Lepis

5:00PM Stella & Anthony Ciarkowski

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

8:00AM Antonia & Dinko Busanic

10:00AM Luka & Maria Morin

12:00PM Patrick & Elaine Gratale

### ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

David Mihalinec

# ALTAR WINE

In Memory of David Mihalinec

### SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

John Bucco

### MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Daniel Carillo

# PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Dn 7:13-14

His dominion is everlasting

Ps 93

Your decrees are worthy of trust

Rv 1:5-8

He is ruler of the kings of the earth

In 18:33b-37

My kingdom does not belong to this world

### **PASTOR'S MESSAGE NOVEMBER 18, 2018**

My dear parishioners and friends:

As our liturgical year draws closer to the end our Sunday readings ask us to consider what it will be like at the end of time. In our gospel passage this weekend Jesus describes how, following a terrible time of tribulation, the Son of Man will return "with great power and glory". But, he tells us, as to the day or hour when that will happen, "no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Passages like the one we have in today's readings are referred to as "apocalyptic" because they describe the complete destruction of the world. Even with our scientifically-based view of the universe we can accept the probability of a life-ending cataclysmic event because we have evidence of similar events having occurred in the prehistoric past. Certainly, the people who are protesting the current administration's apparent disregard for the environment believe that we are heading for a time when our world is no longer capable of supporting human life. But the science of the "end times" cannot deal with the religious implications of what it will mean

From the religious or theological perspective we might easily come to the conclusion that we are already living in the "end times". Ever since the day of Jesus' Ascension into heaven we have been waiting for His return. And the many difficulties that God's faithful are experiencing in this world could easily be identified as the time of tribulation that Jesus describes in today's gospel passage. Jesus tells us in the gospel to learn a lesson from the way that God's people continue to suffer in this world... it is meant to be a sign for us to prepare for the "end time" when we will all be called to judgment. The very important line that is not included in today's gospel passage, but which immediately follows this passage tells us all: "Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! For you do not know when the appointed time will come."

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

November 11<sup>th</sup> \$4,992.00

Sunday Collection

Assessment Collection

\$1,991.00

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." – Mark 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?



### **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.

NO BINGO ON THANKSGIVING DAY! ENJOY IT WITH YOUR FAMILIES!

# **CHRISTMAS PARTY**

The annual Christmas Party for Bingo Workers, Food Pantry Workers, Confraternity of Christian Women and Legion of Mary Members will be held on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM at Café Tivoli. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Please pay for your tickets at the rectory. Pick a name for your Secret Santa Gift. The gift should have a value of at least \$15.00. Reservations must be made and paid for by December 7<sup>th</sup>.

# "WE MUST LIVE TOGETHER AS BROTHERS, OR PERISH TOGETHER AS FOOLS!"

### **CHRISTMAS WREATHS**

We will again be selling Christmas Wreaths. Each wreath is stunningly decorated with pine cones, ornaments and a large red bow. Wreaths are \$17.00 each. Wreaths will be ready for pick-up on December 1st and 2nd and December 8th and 9th. Proceeds will benefit the renovation of the Rectory Conference Room. Wreaths must be paid in full when ordering. FLYERS ARE IN THIS WEEK'S BULLETIN.

### ALL EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS "NEW AND OLD"

It is time for us to have a "refresher" course for all of our Eucharistic Ministers, "old and new". We are asking all of our Eucharistic Ministers to attend the training session which will be held in the church Saturday, November 24th from 3:00-4:00PM. If you attended this past weekend, you do not have to come again. Please plan to attend this session because we will be making a few changes in the way we do things.

### **BEST ADVENT EVER**

This year we would like to offer an additional opportunity for our parishioners to slow down and focus on the meaning of Advent as a time to prepare for Jesus' coming at Christmas. It is a free e-mail service from The Dynamic Catholic Institute. All you have to do is sign up at <a href="MestAdventEver.com">BestAdventEver.com</a> to receive daily e-mails with short inspirational videos, practical tips for your everyday life and some real-life stories to entcourage you in your Advent faith journey. When you're too busy or too distracted to pick up an Advent booklet, this is a great alternative!

### FOOD PANTRY FALL FOOD DRIVE

Each year the Epiphany Community Food Pantry provides food and a frozen turkey to hundreds of local low-income families for the Holidays. We are especially in need of the following: broth/stock, cakes mixes and frosting, canned vegetables, canned yams, cornbread mix, macaroni and cheese, cranberry sauce, gravy, instant mashed potatoes, jello, stuffing mix, cereal. We are also in need of frozen turkeys and hams. Please bring donations to the collection barrels at the entrances of the Church. Frozen foods MUST be brought directly to the Rectory.

# ARCHDIOCESAN PARISH 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 which include: general bereavement, bereaved parents, separated and divorced, single parents and same sex attraction. To find a support group near you, please go to <a href="https://www.rcdan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0">www.rcdan.org/about-parish-based-support-groups-0</a> and select the group type from the menu on the right. To make updates to our list please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or <a href="Lauren.Egan@rcan.org">Lauren.Egan@rcan.org</a>

### A THANKSGIVING DAY PRAYER

O Heavenly Father, on this Thanksgiving Day, let us pause to express our gratitude for Your constant love and care and for the many graces and blessings You have bestowed on us. We thank you for this day.

We thank You for all the countless gifts that grace our lives and continually delight and surprise us, especially our family and friends. Let us give thanks for the daily blessings we receive from You – health, food, joy and peace of mind. These are the blesssings You so generously share.

Loving God, today and every day, help us remember that Thanksgiving is first thanks and then giving.

Amen.

### SAVE THE DATE - GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Welcome in the New Year with your Epiphany family. We will be having a Gala New Year's Eve Party, Monday, December 31st. Party will be held from 7:30PM-12:30AM. Dinner will be catered by Roman Italian Restaurant, New Milford. Music will be by DJ Nick. Tickets are \$35.00 per person and are available for sale at the Rectory.

### THANKSGIVING PIE PICK-UP

If you ordered a pie for Thanksgiving, you may pick it up on the following day and times <u>ONLY:</u> Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM in the Rectory. Thank you for participating in this fund raiser.

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Please note that that there will be no CCD Classes on Sunday, November 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Classes will resume on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will be a Youth Mass and Confirmation Classs this Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00PM.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS**

If you receive weekly envelopes, there is an envelope for Christmas Flower Offerings. You may give your donation in memory of a loved one or simply just as a gift from your family. If you do not receive envelopes but wish to make a donation, please use a a blank envelope and put Christmas Flower Offering on the envelope as well as your intentions or use one of the Christmas Flower envelopes at the Church doors. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

# **ADVENT OF GIVING**

Throughout Advent our parish will be collecting brand-new toys, clothes and Christmas gifts for our annual Advent Giving Tree Program. These donations are then distributed by the Epiphany Community Food Pantry to hundreds of local residents and families who are in need this Christmas Season. We are in ned of an assortment of donations: Men's Clothing, Women's Clothing, Children's Clothing, Hats, Scarves, Gloves, Household Items and Toys.

# Donations must be brand-new and in original packaging. PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR DONATIONS.

Starting the weekend of December 1st & 2nd, please bring all donations to the Advent Giving Tree (located on the left side of the altar area) or directly to the Rectory Office. **All donations must be received by December 13th at the latest!** Contact the Rectory with any questions. As always, thank you for your generosity!

### 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, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynols, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynols, 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 Tarabokia, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Peter Foglio, Jr., Paul Kiczek, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Gloria Bonura, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Tony Martello, Glenn Rome, Ruth Behsman, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Norma Brown, Doris Portillo, Cabrini Lepis, Linda Shiers, Elizabeth Magliato Loughlin, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Anne Marie Applegate, Gerladine Fox.

# PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Sandra Spincola.