

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

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

5:00PM Sottile & Sariti Families  
8:00AM Antica Morin  
10:00AM Lucy Goodrich

12:00PM Krystyna Caruso

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES**

8:00AM Decima Ibarra

11:30AM Vincent Libero

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

8:00AM Emilios Cristous

11:30AM Francesca Meredith

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13**

8:00AM Raymond Engels

11:30AM Beatrice Lally

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14**

**STS. CYRIL & METHODIOUS**

8:00AM Carmen Villarama, Villarama  
Family & Maria Sayo

11:30AM Beniamino Mattessich

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15**

8:00AM Dominica Bussanich

11:30AM Barbato & Martorano Families

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

11:30AM Frank Liccione

5:00PM Zdenko Matesic

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM John Elisano

10:00AM Frank Liccione

12:00PM Barbara Miele & Dec'd Mbrs.

Dooley Family



**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*  
Lottie Skowron

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*  
Michael Manieri

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*  
Michael Manieri

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Jer 17:5-8**

The prophet contrasts trust in God with  
trust in humans

**Ps 1**

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord

**1 Cor 15:12, 16-20**

Faith must be rooted in Christ's  
resurrection

**Lk 6:17, 20-26**

Jesus preaches four blessings and four woes

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE FEBRUARY 10, 2019**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

This past Sunday I celebrated a milestone in my life. I turned 65 which, I suppose, officially makes me a "SENIOR CITIZEN"! I can't believe it!

I was so busy on Saturday that I didn't even take time to look at the mail. But on Sunday, after locking up the church and turning off the lights following the masses, I decided to look and see what the postman brought on Saturday. What I found is probably one of the best birthday presents I've ever received: a letter from Cardinal Tobin, officially appointing me as Pastor of the Church of the Epiphany effective immediately. So, now I can honestly say that I can expect to be here with all of you at least for the next six years. And if my health permits, I hope I will be your Pastor even longer.

I have been the Parish Administrator here at Epiphany for the past year, and it has been a great year getting to know the ins and the outs of running the place. I want to say how grateful I am to so many of you who are making Epiphany live and thrive as a healthy community of faith. I am very happy to have been called to serve as your Pastor and I look forward to many years of working together to realize our church's potential for spiritual growth and development.

*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*

*February 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**Sunday Collection**

**\$5,012.00**

*"Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?' 'Here I am,' I said, 'send me!'" – Isaiah 6:8*

*Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, "Whom shall I send?" Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. The next time you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say "Here I am, Lord."*

**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.**

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE, SANCTUARY LAMPS, MASS CANDLES & ALTAR FLOWERS**

We have Altar Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamps, Mass Candles and Altar Flowers available for the year 2019. Please come into the rectory to book one of these items in memory of or in honor of your loved ones.

**BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS**

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem, PA, on Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. The bus will leave at 8:45AM and will be returning approximately 6:00PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person (\$20.00 back for play & \$5.00 back for food). Tickets must be paid by February 25<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Heritage Fund for the new front doors.

**"FAITH IS NOT BELIEVING THAT GOD CAN. IT IS KNOWING THAT HE WILL!"**

### SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

We will be having our annual Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Featured will be a family-style sit-down corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings, and zeppole. Music will be by Shooting Star Entertainment – DJ Nick. Tickets are \$35 per person and can be purchased at the Rectory. Raffles and 50/50 will be featured. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund for the renovation of the Rectory Basement. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

### WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have a scholarship for a beginning or current college student who is an active parishioner of Epiphany Church who will be an entering freshman in the fall of 2019 or is currently enrolled in a four-year college as a sophomore or junior. One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually. New applications will have to be submitted yearly. Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for applications is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship will be awarded June 9<sup>th</sup> at the Parish Picnic.

### GOLDEN, SILVER & FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*April 28<sup>th</sup> – 3:00PM – 50 years – (all counties)*

*June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3:00PM – 5 & 25 years (all counties)*

The Archdiocese will honor all couples married 50, 25 and 5 years at the Cathedral Basilica. You must come to the rectory to fill out a form for any of these anniversaries. All reservations must be made two weeks before the Mass is scheduled. Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant at all Masses. Deadline for 50 years is April 17<sup>th</sup> and deadline for 25 and 5 years is May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4323 if you have any questions.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal directly supports various ministries and programs throughout the Archdiocese of Newark, such as our evangelization efforts, Catholic education, Catholic Charities, youth and young adult ministry, and many other ministries. **Your participation in this campaign is vitally important. Our parish goal this year is \$33,029.00. Thus far we have donations of \$1,590 from 15 donors.** If you have not yet made a pledge to the 2019 *Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal*, there is still time. Just complete a pledge envelope and drop it in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office. If you have already made a contribution, thank you for your generous gift.



### **CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL A 2018 National Blue Ribbon School**

*Open House and Registration for the 2019-2020 school year is on-going. Please note that being a parishioner offers you the opportunity of a discounted tuition rate.*

*We will continue to have open registrations from Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 2:00pm, and invite you to make an appointment. Please contact the school at (201) 944-0421 or email us at [info@christtheteacherschool.org](mailto:info@christtheteacherschool.org) for a tour.*

### SPRING BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING

Do you feel called to serve the needs of the Bereaved? The Spring Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese. The eight 2.5 hour sessions begin at the end of March and continues into May. Two separate classes are being held on Saturday mornings and Thursday afternoons at the Archdiocesan Center. For class registration and fee, contact Lauren Egan [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org) or 973-497-4327. Pre-registration is required; class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program. Seton Hall CEDU's available with course completion.

### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"They left everything and followed him." Leave behind the world's plan for your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends at [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call Mike & Janet Turco at 973-427-7016. One is on March 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no Religious Education Classes for grades 1-7 on the following days: February 17<sup>th</sup> and March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30PM in the Church Hall. Please note change of time for the winter months.

### THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

On Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, our parish adult faith formation program will continue with Bishop Robert Barron's series, The Pivotal Players. This is Bishop Barron's follow-up series to Catholicism.

The "Pivotal Players" series illumines the lives of a handful of saints, artists, mystics and scholars who shaped the life of the Church and changed the course of civilization. Our second installment will feature St. Augustine whose narrative of personal transformation provides a design for life in Christ that still captivates Christians today. Our monthly program is held at 1:00 PM on Thursday in the daily mass chapel.

### SAVE UP FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!

Join Fr. Bruce on a journey to Oberammergau, Germany for the 2020 Passion Play, Rome and the Vatican. Our tour is set for July 16-23, 2020. We will fly from JFK airport to Munich. Then on to Oberammergau where, since 1624 the town has performed the Passion Play recounting the last few days of Jesus' life before his death and resurrection. "The last time I saw the Passion Play was in 1960 and I have never forgotten it." (Fr. Bruce) After spending a day in Innsbruck, Austria, it's on to Rome for three days, including the Papal audience in St. Peter's square on Wednesday! The price for the trip begins at \$4,298 for double occupancy and it includes airfare from New York, admission fees for museums, First Class Hotel accommodations and gratuities, program fees, daily breakfast and dinner, deluxe motor-coach transportation, and the Passion Play tickets for the full 6-hour long performance. Don't miss the opportunity for this experience of a lifetime! For more information, brochures are available in the Rectory Office.

### COLD AND FLU SEASON

Because so many people are currently suffering from colds and flu at this time, we have decided to discontinue distributing the Precious Blood at masses for the next few weeks. When the weather warms up a bit and we are finally over this cold and flu season, we will resume using the "cups" at all our parish masses.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Eric Grigsby, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Brother Peter Lyne, Cora Shaffer, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Kenneth Crawford, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Ruth Behsman, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Elizabeth Magliato Loughlin, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Angelina Cozzitorto, Roberto Tarabocchia, Frank Gaetani, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Dottie Rossi, Isabel Gomez, Mike Hromin, Timmy Cappola.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Grace Siccardi, Deacon Robert Millea, Baby Luna Celeste Ramirez, Ada Lombardi, Gus Aquilone, John Tully.