

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2019
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER –
DIVINE MERCY

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Connors & Gargiulo Families

8:00AM Gus Aquilone

10:00AM Giulio Scoccimarro

12:00PM Kevin Lisky

MONDAY, APRIL 29

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

8:00AM Decd Mbrs. Vecchione Family

11:30AM Romolo Lechich

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:00AM Gaudenzia & John Piccini

11:30AM Romolo Lechich

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

8:00AM Anton Radoslovich

11:30AM Ivan Tarabokia

THURSDAY, MAY 2

ST. ANTHANASIUS

8:00AM Ivan Picinich

11:30AM John Picinic

FRIDAY, MAY 3

STS. PHILIP & JAMES

8:00AM Ivan Picinich

11:30AM Roberto Del Rosario

SATURDAY, MAY 4

11:30AM Nicantor U. Libramonte,

Elpidio Zafra & Dec'd Family

5:00PM Arthur DiPaolo

SUNDAY, MAY 5

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00AM Pasquale Iannaccone

10:00AM Attilio & Carmela Dente

12:00PM Maria & John Hroncich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Mary Barchetto

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

John Mattesich

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of

Manzini & Pettrizzie Families



PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

The apostles openly give witness to the power of Jesus' name

Ps 30

"I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me."

Rev 5:11-14

John declares the glory of Jesus, the Lamb of God

Jn 21:1-19

The risen Christ welcomes his own at the seashore

PASTOR'S MESSAGE APRIL 28, 2019

"Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." (John 20: 29)

My dear parishioners and friends,

In today's gospel passage Jesus calls us blessed. We are the ones who have come to believe in the Resurrected Jesus without having the benefit of seeing Him in the flesh. Mind you, we DO have many opportunities to see Jesus each and every day if we are looking through the eyes of faith and not just through our natural eyes.

For us Catholics, Jesus' presence is manifested first and foremost in the Eucharist. We believe that He is truly present under the signs of bread and wine. But Jesus is also present in His Body, the church. Even with all its faults as a body composed of weak human members, still the Church is intended to be Jesus Christ's presence in the world. The Church is the first "sacramental" sign, but we believe that she contains and mediates the full content of the faith which leads to our salvation, guaranteed her through the presence and action of the Holy Spirit.

A less commonly recognized way for us to experience the presence of the Risen Jesus is through contact with our brothers and sisters who are suffering: the poor, the alienated and marginalized, the diseased and distressed, people who are seeking refuge and the dignity of work that will allow them to provide for themselves and their families. We need to begin to recognize Jesus in all of them. And, by doing what we can to bring healing to the wounded places in our world, we will begin to experience the healing power of Jesus' Resurrection.

This Sunday the Church is celebrating God's Divine Mercy which has been poured out for us through the Blood of Jesus. In our first reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear how those who became believers in the Resurrection carried the sick and the injured out and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by they might experience God's Mercy and healing. So, also, we celebrated the gift of Divine Mercy this Saturday morning at our monthly "Healing Mass". Let me encourage you to take some time this Sunday to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy for the healing of our suffering world.

*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

April 21st

Easter Collection (thus far)

\$20,351.00

Holy Land Collection

\$ 1,789.00

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" – John 20:21

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be grateful and generous. Look for opportunities to share His peace, not only within our local parish boundaries, but outside of them as well. In giving, we receive the peace of Jesus Christ.



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.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following couple who will be married in our church during the month of April:

Zoltan Sepsi.....Christina Frankovic

DESIGNER BAG BINGO

Christ the Teacher School will be hosting Designer Bag Bingo on Friday, May 3rd in the school cafeteria beginning at 6:30PM. Tickets are only \$35.00 for 10 games of bingo, coffee, tea and dessert. You are welcome to bring any of your own food or drinks. For more information, call 201-944-0421.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS, BETHLEHEM

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem, on Sunday, June 30th. Bus will leave at 8:45AM and return at approximately 6:00PM. Tickets are \$35.00 per person which includes \$25.00 back for play. Tickets must be purchased by June 24th. All proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Heritage Fund for the purchase of new church front doors.

"ONE TODAY IS WORTH TWO TOMORROWS!"

NICHOLAS SERTICH TO BE ORDAINED A DEACON

Our Seminarian, Nicholas Sertich, will be ordained to the Diaconate on Sunday, May 19th at the 12 Noon Mass at the Cathedral Basilica, Newark. No tickets are necessary for the Ordination Mass. Also, on Monday, May 20th at 6:00PM, Nicholas will be serving as Deacon for his first Mass at Epiphany. A reception will follow the Mass. If you plan on attending, please RSVP to the Rectory by May 13th at the latest.

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 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 can be obtained at the parish office. Deadline for applications is May 15th. Scholarship to be awarded June 9th at the Parish Picnic.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

A 2018 National Blue Ribbon School



We will continue to have open registrations, provided there is availability, for Grades PK-3 year old program to Grade 8, from Monday-Friday, 9:00AM – 2:00PM, and invite you to make an appointment. Please note that being a parishioner offers you the opportunity of a discounted tuition rate. Please contact the school at 201-944-0421 or email us at info@christtheteacherschool.org for a tour.

SILVER & FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

June 2nd – 3:00PM – 5 & 25 years (all counties)

The Archdiocese will honor all couples married 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 25 and 5 years is May 22nd. Please call the Family Life Office at 973-497-4323 if you have any questions.

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, every ten years 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, we will travel 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 in two parts. Don't miss the opportunity for this experience of a lifetime! For more information, brochures are available in the Rectory Office.

CLIFFSIDE PARK NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH

There will be a meeting of the Cliffside Park Neighborhood Block Watch on Tuesday, April 30th from 7:00-8:00PM in the Municipal Building. All residents are welcome to become members. For more information call Lt. Sean MacKay at 201-313-2038 or Sgt. Sergio Khanukayov at 201-313-2095.

MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Mass for Our Country will be held at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Bryd Avenue, Bloomfield on Thursday, May 2nd at 7:30PM. It is an opportunity to come together and pray for God's blessings and mercy for our country.

STEAK-OUT FOR CHARITY

Please join us every Monday in May at Sedona Taphouse for either lunch and/or dinner. Sedona will donate \$1.00 for every flat iron steak or grilled salmon that is purchased. It is a win-win situation for us. All we need is for our parishioners and friends to go and say that they are coming to support Epiphany Parish.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly meeting on Thursday, May 2nd at 4:30PM. Our monthly Communion Mass will be on Saturday, May 11th in conjunction with the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother.

PARISH PICNIC

Save the date for our "Family Picnic catered by Sedona Taphouse on Sunday, June 9th, 2019 from 1:30PM-5:30PM. Entertainment will be by DJ Nick and Alicia the Clown. Tickets for the picnic are as follows: \$22.00 per person; ages 13-15 - \$15.00; a family of 3 or more (with children up to 12 years of age) is \$30.00. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal is still ongoing and you have time to make a pledge or a donation. We have \$26,187.00 already pledged. This is approximately 80% of our goal of \$33,029.00. Only 113 of our parishioners out of 1,377 families have participated in this Appeal. YOUR gift will truly make a difference. If we go over our goal, the parish will realize a rebate which we can use for our new Church Doors. Envelopes are at the church doors. Thank you for your prayers and support.

BRUNCH AT SEDONA TAPHOUSE

On Saturday, June 1st from 8:00AM-11:00AM, Epiphany Parish will be having a brunch at Sedona Taphouse. Tickets are \$20 per person and you can purchase tickets at the Rectory shortly. All proceeds will go towards the purchase of our new Church front doors. Please participate in this worthwhile benefit for our parish.

OPEN HOUSE

The following schools will hold Open House: Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington – May 1st – 6:30-8:30PM; Saint Dominic Academy, Jersey City – May 1st – 6:00-8:00PM; Saint Joseph Regional, Montvale – May 1st – 6:30-9:00PM; Mary Help of Christians Academy, North Haledon – May 2nd – 6:30PM; Bergen Catholic, Oradell – May 28th – 6:30-8:30PM.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, 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, 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, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Dottie Rossi, Mike Hromin, Timmy Cappola, Sean O'Connor, John Donato, Vladimir Drobikov, Vinka Uselj, Louanne Mitchell, Louise O'Connor, Kathy Lennon, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Margaret Gardner.

