

**SUNDAY, MAY 19 2019**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00PM Sottile & Sariti Families  
8:00AM John Mattessich  
10:00AM Antonia Busanic  
12:00PM Michael, Filomena & Maria  
Pallotta

**MONDAY, MAY 20**

**ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA**

8:00AM Tomaso Picinic  
11:30AM Mateo Hroncich

**TUESDAY, MAY 21**

**ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES**

8:00AM Nicolina & Domingo Mattessich  
11:30AM Concepcion Pineda

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 22**

**ST. RITA OF CASCIA**

8:00AM Mark & Flavio Zen  
11:30AM Ints of Joanne & Marty  
Tarabocchia

**THURSDAY, MAY 23**

8:00AM Benito Picinic  
11:30AM Giovanni Picinic

**FRIDAY, MAY 24**

8:00AM Maria & Tommaso Morin  
11:30AM Geraldine Fox Bartner

**SATURDAY, MAY 25**

**ST. BEDE THE VENERABLE, ST.**

**GREGORY, VII, ST. MARY MAGDALENE**  
**D'PAZZI**

11:30AM Frank Picinic  
Nicolina Matesic

5:00PM Ottavio Martire

**SUNDAY, MAY 26**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00AM Dolores Calabrese  
10:00AM Nicolo Picinic  
12:00PM Dinko Busanic

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

Mary Barchetto

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

John Mattessich

**EASTER CANDLE**

*In Memory of*

Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*

Dinko & Antonia Busanic

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Acts 15:1-2, 22-29**

Faced with controversy, the disciples reach a decision under the Holy Spirit's guidance

**Ps 67**

"O God, let all the nations praise you!"

**Rev 21:10-14, 22-23**

John sees the city of God illumined in splendor

**Jn 14:23-29**

Jesus promises to send the Holy Spirit to guide his followers.



**PASTOR'S MESSAGE MAY 19, 2019**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

**Congratulations!**

The Easter season is a season for joyful celebrations. After keeping the discipline of Lenten penitence in prayer, sacrifice and works of charity, Mother Church opens the flood-gates of God's gracious gifts bestowed on all of us in the Easter Sacraments. One adult and two children of catechetical age were baptized at our Easter Vigil this year. And on the following Sunday, Divine Mercy Sunday, a number of our children celebrated their First Holy Communion at the noon mass.

This Sunday evening (May 19<sup>th</sup>), our parish will welcome Bishop John Flesey who will bestow the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation on twelve of our young people and on one of our adult candidates who has completed his preparation for the Sacrament through the RCIA process.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Holy Orders (though it isn't normally considered one of the "Easter" Sacraments) has particular significance to us this year. One of our "own", Nicholas Sertich, will be ordained as a Transitional Deacon at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark this Sunday at the 12:00 noon mass. We rejoice with Nicholas and with his family, and we give thanks to God for his vocation! May the Lord who has begun this good work in his life bring it to fulfilment.

Nicholas will be serving as Deacon of the mass in a special thanksgiving celebration here at Epiphany this Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 PM. All our parishioners are invited to attend the mass; however, if you have not already expressed your intention to take part in the reception following the mass, we ask that you not attend the reception.

Yes, the Easter season is a time for joyful celebrations and we have all been greatly blessed in this holy time. Some of you were at the 10:00 AM mass last Sunday when we celebrated the sacramental marriage of Barry and Hilda Schechter. What a special treat that was to witness a wedding at a regular Sunday Mass!?!

Congratulations to our new members who were baptized at the Easter Vigil, and to all of our young people who received their First Holy Communion, and to Barry and Hilda on the occasion of their church wedding. Also, in anticipation we want to congratulate our young people who will be confirmed in the faith on Sunday, and especially congratulations to Nicholas on the occasion of his ordination to the Diaconate!

God has been so good to us! Thank you, Lord, for pouring out your Easter grace on our community this year!

*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*  
*May 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Sunday Collection* **\$ 4,463.00**

*Easter Collection (thus far)* **\$23,134.00**

**"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." – John 13:34**

*It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes strength and courage to love someone when we feel unappreciated, used or feel our opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage to "love my neighbor" when he may be someone I don't like, someone I don't know or someone that doesn't look like me.*



**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.**

**BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS, BETHLEHEM**

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem, on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Heritage Fund for the completion of the Rectory kitchen.

### PARISH PICNIC

**DON'T FORGET TO PURCHASE TICKETS** for our Family Picnic catered by Sedona Taphouse on Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 are on sale at the Rectory.

### THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

On Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</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. We will be tracking back to the 13<sup>th</sup> century in our fifth installment of Bishop Barron's series with an episode examining the life and work of St. Thomas Aquinas. St. Thomas is probably the most influential systematic theologian in the church's history. His work continues to influence the direction and content of Catholic theology with a clarity of vision and uncompromising reasoning that is seldom, if ever, superseded. Our monthly program is held at 1:00 PM on Thursday.

### FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is in dire need of the following food items **ONLY**: peanut butter, jelly, cereal, canned fruit, tomato sauce (**NO PASTA AT THIS TIME**), jello, rice (1-2 pounds only), snacks, toiletries. **DO NOT BRING ANY SOUP OR VEGETABLES AT THIS TIME.**



### 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](mailto:info@christtheteacherschool.org) for a tour.*

### SILVER & FIFTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

*June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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. Reservations must be made two weeks before the Mass is scheduled. Cardinal Tobin will be the main celebrant at all Masses. Deadline is May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

Did you know that there is still time to support the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal? Epiphany has received \$27,187.00 in pledges. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese? Our goal, \$33,029.00, can only be achieved through **YOUR** generosity! We are only short \$5,842.00 to meet our goal. If we go over our goal, the parish will realize a rebate which we can use to complete our Rectory kitchen renovation. Envelopes are at the church doors. **YOUR** gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

### A ONE DAY RETREAT FOR GRIEVING PARENTS

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese invites all parents who have suffered the death of a child of any age, by any means and at any time to attend *Emmaus Ministry: A One Day Retreat for Grieving Parents* on Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup> at Notre Dame Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell. This full-day retreat affords bereaved parents the opportunity to join together in a caring, spiritual setting for prayer, witnesses, discussin, fellowship and Mass. Please register ASAP at <https://www.emfgp.org/registration/> as space is limited. For information, please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org)

### STEAK-OUT FOR CHARITY

Join us for the final two Mondays 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.

### BRUNCH AT SEDONA TAPHOUSE

On Saturday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00AM-11:00AM, Epiphany Parish will be having a brunch at Sedona Taphouse. Tickets are \$20 per person and you **must purchase** these tickets at the Rectory. All proceeds will go towards the Heritage Fund for the completion of the Rectory kitchen. Please participate in this worthwhile benefit for our parish.

### 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. After spending a day in Innsbruck, Austria, we will travel 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 in two parts (there is a break mid-way for dinner). Don't miss the opportunity for this experience of a lifetime! For more information, brochures are available in the Rectory Office.

### HEALING MASS

There will be a Healing Mass on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:30AM. All are invited to attend.

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The following are the events happening at the Cliffside Park Senior Center at the Gerald A. Calabrese Complex: June 17 - Father's Day Brunch; June 21<sup>st</sup> – Housing Authority Barbecue – 5:00-9:00PM; Oct. 18-20 – Fabulous 50's & Beyond Weekend – bus, hotel, food, concerts, etc - \$345. Call 201-943-3768 ext. 112 for reservations.

### 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, 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, Timmy Cappola, Sean O'Connor, John Donato, Vladimir Drobikov, Vinka Uselj, Louanne Mitchell, Kathy Lennon, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Marie Maraia, Rosemarie Liversidge, Patrick McLoughlin, John Tucker, Tony Aquilone, Rose Colangelo.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Barbara Farace, Bishop David Arias, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of Newark, Giuseppa Bua.*

**“WHEN MEN FAIL YOU – CALL PSALM 27!”**

