

SUNDAY, MAY 26 2019
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Ottavio Martire
8:00AM Dolores Calabrese
10:00AM Nicolo Picinic
12:00PM Dinko Busanic

MONDAY, MAY 27

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

9:00AM Giovanni Picinic

TUESDAY, MAY 28

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

8:00AM Martin Picinic
11:30AM Diego Leon

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

8:00AM Martin Picinic
11:30AM Maria & Martin Morin
5:00PM Raymond Connors

THURSDAY, MAY 30

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

8:00AM Martin Picinic
11:30AM Joan Colangelo
7:00PM Luigia Venier

FRIDAY, MAY 31

VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

8:00AM Hilda & John Dondero
11:30AM Filomena Pallotta

SATURDAY, JUNE 1

ST. JUSTIN

11:30AM Martino Picinic
Ints. of Nerina Kreso
5:00PM Johanna Rea-Reynolds

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00AM Aleda Sanchez
10:00AM Angelina Foglio
12:00PM Luca Morin & Nicolo Scivanich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Mary Barchetto

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
John Mattesich

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of
Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Maria & Martin Morin

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Acts 7:55-60

Stephen manifests love of Jesus to the end

Ps 97

"The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth."

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jesus is coming soon

Jn 17:20-26

The Lord prays for us: May we be one, united in the love of Father and Son

PASTOR'S MESSAGE MAY 26, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

According to the official Catechism of the Catholic Church, the first precept all Catholics are obliged to observe is to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (CC 2042). This obligation suggests that we rest from "servile labor" and sanctify those days in such a way as to set them apart from our usual routine. The bishops of the United States of America have chosen to transfer many of the obligatory Holy Days to Sundays; however, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord is not one of those days which have been moved to a Sunday. In the Archdiocese of Newark this Thursday, May 30th, has been set aside for us as a Holy Day of Obligation – Ascension Thursday. I realize that for many of our parishioners it is not practical to take the day off work in order to observe the Holy Day. For that reason we have scheduled a 5:00 PM Vigil Mass on Wednesday and a 7:00 PM mass on Thursday so that you may be able to fulfill your obligation to attend mass on the Holy Day. In addition to these two "extra" masses, we will also celebrate masses according to our usual weekday schedule: 8:00 AM and 11:30 AM.

Our Easter Season is drawing to a close. Next Sunday is the Seventh Sunday of Easter and the following Sunday, June 9th, is Pentecost Sunday. While the "glow" of Easter may fade over time in terms of the way we decorate the church, we should not let our Easter glory to fade with the passing of the season. We are an Easter people year-round. Every Sunday is another day for us to celebrate and commemorate the Lord's Resurrection. How do we do that? We do that by living the "paschal" mystery... by continuing to die to our sinful selfishness and pride, and rise up to live the virtues and the grace that has been given to us with the coming of the Holy Spirit. In our gospel this Sunday Jesus promises to send us "the Advocate, the Holy Spirit... who will teach us everything and remind us of all that he has told us." The challenge for us is to open our hearts and allow the Spirit's power to work in us.

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 19th

Sunday Collection

\$4,970.00

"...do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." – John 14:27

Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you.



NO BINGO THIS THURSDAY DUE TO THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS, BETHLEHEM

ONLY FOUR WEEKS LEFT TO PURCHASE tickets for the 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 completion of the Rectory kitchen.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

There will be only one mass on Memorial Day and that will be at 9:00AM. The Rectory Office will be closed.

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomers baptized during the month of May:

*Olivia Luna Graham, Jayden Dharm Joh, Emma Rose O'Connor,
Livia Lourds Penello, Brandon Kai Souto*

PARISH PICNIC

ONLY TWO WEEKS LEFT TO PURCHASE TICKETS 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 are on sale at the Rectory.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the young people who were confirmed last week by Bishop John Flesey. Welcome to our parish family. *Angelique Fuentes, Carlos Fuentes, Olivia Iannaccone, Chayse Jones, Livia Ann Liso, Anthony Loiacono, Sofia Narvaez, Beniwuo Ogedegbe, George Perez, Marissa Ryan, Christopher Saperstein Julia Stomber.* We also thank Fr. Boniface and Lucinda Sariti for instructing them for this important event in their lives.

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry is in dire need of the following food items **ONLY**: sauce, cereal, oatmeal, instant potatoes, rice (1 lb bags), canned fruit, jelly, coffee and tea. **DO NOT BRING ANY SOUP OR VEGETABLES AT THIS TIME.**

MEMORIAL DAY

The American Legion Post #126 and the Borough of Cliffside Park invite all residents to attend its Memorial Day Service and Celebration on Monday, May 27th at 11:00AM in Memorial Park, opposite the municipal building on Palisade Avenue. After the memorial service, free refreshments will be given at the firehouse. All are invited to attend.



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.

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 8th 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, discussion, 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

ATTENDS MASS FOR FAMILIES LIVING WITH AUTISM

The Attends Mass Program was developed to serve the needs expressed by families of loved ones with autism who are not able to attend liturgy together. The results of this survey will help us seek program funding. Please take the survey and share your experience and need in this survey: www.rcan.org/AttendsMassSurvey2019

BRUNCH AT SEDONA TAPHOUSE

LAST CALL TO PURCHASE TICKETS! 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 **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.

STEAK-OUT FOR CHARITY

Join us for the final 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.

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.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The following are the events happening at the Cliffside Park Senior Center at the Gerald A. Calabrese Complex: Bocce League (every Monday, Fairview Park – 12:30PM; June 17 - Father's Day Brunch; June 21st – 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, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Baby Michael, 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, Roberto Tarabocchia, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Timmy Cappola, Sean O'Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Vinka Uselj, Louanne Mitchell, Kathy Lennon, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Marie Maraia, Rosemarie Liversidge, Patrick McLoughlin, John Tucker, Tony Aquilone.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Sean Huster, Agatha Blazina, John Boczek.

**“THE ONE THING CHILDREN
WEAR OUT FASTER THAN
SHOES IS PARENTS!”**