

SUNDAY, JUNE 16, 2019
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Miele & Hromin
Families

8:00AM Don Bosco Hahm
10:00AM In Honor of Our Lady of
Mount Carmel
12:00PM Martino Skrivanic

MONDAY, JUNE 17

11:30AM Concetta Fedele

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

11:30AM Dinko & Adrijana Skrivanic

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

11:30AM Andrijana Skrivanic

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

11:30AM Ovid DiFiore

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA

8:00AM Milena Piccinich

11:30AM Hipolito Claudio

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

11:30AM Mary Cahill

Tony Morin

5:00PM Martin Pesce

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

**THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF
CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)**

8:00AM John Bucco

10:00AM Ann & Luke Jurovich

12:00PM Tomaso Picinic

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Anthony Tarabocchia

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

John Picinic

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Antonio Morin

MASS CANDLES

For the Intentions of

Fram Cehreci & Family

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Gen 14:18-20

Over bread and wine the mysterious
Melchizedek blessed the Lord

Ps 110

"You are a priest for ever, in the line of
Melchizedek."

1 Cor 11:23-26

Every time we eat the Lord's body and
drink his blood, we proclaim his life-
giving death

Lk 9:11b-17

The feeding of the multitudes

PASTOR'S MESSAGE JUNE 16, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

I ask all of you to please pray for the priests of our Archdiocese this week as we come together for four days to consider how we might best address some of the crucial issues that we are facing. The theme of our convocation is "Cultivating Unity".

A preparatory survey conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA) among the priests of our Archdiocese identified several challenges to unity. 77% of the priests surveyed said that differences on doctrine, ecclesiology or other "liberal" vs. "conservative" issues were an obstacle to unity among the priests. 72% of the priests felt that differences among priests ordained in different time periods is a challenge. 67% felt that "friendship cliques" among the priests have contributed to a feeling of disunity. 66% felt that there was too little collaboration or mutual support among priests in their ministry. And 64% expressed the belief that the diversity of races, ethnicities or nationalities among the priests of our Archdiocese has presented a challenge to unity.

In subsequent listening sessions the priests participating observed that the sheer size of our presbyterate (over 750) makes it difficult to have a sense of unity. And they noted also that the history of dysfunctional leadership and the current sexual abuse crisis are contributing to a feeling of disunity.

Only 39% of the priests in the CARA survey agreed "somewhat" or "strongly" that morale is high among the priests in our Archdiocese. That is lower than the average of 59% in other dioceses who have participated in this survey process. 62% of the priests felt that there were too many priests who are not doing their fair share of the work in ministry and 55% felt that there is an unhealthy competition among the priests for appointments and promotions.

All of this makes me think of a Julia Michaels song, Issues. "You don't judge me, 'Cause if you did baby, I would judge you too. 'Cause I got issues but you got 'em too. So give 'em all to me and I'll give mine to you. Bask in the glory of all our problems 'cause we got the kind of love it takes to solve 'em."

34% of our priests are 70 years old or older; 19% are 60 to 69; 24% are age 50 to 59; 12% are 40 to 49; and 11% are younger than 40. The truth is, for our church to survive and thrive, we priests will have to come to the realization of just how much we need one another's support and cooperation. We are all painfully aware of how the numbers are declining each year of those of us who are in active ministry. "Yeah, I got issues, and one of them is how bad I need you."

Brothers and sisters, please keep us in your prayers. We need your prayers and we need your support as we begin to address our differences and work toward a greater sense of unity among the priests in our Archdiocese. Rest assured that while we are away from the office this week, we will also be thinking about you and praying for you. After all, our vocation to serve the church has little meaning if you are not there.

*Fondly yours in Christ,
Fr. Bruce*

PLEASE NOTE

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE MASS AT 11:30AM FROM MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY OF THIS WEEK. ON FRIDAY THERE WILL BE TWO MASSES AT 8:00AM AND 11:30AM. THIS IS DUE TO THE PRIESTS' CONVOCATION.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here

June 9th

Sunday Collection

\$4,559.00

Assessment Collection

\$1,769.00

"But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth..." – John 16:13

Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to help us know and live the truth. To prepare ourselves, we need to open our hearts to receive this gift before we can give it. Develop a daily prayer routine. Talk and listen to the Holy Spirit. This is best done in silence, when we can hear His response.



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

ONLY 9 DAYS 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.

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, peanut butter & jelly, Ramen noodles, Chef Boyardee, coffee and tea. **DO NOT BRING ANY SOUP, VEGETABLES OR PASTA AT THIS TIME.** Thank you for your continued generosity.



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

Our Archdiocese has been blessed with many hard-working, holy and dedicated priests who serve Christ and His people. There is no doubt that without the support of the Annual Appeal, forming such men would not be possible. Epiphany has received \$28,146.00 in pledges. Our goal, \$33,029.00, can only be achieved through **YOUR** generosity! We are only short \$4,883.00 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 and use of it for our new roofs. Envelopes are at the church doors. Thank you for your prayers and support.

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

On Thursday, June 27th, 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. This month, the focus of our adult faith formation series is the celebrated 16th century sculptor and painter, Michelangelo Buonarroti. Michelangelo is not a saint; however, his prodigious artistic contributions make him worthy to be considered one of the "pivotal players". The church professes that the love and appreciation of beauty is a valid way to come to God because through humanity's creative endeavors we may glimpse the power and the glory of God's creation. Our monthly program is held at 1:00PM on Thursday in the newly renovated Rectory Conference Room (downstairs, next to the Food Pantry).

DON'T MISS 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 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 and at the door of the church. Make your reservation now!

STRESS IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a lifeline to help couples heal and renew their marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions. The next weekend will be August 23-24. Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 732-236-0671 or the Family Life Office at 732-243-4573 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org

REGISTRATION FOR THE 2019-2020 CCD CLASSES

Registration for the 2019-2020 CCD year will be held after all the masses on the weekends of June 15-16 and June 22-23 in the Church Hall. There will also be a registration on June 19th from 6:00-8:00PM in the Rectory. Please bring your child's Baptismal Certificate (if not baptized at Epiphany). Registration fees are \$100 for sacramental grades 2 and 8 and \$85 for non-sacramental grades. Please call the rectory with any questions.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT COURSES

Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington, is hosting co-ed summer enrichment courses beginning July 8th-August 1st, grades 6th – 12th. Classes are Monday-Thursday, 9:00AM-12 Noon. Courses: broadcasting, into to geography, creative writing, personal leadership. Into to calligraphy, into to algebra, watercolor and more. For info and to register visit www.ihanj.com or contact Kelly Tweed – 201-445-6800 or email ktweed@ijahn.com

CAMP ACORN

Do you have what it takes to change the world one person at a time? Everything you need is in you. Discover it today at Camp Acorn! Camp Acorn is an enrichment program for individuals with developmental disabilities. Become a volunteer counselor today and participate with our campers in activities like cooking, swimming, horticulture, sports, art, computers and more. Volunteering at Camp Acorn is flexible and you do not need to call ahead to reserve a spot. Just stop on by! The program starts Thursday, June 27th. As a volunteer you'll spend the day as a one-on-one counselor with a camper, going through the activities and being a friend. It's an experience that stays with you for a lifetime!

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 Zafrasantos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carraja, 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, Tony Aquilone, Concetta Giustra, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. Edward Szpiech, Sister Emma Patricia Murphy, OP, Elaine Zweil.

A FATHER'S DAY PRAYER

**God our Father bless these men, that they
may find strength as fathers.**

**Let the example of their faith and love shine
forth.**

**Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always with a spirit of
profound respect. Amen.**

**"TO HAVE JOY, ONE MUST
SHARE IT!"**