

SUNDAY, JUNE 30, 2019

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00PM Carmela Iannaccone
- 8:00AM Christopher Johnson
- 10:00AM Ottavio Martire
- 12:00PM Girard Navarro

MONDAY, JULY 1

ST. JUNIPERO

- 8:00AM Milena Matesic Piccinich
- 11:30AM Antonia & Nickie Karcich

TUESDAY, JULY 2

- 8:00AM Milena Matesic Piccinich
- 11:30AM Matea Morin

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

ST. THOMAS

- 8:00AM Jean Maruska
- 11:30AM Rocco Suriano

THURSDAY, JULY 4

- 9:00AM Rina Tarabocchia

FRIDAY, JULY 5

STS. ANTHONY ZACCARIA & ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

- 8:00AM Milena Matesic Piccinich
- 11:30AM Wanda Kennedy

SATURDAY, JULY 6

ST. MARIA GORETTI

- 11:30AM Albino Bussani
Ints. of St. Ildephonsus & Mother Boniface
- 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Leopardi & DeLuca Families

SUNDAY, JULY 7

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00AM Dec'd Mbrs. Frato & Olmo Families
- 10:00AM Ints. of Veronica Sohn
- 12:00PM Vincent Libero



ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Eichler & Ferrara Families

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 66:10-14c

Mother Jerusalem will gather her children

Ps 66

"Let all the earth cry out to God with joy."

Gal 6:14-18

I bear in my body the brand marks of Jesus

Lk 10:1-12, 17-20, or 10:1-9

If people welcome you, bid them peace. If not, shake their dust from your feet and move on

PASTOR'S MESSAGE JUNE 30, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

This Sunday we are celebrating the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Ordinary", by the way, does not mean that this Sunday is "just another Sunday", "nothing special" or "run of the mill". The word "Ordinary" refers to the fact that these Sundays are numbered or ordered. Every Sunday is special in that we are celebrating the Lord's Day. Our Christian "Sabbath" is the day we Catholics are called to dedicate to the service of God. The Catholic Catechism says, "The celebration of Sunday observes the moral commandment inscribed by nature in the human heart to render to God an outward, visible, public, and regular worship 'as a sign of his universal beneficence to all.' Sunday worship fulfills the moral command of the Old Covenant, taking up its rhythm and spirit in the weekly celebration of the Creator and Redeemer of his people." (CCC 2176)

Catholics of a previous generation were taught that the "Sunday obligation" to attend mass was so important that failing to do so was sinful. The third commandment of the Decalogue places us under the obligation to observe the Sabbath as a day of rest that is holy to the Lord. While that leaves some room for interpretation in today's world, still we Catholics are definitely obliged to observe the Sabbath. That has NOT changed. As to the question of what sin is committed by failing to do so, that remains a matter of conscience between the person and God. However; for the good of the faithful the church has ruled that, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass; they are also to abstain from those labors and business concerns which impede the worship to be rendered to God, the joy which is proper to the Lord's Day, or the proper relaxation of mind and body." (CCL 1247) This obligation is lessened in the following law which states, "If because of lack of a sacred minister or for other grave cause participation in the celebration of the Eucharist is impossible, it is specially recommended that the faithful take part in the liturgy of the word if it is celebrated in the parish church or in another sacred place... or engage in prayer for an appropriate amount of time personally or in a family or, as occasion offers, in groups of families." (CCL 1248, 2)

Brothers and sisters, I feel that at this time of year it is my responsibility as your pastor to remind you that we are ALL under the obligation to observe the Lord's Day, whatever distractions might preclude our attendance at mass. Of course, my preference is to see all of you at mass, here at Epiphany, every Sunday. I am not giving any of you the dispensation to "skip" mass "willy-nilly". Frankly, that is not within my power. So, I lay it on your conscience. How will you choose to honor the Lord's Day in the months ahead?

*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

June 23rd

Sunday Collection

\$6,509.00

"For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters. But do not use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh; rather serve one another through love." – Galatians 5:13

We would like to celebrate the fact that we are free to "live the good life." But Jesus calls us to a different kind of freedom. St. Paul reminds us that Jesus sets us free so that we can serve one another, share our gifts and promote God's work here on earth to glorify His name and not honor ourselves.



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. (NO BINGO ON JULY 4TH)

BAPTISMS

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

Violeta Tiana Mason and Antonio Saverio Tataranni

AUTUMN CAVALCADE

This year on November 16th, we will sponsor an Autumn Dinner-Dance with a Cavalcade of Prizes. This will replace our Tricky Tray. We would appreciate any monetary donations so that we may purchase gift items for this Cavalcade or donations of gifts valued at \$75 or more. If you can donate, please bring your gifts or donations to the Rectory. As usual, we thank you for your generosity to the parish.

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

Did you know that there is still time to support the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal? Epiphany has received \$33,146.00 in pledges. Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown your support and generosity. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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 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 doors 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

SUMMER RECTORY HOURS

Beginning on July 1st, the Rectory Office will only be open until 7:00PM from Monday-Friday. Saturday and Sunday the Office will be open from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Please note this change.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND

Please note that the Rectory Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday of this week in observance of the 4th of July Holiday. The office will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00AM-2:00PM.

LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY

Are you a woman or a man of prayer? Are you comfortable working with small groups? On Saturday, August 3rd at the Benedictine Center for Spirituality in Elizabeth, there will be a Facilitator Training-Retreat for the "Lord Teach Me To Pray" (LTMP) Ignatian prayer series. There is no charge for retreat or materials. Come and discern if God is calling you to become a facilitator! Or, if you are simply interested in finding out more about Ignatian Prayer and the "Lord, Teach Me To Pray" prayer series, you are invited! For info and registration, please go to lordteachmetoprayer.com, click on Training-Retreats and scroll down to Elizabeth, NJ for registration form, or call 504-439-5933.

CONGRATULATIONS

Christ the Teacher School would like to congratulate the graduating Class of 2019. We wish them the best of luck in High School and beyond!

Jaiden Acevedo – Academies at Englewood; Mariah Anderson – Immaculate Conception; Emily Balmaseda – Bergen Tech High; Shant Bolat* – Bergen Catholic; Gustavo Camacho-Spirko – River Dell High; James Estevez* – St. Joseph Regional; Kimberly Giramiya Manano* – Fort Lee High; Chayse Jones* – St. Peter's Prep; Jason Kim – The Stony Brook School; Sieun (Stella) Kim – Paramus Catholic; Grace Koustas – Academy of Holy Angels; Teri Koustas* – Academy of Holy Angels; Veronica Mok – Fort Lee High; Victor Moran – Paramus Catholic; Philip Saint Cyrus* – Bergen Catholic; Paul Sgro – Fort Lee High; Johathan Stevens – Don Bosco. The * indicates National Junior Honor Society.*

EUCCHARISTIC REPARATION

Please come to "A Weekend of Eucharistic Reparation", celebrating the Sense of the Sacred from July 11th -14th in honor of the 102nd Anniversary of the apparitions at Fatima. It will be held at the Blue Army Shrine in Washington, NJ. Come before the Blessed Sacrament as we pray the Rosary each hour, celebrate Holy Mass, and join in round-the-clock Eucharistic Adoration. For more information, call 90-689-1700 x. 224 or 908-652-1153 or email dorothy@bluearmy.com or visit www.bluearmy.com

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, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, 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., Camille Moglia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Salvatore Benducci, Roberto Tarabocchia, Rev. Paul J. Lehman, Heracleo Agaloos, Sister Alberta Manzo, OSF.

"TAKE MY HAND, NOT MY LIFE!"