

SUNDAY, JULY 7, 2019

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Leopardi & DeLuca Families

8:00AM Dec'd Mbrs. Frato & Olmo Fam.

10:00AM Ints. of Veronica Sohn

12:00PM Vincent Libero

MONDAY, JULY 8

8:00AM Milena Matesic Piccinich

11:30AM Maria Morin

TUESDAY, JULY 9

SAINT AUGUSTINE ZHAO

8:00AM Albino Bussani

11:30AM Concetta Fedele

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

8:00AM Albino Bussani

11:30AM Grace Siccardi

THURSDAY, JULY 11

SAINT BENEDICT

8:00AM Kerstin B. Keyser

11:30AM Rina Tarabocchia

FRIDAY, JULY 12

8:00AM Antonio Marsico & Giovanni Marsico

11:30AM Rina Tarabocchia

SATURDAY, JULY 13

11:30AM Tarsu Lee

Giuseppa Bau

Jesusa Sanchez – Rodriguez

Raffaele DiCostanzo

5:00PM Rosalie & Nick Menzella

SUNDAY, JULY 14

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Dolores Calabrese

10:00AM Maria Martire

12:00PM Ivan Tarabokia



ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Eichler & Ferrara Families

SANCTUARY LAMP

Maria Morin

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Det 30:10-14

God's law is planted in our hearts

Ps 69 or Ps 19

"Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live."

"Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life."

Col 1:15-20

In the cross all creation is united in Christ

Lk 10:25-37

Even the stranger is to be loved as a neighbor

PASTOR'S MESSAGE JULY 7, 2019

Welcome back, Fr. Almas!!!

My dear parishioners and friends,

In my message last week I quoted from the Church's Code of Canon Law the rule regarding the Sunday obligation which allows for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word on Sundays in churches where no priest is available (C. 1248, 2). This paragraph was added to the Church's laws in the 1983 revision of the Code. It is interesting to note that in the commentary on this particular paragraph the authors wrote, "It reflects a new and contemporary situation in certain parts of the Church – a situation which will become more acute in the years ahead." Simply put; the fathers who composed the revision of the Code in 1983 were even then anticipating a shortage of ordained ministers. And that is why this law was written.

A few weeks ago I presented a brief sketch of the priests in our own Archdiocese based upon the priests who responded to the CARA survey. In that survey it was determined that 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 only 11% are younger than 40. Based on this bare-bones information what can we say? First of all, it is entirely possible that 34% of the total number of priests available are presently retired or will retire from full-time ministry within the next five years. An additional 19% will be eligible to retire over the next ten years. And 24% will be eligible to retire in twenty years. And so on and so on... If the rate at which the aging priests are being "replaced" by younger men is only 10-11% that doesn't bode well for our churches. The situation will develop in our own diocese where some of our parishes will not have a resident priest to preside over Sunday masses, and that the priests we do have will be stretched thin to cover several more parishes than at present. I assure you, there are already places in this country where priests have to drive for an hour or more every Sunday in order to celebrate mass in far-flung parishes. And in other countries, where there are even fewer priests to minister to a greater number of faithful, the priests are celebrating four, five or even six masses each Sunday in different churches and chapels.

All of this makes me realize how fortunate we are here at Epiphany to have two full-time priests in residence. And I am particularly grateful that we will once again be blessed this summer by hosting Fr. Almas Archangelus, a priest from Lahore in Pakistan.

In our gospel passage this week, Jesus appointed the seventy-two disciples to go out and proclaim the gospel, and then he asked them to "ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest." Brothers and sisters, Jesus is asking us to pray for more workers in the Church, ordained and non-ordained ministers, people who are willing to share the burden of serving their parishes in many different capacities. In the weeks ahead I will be approaching many of you to serve our local parish community in some specific ways. But at this time I ask you all to pray and to consider your gifts and interests. Help me by your prayers to discern how we all can better serve the needs of our parish.

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 30th*

Due to an early submission of the bulletin because of the holiday weekend, we will print the collections in the bulletin of July 14th.

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" – Luke 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. However, any of us are unsure of what our charisms or gifts from the Holy Spirit are to help build God's Church. Through prayer we are able to discern how God is calling us. The next time your pastor or fellow parishioner asks you to join a committee, ask God first, if that is what He wants you to do with your gifts.



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.

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, canned yams, 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 from 10:00AM-7:00PM from Monday-Friday. Saturday and Sunday the Office will be open from 10:00AM-2:00PM. Please note this change.

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" (LTMT) 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.

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

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The kingdom of God is at hand for you." Welcome God into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends. The next Marriage Encounter Weekend in North Jersey will be on September 27-28. Go to www.wvme.org to find other weekend dates and locations. For more information, email mikeandjanetwvme@gmail.com or contact Mike & Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The following are the activities at the Cliffside Park Center: July 10 – Resorts Casino, 8:30AM - \$33; July 12 – Music Al Fresco with The 3D Band (Alan) – 7:00PM; July 17 – River Belle Luncheon Cruise, \$40 – 9:45AM; August 9 – Music Al Fresco with Son Candela (Salsa) – 7:00PM; August 16 – River Lady Luncheon Cruise, \$45 – 9:00AM; October 18-20 – Fabulous 50's & Beyond Weekend – transportation, hotel, food, concerts, street fair, car show, visit to Cape May and more - \$345 per person. Call 201-941-0655.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Caroline Craen, 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 Maratia, Rosemarie Liversidge, Patrick McLoughlin, Tony Aquilone, Concetta Giustra, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

“EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS A RIGHT TO LIFE, THE FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT THAT MAKES ALL OTHER RIGHTS POSSIBLE...!”

