

SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2019

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Johanna Rea Reynolds

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

10:00AM Marco DeBenedetto

12:00PM Mosca & Romano Families

MONDAY, JULY 22

ST. MARY MAGDALENE

8:00AM Milena Matesic Piccinich

11:30AM Margaret Donatich

TUESDAY, JULY 23

ST. BRIDGET

8:00AM Milena Matesic Piccinich

11:30AM Tony Mezzich

WEDNESDAY JULY 24

ST. SHARBEL MAKHLUF

8:00AM Mary Barchetto

11:30AM Gaudenzia & John Piccini

THURSDAY, JULY 25

ST. JAMES

8:00AM Giacomo Matesic

11:30AM Martino Piccinich

FRIDAY, JULY 26

STS. JOACHIM & ANNE

8:00AM Milena Matesic Piccinich

11:30AM Tommaso Morin

SATURDAY, JULY 27

11:30AM Philemon Maloles

Ints. of Alexander Urtula

Milan Barbaric

Ints. of Emil Kovacev

Eddie Artuso

5:00PM Margaret & Dave Hans

SUNDAY, JULY 28

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

10:00AM Ottavio Martire

12:00PM Ferdinando DeBenedetto

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Eichler & Ferrara Families



PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Gen 18:20-22

Abraham bargained with God for the safety of the innocent

Ps 138

“Lord on the day I called for help, you answered me.”

Col 2:12-14

God nailed our sins to the cross of Christ

Lk 11:1-13

Jesus teaches us to pray and reminds us to persevere in prayer

PASTOR’S MESSAGE JULY 21, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

In our first reading today, Abraham and Sarah showed hospitality to the three angelic visitors and they were “rewarded” for their kindness with the birth of their first son. Martha and Mary in the gospel showed Jesus the two sides of hospitality, service and presence. The theme of our readings this Sunday seems to be the importance and value of hospitality.

One of the ministries that we have in our parish that has fallen somewhat by the wayside is the Ministry of Hospitality. We do have a few parishioners who stand at the doors of the church and do a wonderful job of greeting people as they arrive for masses on the weekend. It’s a simple thing but it makes a HUGE difference when people come to mass and they are greeted with a smile and a kind word. The Ministry of Hospitality can and does make the difference for a newcomer or a visitor in their decision as to whether or not they will return.

What are the qualities that we are looking for in people to serve in this important ministry? Well, it helps to be an extrovert, although that is NOT an absolute necessity. All a person really needs is a willingness to smile and say, “Hi”... and “welcome” and to field simple questions like, “Where is the restroom?”

We need to reorganize this ministry... to recruit new volunteers... and to offer a little “training” in best practices. If you are willing to serve in the Ministry of Hospitality, please contact the parish office and leave your name and number where you can be reached.

*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

July 14th

Sunday Collection

\$4,966.50

Retired Priests Collection

\$1,666.00

“...I am a minister in accordance with God’s stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God.” – Colossians 1:25

We are all called to evangelize – to continuously grow in our relationship with Jesus and to share it with others. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith with those closest to us, like our family, friends and neighbors. Pray for the courage to share your faith the next time the opportunity arises.



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.

OUR LADY’S BLUE ARMY SHRINE

Please join us on August 3rd at the World Apostolate of Fatima (Our Lady’s Blue Army Shrine) “You at least try to console me.” Join us to honor this plea of Our Lady on December 10, 1925 requesting Five First Saturdays of Reparation for five consecutive months. Schedule: 10:30AM – Confessions; 11:30AM – Rosary with 15 minute meditation; 12:15M – Holy Mass with Speaker/Celebrant Rev. Matthew Mauriello; 1:15PM – Brown Scapular Enrollment; 1:30PM – Shrine Tours of Capelinha and Holy House; 2:00PM – Confessions; 3:00PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus. **“And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested to you?”** Shrine is located at 674 Mountain View Road East Asbury, NJ – www.bluearmy.com or call 908-689-1700 ext 224.

FOOD PANTRY

We wish to thank all those who so generously provided the food items we requested for the last several weeks. Now we are in need of the following items ONLY: sauce, pasta, rice-a-roni, ramen noodles, tuna, shampoo, soap and toothpaste. As always, all donations are greatly appreciated.

NEW RECTORY HOURS

The Rectory Office will 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.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS (WIND CREEK BETHLEHEM)

We will be sponsoring a trip to the Sands, now know as Wind Creek Bethlehem, on Sunday, September 15th. 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 September 9th. All proceeds will benefit our Epiphany Community Food Pantry so that we may give needy families a chicken or turkey for Thanksgiving and Christmas and a holiday basket as well.



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 APPEAL

Thank you to all those who have helped our parish with the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal. Thus far we have received \$33,896 from 132 families. Last year more families participated in this Appeal. If we go over our goal, we will receive 62% of all funds collected. Please be sure to honor your pledges. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge envelope at the back of the church or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Thank you for your prayers and support. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

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!

VNA HEALTH GROUP HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

The Visiting Nurse Association Health Group is holding a training class and is inviting members of the community to join their team of hospice volunteers. They will provide you with training and support to help you bring your gifts of compassion, commitment and companionship to those nearing the end of life. Training will be provided on the following Wednesdays: July 31st – 9:30AM-2:30PM, August 7th – 11:30AM-3:30PM and August 14th – 9:30AM-3:30PM. It is located at 15 Engle Street, Suite 301, Engelwood, NJ. To register please call Ruth Sorbanelli, Volunteer Coordinator at 201-510-6426.

PRE-HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

This year on November 16th, we will sponsor a Pre-Holiday Extravaganza 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.

THE PIVOTAL PLAYERS

On Thursday, July 25th, our parish adult faith formation program will continue with Bishop Robert Barron's series, The Pivotal Players. By popular demand on this date we will repeat the episode focusing on the celebrated 16th century sculptor and painter, Michelangelo Buonarroti.

On Thursday, August 1st, we will be showing the film on G.K. Chesterton who is regarded as one of the greatest Catholic writers and defenders of the faith during the 19th Century. And to end our series, on August 22nd, we will be showing the episode on Blessed Cardinal John Henry Newman. Cardinal Newman was originally ordained as a priest in the Church of England who later converted to Catholicism and became one of the most influential theologians of the 19th Century.

Our monthly program is held at 1:00 PM on Thursday in the newly renovated Rectory conference room (downstairs, next to the Food Pantry).

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.

MANSIONS OF THE SOUL RETREAT

Mansions of the Soul Retreat, understanding the spiritual life, will be held from August 16-17 at St. Matthew's Church, Ridgefield. The speaker will be Joe Rona, theologian, founder of Mission Society and expert on the spiritual life. There will be Mass, adoration and prayers. There will be an evening light snack and Saturday breakfast and lunch. To register visit: JOHNLEAPS.COM Registration fee is \$40.

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, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Ellen Collett, Nancy Turek, Genevieve Salmeri.

**"HANDS THAT SERVE ARE HOLIER
THAN THE LIPS THAT PRAY!"**