

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 4, 2019**

**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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

8:00AM Joseph Macaluso

10:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

12:00PM Sarah Mosca

**MONDAY, AUGUST 5**

**DEDICATION OF BASILICA OF ST. MARY**

8:00AM Grazia Paccione

11:30AM John Picinic

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 6**

**TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

8:00AM Martino Picinic

11:30AM Martino & Eda Busanic

**WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7**

**ST. SIXTUS, II & COMPANIONS & ST. CAJETAN**

8:00AM Martino Picinic

11:30AM Rolando Dumlaio

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8**

**ST. DOMINIC**

8:00AM Domenica Picinic

11:30AM Martha Varas

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 9**

**ST. TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS**

8:00AM Jack Matesic

11:30AM Giovanni Picinic

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 10**

**ST. LAWRENCE**

11:30AM Giovanni Picinic

Ints. of Alexander Urtula

Salvatore Benducci

Vito Bruno

Andrew Noh

5:00PM Carlo Buonsanto

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 11**

**19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

10:00AM Maria Skrivanic

12:00PM Diane D'Alessandro

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE**

*In Memory of*

Ernie Sdrigotti

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*

Dec'd Mbrs. Frato & Olmo Families

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Wis 18:6-9**

On the long-awaited Passover night, God's children offered the paschal sacrifice.

**Ps 33**

"Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own."

**Heb. 11:1-2, 8-19**

By faith we join our ancestors in faith, as together in hope we journey toward our homeland.

**Lk 12:32-48**

The Son of Man will come at an unexpected hour.

**PASTOR'S MESSAGE AUGUST 4, 2019**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

An untimely death in your family is a tragedy. And following the death of a loved one there are so many little details to be settled; and it all happens right at the time when we are emotionally distraught and vulnerable. Sometimes the tragedy of losing a loved one is compounded by the tendency in some families to fight over the details of the distribution of the person's estate. It seems as though, under stress, all of the history of pettiness and rivalry that we usually keep under control is suddenly unleashed. Families are torn apart because we lose sight of what is really important. We fail to recognize how much we need one another's support and compassion in dealing with our grief.

Perhaps that is the back-story to what we heard in today's gospel passage; where the man calls upon Jesus to act as an arbitrator in his dispute with his brother over their inheritance. Jesus recognized how the vice of greed may have been driving this man into conflict with his own brother. And Jesus tried to get the man to see how there are more important things in life than wealth and possessions. Jesus' lesson to this man is a lesson for all of us as well. We need to recognize that there are more important things in life than wealth and possessions. What matters most is the disposition of our immortal souls!

St. Paul wrote to the Christians in Colossae, "Seek what is above... think of what is above, not of what is on earth." We Christians can't afford to give in to our baser motives in life: "immorality, impurity, passion, evil desires, and greed... ." When we do that, the result is only destructive of who we are and of the people around us. Life is too short to waste time arguing over who deserves what. That is what we should learn from the death of someone we love... life is just too short, and the time we have together is too precious to waste.

*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 28<sup>th</sup>*

***Sunday Collection***

***\$4802.00***

***"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions." – Luke 12:15***

*The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "other-centered" and less "self-centered."*



**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.**

**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](http://JOHNLEAPS.COM) Registration fee is \$40.00.

**FEAST IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT VIRGIN**

Our Lady of Mount Virgin Church, Garfield (MacArthur Avenue and Frederick Street – off Harrison Avenue) is honoring its Italian Heritage with their Annual Feast on their Church grounds (rain or shine). This Feast runs nightly from Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup>. Free entertainment will be held each night. Liturgical and Spiritual celebrations in honor of Our Lady of Mount Virgin will include mass on Thursday and Friday at 7:00PM; Saturday at 5:00PM and Sunday at 11:30AM in Italian and English celebrated by Bishop Manuel Cruz. Feast Hours are from 6:00-11:00PM Friday and Saturday; 4:00-11:00PM Saturday and 2:00-10:00PM Sunday. A free shuttle for off-site parking will be available. For more information call 973-772-2295.



### 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 known as Wind Creek Bethlehem, on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:info@christtheteacherschool.org) for a tour.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL 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 \$33,916 from 133 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](http://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!

### 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](mailto:3024@retrouvaille.org)

**"STEWARDSHIP IS NOT WHAT WE DO AS MUCH AS WHO WE ARE. AND, WHO WE ARE, DIRECTS WHAT WE DO!"**

### PRE-HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

This year on November 16<sup>th</sup>, we will sponsor a Pre-Holiday Extravaganza Dinner-Dance with a Cavalcade of Prizes. This will replace our Tricky Tray. The Beefsteak Dinner will be catered by Giresi's and DJ Nick will provide the music at a cost of \$45.00 per person. 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.

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The following are the activities at the Cliffside Park Center: August 9 – Music Al Fresco with Son Candela (Salsa) – 7:00PM; August 11<sup>th</sup> – Magnanini Winery - \$70.00; August 14 – Resorts Casino AC Trip (Big Bus) - \$33; August 16 – River Lady Luncheon Cruise, \$45 – 9:00AM.; September 4<sup>th</sup> – Bobby Rydell & Ron Dante @ PNC Garden Arts Center – Departs 11:00AM; September 10<sup>th</sup> – DMV Mobile Unit Comes to You (your motor vehicle needs) – 10:00AM-2:00PM; 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.

### NATIONAL BLUE ARMY SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Celebrate Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the Capelinha requested by Our Lady. Pray at the Holy House USA containing crushed stone from the Holy House of Loreto, the actual altar and baldacchino over which the last great vision of Fatima took place, and the largest extant piece of the tree upon which Our Lady stood at Fatima. 10:30AM-Confessions; 12 Noon – Rosary Procession; 12:30PM – Guest Speaker: Rev. Matthew Mauriello; 1:15PM-Holy Mass – Celebrant: Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke; Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession. Talk at Holy House USA at 10:30AM and 3:30PM; Talk at Capelinha at 3:30PM. For more information call 908-689-1700 x224 or <http://www.bluearmy.com>

### COLLEGE CAMPUS MINISTRY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

The College Campus Ministry serves the secular and private colleges and universities in the Archdiocese of Newark: Fairleigh Dickinson, Teaneck – Sunday Mass beginning Sept. 1 at 7:00PM at St. Anastasia's - carpool meets at the FDU Chapel (next to Public Safety) at 6:30PM; New Jersey City University – Meet and Greet on Sept. 3. See the social media for more details: Facebook, Website, Instagram; Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken – Meet and Greet at Club Fair on Aug 25 – Mass and dinner begins at 5:00PM – check out Newman Catholic on Ducksync and Facebook; Ramapo College – First Mass will be in the Alumni Lounge on Sept. 8 at 8:00PM and free dinner to follow. The welcome BBQ will be at Immaculate Conception Church on Sept. 3 at 3:30PM.

### 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, Georgine Ferrie, Anthony Martini.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Carsten Maffei, Domingo Repollett, Sr., Maryann "Sandie" Bocak.*

