

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

22TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Margaret & David Hans

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

10:00AM Angela Garritano

12:00PM Edward Praysner

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

LABOR DAY

9:00 AM Jacamo Mattessich

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

8:00AM Betty, Elizabeth & Otto Bamert

11:30AM Philip & Viola Stehr

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4

8:00AM Midalas Sanchez

11:30AM Edna Lennon

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA

8:00AM Bryan Baray

11:30AM Pietro & Nicola Pallotta

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:00AM Sheril Tsard

11:30AM Nicolina Piccinich

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

11:30AM Peter Renzo

Adolph Tarabocchia

Felicissima David Quines

Michele Osso

Irene Morin

5:00PM Daniel O'Connor

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

10:00AM Charles & Agnes Rossi

12:00PM Maria Morin

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

D'Andrea & Milone Families

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Susan Bovino

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Robert Fisher

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Dario Morin

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Wis 9:13-18b-

Our choices in life are timid compared to God's choices for us.

Ps 90

"In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge."

Phil 9-10, 12-17

Paul baptizes a slave and then expects the slave's master to accept the slave as a brother.

Lk 14:25-33

Do you want to be a disciple? Renounce everything else, with no reservations, no regrets.

PASTOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

Last year at this time I was writing about the noise and the dust coming from the project to renovate our rectory kitchen. I am pleased to report that since that time we have continued to make considerable progress and improvements around the parish. And in the months ahead we will be embarking on several new projects to improve our parish facilities. These projects include:

1. Replace the "weathered" wooden doors at the main entrance with new "weather-and-sun resistant" aluminum doors.
2. Upgrade the sound system in the church and add "boom" microphones in the choir area.
3. Install an attractive new floor in the daily mass chapel, Eucharistic chapel, sacristy and the hallway outside the sacristy.
4. Replace the "dim" recessed lighting in the chapels with LED lights.
5. Replacing the "leaky" flat roofs over the rectory garage, passageway between the rectory and the church and the rectory addition.

You may be asking, "Why all this furor of activity all of a sudden?" The simple answer is that our parish recently received a generous bequest with the stipulation that we utilize the funds within two years of the person's date of death. That gave us a very short window of time to come up with a wish list of "to do's" and then go out and find contractors to give us estimates. The estate also makes it plain that these funds must be used for capital projects, which means improvements and additions to the physical plant of our parish facilities. This is a great blessing coming at this time because it will allow us to do some of the projects that we have only been dreaming about.

Brothers and sisters, I am sure that you are aware that whenever you start making changes there is always some element of inconvenience involved. Let me assure you that we will be making every effort to keep that inconvenience at a minimum. For example, while we are working in the sacristy, Eucharistic chapel and daily mass chapel we will need to move our daily masses, rosary and devotions into the main church. I am also thinking that it may be a good idea to move the tabernacle into the main church so that you will be able to continue to spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. All I ask is that you please be patient as we undertake these renovations and improvements.

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

September 1st

Sunday Collection

\$5,017.00

Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." – Luke 14:13-14

We have a difficult time with the concept of giving without expecting something in return. Even when we give to charity we often want something in return – a raffle ticket, a dinner, a chance to play golf or our name in print. Yet, as Christian stewards, we need to remember that the true reward for our giving awaits us in heaven.



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.

LABOR DAY

Monday, September 2nd is Labor Day. There will be only one Mass at 9:00AM and the Rectory Office will be closed.

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. **We are only \$2,500 short of our goal to get a rebate. If you have not made a pledge as yet, there is still time to do so.**

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be from 8:30AM-11:15AM concluding with Benediction.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (CCD) NEWS

Religious Education Classes will begin on September 22nd. If you are interested in teaching a class this year, please call the rectory.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS (WIND CREEK BETHLEHEM)

ONLY ABOUT 10 DAYS LEFT to purchase a ticket to the Sands, now known as Wind Creek, Bethlehem, for 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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly mass on Saturday, September 7th at 5:00PM. Please assemble in the vestibule and wear your Medal.

THANK YOU

My heartfelt thanks to our Pastor, Fr. Bruce, Fr. Boniface, our Parochial Vicar, to all of you, our dear and loving community. Like last year, this stay of two months was also pleasant and restful. This was another faith sharing experience. May we be blessed in each other as though distanced, however close in prayers. Thank you so very much for your love, generosity and sacrifices.

*God bless you all,
Fr. Almas*



CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL A 2018 National Blue Ribbon School

Christ the Teacher School needs some part-time help in their main office. You must be proficient in Microsoft Word and Excel. Hours are 8:00AM-12:00PM, Monday-Friday. Please send a resume to: Cynthia Schirm, Principal at cshirm@christtheteacherschool.org

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!

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The following are the activities at the Cliffside Park Center: September 10th - DMV Mobile Unit Comes to You (your motor vehicle needs) - 10:00AM-2:00PM; September 11, 18 & 25 - Art of Aging Worship (4 parts) - 12:00PM; October 16th - Halloween Party - \$8.00 - sign up by October 11th; 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.

**"IT IS NOT HOW MUCH WE DO, BUT
HOW MUCH LOVE WE PUT IN THE
DOING. IT IS NOT HOW MUCH WE GIVE
BUT HOW MUCH WE PUT IN THE
GIVING!"**

INSTALLATION OF FR. BRUCE AS PASTOR OF EPIPHANY

Fr. Bruce Harger will be officially installed as Pastor of Epiphany on Saturday, October 12 at the 5:00PM Mass by Bishop John Flesey. An Oktoberfest will follow in the Church Hall. Featured will be an Oktoberfest Family-Style Dinner: chicken noodle soup and salad, sauerbraten with gravy, roast pork with sauerkraut, roasted chicken, red cabbage, roasted potatoes, pumpernickel and rye breads, apple crumb cake, beer, soda, and coffee. DJ Nick will provide the entertainment as well as Stanley who will be playing traditional Oktoberfest music in between sets. Tickets must be purchased in advance at the rectory. The cost is \$25.00 per person. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

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. The Beefsteak Dinner will be catered by Giresi's and DJ Nick will provide the music at a cost of \$40.00 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.

LEGION OF MARY LUNCHEON

On Saturday, September 21st, the Legion of Mary will be having a luncheon for active, auxiliary and retired members. Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Legion of Mary is also invited. Luncheon will be in the Church Hall after the 11:30AM Mass. Anyone who wishes to come, please call Iris at 201-945-2012 or Dottie at 201-562-6366.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

First Saturday, Sept. 7th World Apostolate of Fatima (Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine) "You at least try to console me." Please 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; 12:15PM Holy Mass w/Speaker/Celebrant Rev. James Walling, CPM; 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 of you?" Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ 08802 (908) 689-1700 Ext 224 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, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Georgine Ferrie, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Richard Citro.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Alice Trabilcy, Rev. Frank Gaetano, Rev. Timothy Horgan, Emma Corbett, Alice Dowling.