

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Daniel O'Connor

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

10:00AM Charles & Agnes Rossi

12:00PM Maria Morin

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

ST. PETER CLAVER

8:00AM Mary Barchetto

11:30AM Carmela Morin

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8:00AM Margaret & Angelo Gila

11:30AM Milena Piccinich

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11

8:00AM Antoni Tarabocchia

11:30AM Maria Hroncich

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

8:00AM Nick Tarabokia

11:30AM Ints. of Maria & Mario Morin

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

8:00AM Dobson, Runge & Meuter

Families

11 :30AM Silvia Matesic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

11:30AM Albino Bussanich

Domenick Condosta

Antoinette Foglio

Ints. of Nicholas DeNoia

5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Connors & Gargiulo

Families & Natalie Lopac

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

10:00AM Maria & Nicholas Dragas

12:00PM Vincent Libero

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

D'Andrea & Milone Families

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Susan Bovino

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Natalie Lopac

MASS CANDLES

For the Intentions of

John Keegan

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The people worship a golden calf, and God loses all patience with them.

Ps 51

"I will rise and go to my father."

1 Tim 1:12-17

Paul, once the worst of sinners, is an example of Jesus' forbearance.

Lk 15:1-32

When the lost are found, even the angels rejoice.



PASTOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

This week has seen a real change in our community. We notice it when we go to get a haircut... there's a waiting line. We notice the change in the amount of traffic going anywhere. We are aware that there is a new "energy" in the people around us. Everyone is "gearing up" for the beginning of school, the ending of vacation time, the revving up of all sorts of businesses as the folks who were away for the summer are now back home and almost back to normal.

We are not immune to this feeling of change in the seasons here at the Church of the Epiphany. Hopefully, we will see a rise in the numbers of people attending masses on Sunday. Hopefully, we will see more and more of our children registered and attending the religious education classes on Sunday. Hopefully, we will see many parishioners and new comers joining in the social and spiritual programs that we are sponsoring. You see? For us this is a season of hope. We are full of hope now and we are looking forward to the year of grace that lies ahead of us.

*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 8th

Sunday Collection

\$4,223.00

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." – Luke 14:33
When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.



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.

SPECIAL MASS & BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

All the kids of the parish and their families in all grades including elementary, middle school, high school, and college are invited to attend a special mass and blessing for the new school year on Sunday, 15th September at the 12 Noon Mass.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its first meeting of the season on Monday, September 16th at 4:30PM in the Church Hall. All women are invited to attend.

SPECIAL MASS

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter for the Third Saturday Mass on Saturday, September 21st at 12:00PM. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only those individuals directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. A support group, Meeting of Hope, will follow the mass. For information, please call 201-768-7565.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Put God first in your marriage. Participate in a Marriage Encounter Weekend. Go to www.wwme.org to find weekend dates and locations. For more information contact Mike & Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 or 609-335-6880 or email makeandjanetwwme@gmail.com

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)

LAST CALL to purchase tickets to 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. Proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry for Thanksgiving & Christmas for turkeys and baskets.



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 cschirm@christtheteacherschool.org

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.**

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!

JUST PEACEMAKING THROUGH NONVIOLENCE

Join us for the 2019 Seton Hall Peace Conference "Just Peacemaking through Nonviolence", September 30-October 1, which will be an exploration of Pope Francis' teachings on peacemaking and the Church's commitment to nonviolence, featuring an opening address by Cardinal Peter Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and former President of the Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace. To register go to www.shu.edu/peaceconference2019

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; 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.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held at the following high schools: Bergen Catholic, Oradell - September 22nd from 1:00-3:00PM. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For questions, please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org; Saint Joseph Regional, Montvale – September 29th from 11:00AM-2:00PM. For more information and directions, please call the school at 201-391-3300 ext. 235 or register at www.sjrnj.org

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 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. **NO TICKETS AT THE DOOR.**

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 all Iris at 201-945-2012 or Dottie at 201-562-6366.

BUS TRIP TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Join Deanery 6 for the Newark Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on Saturday, October 26th. The one-day bus trip will leave from St. Matthew's Church at 6:30AM. Cost is \$45 per person. Register at St. Matthew's at 555 Prospect Avenue, Ridgefield. Check is payable to St. Matthew's.

HOLY HOUR PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

Announcing the 2019 Rosary Rally as a special commemoration of the 102nd year Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparitions at Fatima. All our parishioners are invited to join in Recitation of the Holy Rosary and the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy every Monday after the 11:30AM Mass through October 7th.

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, Tony Aquilone, Concetta Giustra, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Georgine Ferrie, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Richard Citro, Leonard Cappellutti.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Patrick McLoughlin.

**“WHEN YOU GET TO YOUR WIT'S
END, YOU'LL FIND GOD LIVES
THERE!”**

