

PASTOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

In our gospel passage this week Jesus reminds us of our heavenly Father's compassionate and forgiving love. In the story of the "Prodigal son" the love that the father shows for his son is almost too much to believe. We find it hard to accept the seeming injustice that the father commits by accepting his wayward son back into his home, no questions asked, without any recrimination. What we may have overlooked in the story is the fact that this son never ceased to live in his father's heart. There was always a "place" waiting for him, if he would only wake up and turn his life back around in the right direction. Brothers and sisters, God's love for us is like the love of the father for his son in that story. There is always a place for us in God's heart; but we need to wake up and turn our lives around, and come back to him.

The good shepherd who goes looking for the lost sheep and the woman who searches diligently for her lost coin is like Jesus. He is the one who came into our world, to seek what was lost. Just as the shepherd and the woman rejoiced in having found what they were looking for, we too can be a source of great joy for the Lord and all his heavenly friends when we choose to turn back to him and let ourselves be found.

*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 15th

Sunday Collection

\$5,955.50

Catholic University of America

\$ 948.00

"Everything I have is yours." – Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do we really want to turn our backs on all that God offers in exchange for a material wealth that has no lasting value?



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.

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.

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.

SURVIVING DIVORCE: A 3 DAY RETREAT

The Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring a three day retreat for the separated/divorced. Each day features DVD sessions that cover topics of shock, denial, anger, grief, guilt, forgiveness and much more. Participants will hear personal testimonies of Catholic men and women who have experienced breakdown of their families who witness to the healing power of Christ in their lives. Sessions run Saturdays - September 28th, October 26th & November 16th between 9:00AM-1:00PM at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, 28 Livingston Ave., Roseland. Cost is \$20. To register go to <https://conta.cc/31gcKqj> or contact Lauren Tamara at Lauren.Tamara@rcan.org or call 973-497-4327.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

Families & Natalie Lopac

8:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

10:00AM Maria & Nicholas Dragas

12:00PM Vincent Libro

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

STS. CORNELIUS & CYPRIAN

8:00AM Martino Picinic

11:30AM Joyce Brandon

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

ST. ROBERT BELLARMINE

8:00AM John Morin

11:30AM John Glendening

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 18

8:00AM Catalina Orpilla

11:30AM Anton Juric

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

ST. JANUARIUS

8:00AM Josephine Paretti

11:30AM John Bucco

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

STS. ANDREW KIM-TAEGON & PAUL

CHONG & COMPANIONS

8:00AM John & Francesca Bussanich

11:30AM Dinka & Lovro Picinic

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ST. MATTHEW

11:30AM Albino Bussani

Neda Sokic

Zenko Matesic

Miguelina Perez

Irene Morin

5:00PM Margaret & David Hans

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Ivan Morin

10:00AM Ivan Tarabokia

12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Cappellutti Family



ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

D'Andrea & Milone Families

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Susan Bovino

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Amos 8:4-7

God cannot forget the sin of those who cheat the poor.

Ps 113

"Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor."

1 Tim 2:1-8

Pray for everyone, not just your own.

Lk 16:1-13

You cannot be the servant of God and the servant of money.

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.

EPIPHANY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Epiphany Community Food Pantry is in need of the following items: rice, peanut butter, jelly and sauce. We thank you for your continued generosity.

EPIPHANY ADULT CHOIR NEWS

Join to Sing! As we enter the season of fall, the Epiphany Adult Choir is resuming its singing season. The Adult Choir will begin on September 22nd at 9:00AM in the chapel. Everyone is welcome to join. You don't have to be gifted but only to come with enthusiasm and your love of music. If you have any questions, please come and talk to Dr. Sunny Son.

EPIPHANY CHILDREN'S CHOIR NEWS

Epiphany Children's Choir is currently accepting Children Grades 3-12 for its after-school choir program. The Choir is responsible for enriching the Mass at 12:00PM on Sundays, and rehearses every Wednesday from 3:15-4:00PM starting with a snack down in the social hall. The Choir focuses on singing music from the Catholic tradition as well as the modern church music. Time is devoted to building the children's skill of music reading, vocal technique, thinking about the words, and the structure of the Mass. Community hours are available for older students. October 2nd is the first rehearsal. For more information, contact Dr. Sunny Son at sunnyjson@gmail.com

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!

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. Mary Help of Christians Academy, North Haledon - Sunday, September 22nd & October 20th at 1:00PM; Saint Joseph Regional, Montvale - September 29th from 11:00AM-2:00PM. For more information and directions, call 201-391-3300 ext. 235 or register at www.sjrnj.org; Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY - Wednesday, October 2nd - 5:30PM-7:30PM; Regis High School, New York - Monday, October 14th - 1:00-4:00PM. For more information call 212-288-1100 Ext. 2057; Immaculate Conception High, Lodi - Thursday, October 10th - 6:30PM & Sunday, October 20th at 10:00AM; Xavier High School, New York - Saturday, October 19th - 11:00AM-4:00PM. **PLEASE NOTE:** There will be a New Jersey Admissions Information Night on Thursday, September 19th at 7:00PM at St. Luke's Parish, 304 North Franklin Turnpike, Ho-Ho-Kus.

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, pumpnickel 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 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.

FALL BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY TRAINING

Do you feel called to serve the needs of the Bereaved? The Fall Bereavement Ministry Support Training program is now open for registration. The course is offered by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark. The eight 2.5 hour sessions begin at the end of September and continue into November. Two separate classes are being held on Saturday mornings and Tuesday mornings at the Archdiocesan Center. For class registration and fee information, please contact Lauren Tamara at 973-497-4327 or email Lauren.Egan@rcan.org. Pre registration is required; class size is limited. Participants must meet the requirements of the Safe Environment Program.

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, Brother Peter Lyne.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Sheffield McKenzie, Rev. Charles McDermott, Henry Turek, Marguerite Dilorio.

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