

PASTOR'S MESSAGE SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

I need to revise what I wrote in last week's bulletin concerning the RCIA in order to accommodate some of the people who have contacted me in the interim. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults will begin with the period of the "pre-catechumenate" during which inquirers are introduced to the Catholic faith.

This year we will begin the "pre-catechumenate" on Wednesday, Oct. 2nd at 7:00 PM, and we will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings until December 1st, the First Sunday of Advent, when we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Catechumenate.

The Archdiocesan norm for Adults who have never been baptized is that they will participate for two (2) years in the RCIA process. Adults who wish to celebrate "First Holy Communion" and/or the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to participate in the RCIA process for only one year.

Any person, 18 years of age or older, who wishes to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation this year should contact Fr. Bruce at the rectory in order to participate in the RCIA. The rectory number is: (201) 943-7320. You may call during regular office hours or leave a voicemail with your name and a number where you may be contacted.

*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 22nd

Sunday Collection

\$4,867.50

"My child remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established." – Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



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.

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.

MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield will hold a Mass For Our Country on Thursday, October 3rd beginning with the Patriotic Rosary at 7:00PM and the Holy Mass at 7:30PM. All are welcome to come and pray for our Country.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its monthly Mass on Saturday, October 5th at the 5:00PM Mass. Please assemble in the vestibule and wear your medal.

"ABORTION, THE DELIBERATE KILLING OF A HUMAN BEING BEFORE BIRTH, IS NEVER ACCEPTABLE AND MUST ALWAYS BE OPPOSED!"

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Mary & William T. Harger

8:00AM Maria "Kiki" Tarabokia

10:00AM Giovanna Morin

12:00PM Ints. of Dina & John Mircovich

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ST. JEROME

8:00AM Caterina Scaffeo

11:30AM Martin Picinic

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

8:00AM Ints. of Barbara Santillo

11:30AM Marcia Pavin

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

8:00AM Ints. of the Mircovich Children

11:30AM Marc Tarabocchia

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00AM Emma Vidovich

11:30AM Anthony Bencivenga

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

8:00AM Adolph Tarabocchia

11:30AM Victoria Morales

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

BL. FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS

11:30AM Mary Barchetto

Neda Sokic

Ints. of Leonarda Zafra Santos,

Vivian Irene Punla & Trista

Nicole Santos

Elizabeth Sardon

5:00PM Johanna Rea Reynolds

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Rita & Pasquale Garritano

10:00AM Brenda Perina

12:00PM Sarah & Michael Romano

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

David Mihalinec

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Marie, George & Larry Eichler &

Donald Parenta

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Maria Letiia Rodriguez

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

How long, Lord, will you make me witness misery?

Ps 95

"If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Guard the rich deposit of faith you were given.

Lk 17:5-10

When you have done everything for the kingdom, do more.



YOUTH/YOUNG ADULT MASS

We will have a Youth/Young Adult Mass on Sunday, October 6th at the 12 Noon Mass. Youth and young adults will do the readings and will also serve as ushers during this Mass. All are invited to attend.

EPIPHANY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Epiphany Community Food Pantry is in need of all non-perishable food items for our Pantry. 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 began on September 22nd. Rehearsals are held on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM. 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 3:15-4:30PM 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

HOLY HOUR PRAYING FOR OUR NATION

The 2019 Rosary Rally is extended to include all Mondays through October 28th, which will end with Benediction. On Monday, October 14th, the Rosary will be prayed following the 9:00AM Mass. All are invited to participate.

OUTDOOR ROSARY

The Legion of Mary will have an Outdoor Rosary on Wednesday, October 16th at 6:30PM. All are invited to attend as we honor Our Blessed Mother during the month of October.

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: Saint Joseph Regional, Montvale – September 29th from 11:00AM-2:00PM. Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY – Wednesday, October 2nd – 5:30PM-7:30PM; Paramus Catholic High, Paramus – Sunday, October 6th from 12:00-3:00PM and Tuesday, October 29th – 6:00-8:00PM; Regis High School, New York – Monday, October 14th – 1:00-4:00M.; Immaculate Conception High, Lodi – Thursday, October 10th – 6:30PM & Sunday, October 20th at 10:00AM; Immaculate Heart Academy, Township of Washington – Sunday, October 20th – 11:00AM-2:00PM; Xavier High School, New York – Saturday, October 19th – 11:00AM-4:00PM; St. Peter's, Jersey City – Sunday, October 20th – 1:00-4:00PM.

INSTALLATION OF FR. BRUCE AS PASTOR OF EPIPHANY

ONLY TEN DAYS LEFT TO PURCHASE TICKETS FOR Fr. Bruce Harger's official installation as Pastor of Epiphany on Saturday, October 12th at the 5:00PM Mass celebrated by Bishop John Flesey. A reception will follow featuring 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. 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 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.

MASS BOOK FOR 2020

The Mass Book for 2020 will open on Tuesday, October 1st at 9:30AM in Ferretti Hall (Church Hall). **Only registered parishioners** will be able to book 3 masses at this time. Non-parishioners may book masses on November 6th. After the first of the new year, everyone may book 3 additional masses.

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 138 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.**

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. You may report an allegation of sexual misconduct by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

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, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O'Connor, Georgine Ferrie, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Richard Citro, Leonard Cappellutti, Brother Peter Lyne, Frank Gaetani.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Santa Wolfie, Chicky DeFrancis.

