

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2019

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

5:00PM Sottile & Sariti Families
8:00AM Giacomo, Genoveffa & Rocco
Suriano
10:00AM Benjamin Shikhman
12:00PM Domenica Mattessich

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25

ST. CATHERINE OF ALEXANDRIA

8:00AM Mary De Carlo
11:30AM Martin Picinic

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26

8:00AM Dr. James Tigani
11:30AM Ronald Del Rosario

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

8:00AM Patrick & Elaine Gratale
11:30AM Milena Matesic Piccinich

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00AM Dinko & Giovanna Morin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

11:30AM Edward Praysner

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

ST. ANDREW

11:30AM Tony Mezzich

Ricarte Laguatan &
Filomeno Santos
Desa Gobin
Giacomo Matesic

5:00PM Anthony & Vera Dragas

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00AM Antonia & Dinko Busanic
10:00AM Tony Mezzich
12:00PM Filomena Pallotta

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Dec'd Mbrs. D'Andrea & Milone Families

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

David Mihalinec

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Camille Missale

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Samuel Juliano

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Francesca Meredith

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 2:1-5

One nation shall not raise the sword against
another.

Ps 122

We will go up to the house of the Lord.

Rom 13:11-14

The hour is near for you to awake from
sleep.

Matt 24:37-44

Stay awake! No one knows when the Lord
will come.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – NOVEMBER 24, 2019

My dear parishioners and friends,

This Sunday we are celebrating the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe, Christ the King. This Sunday is the last Sunday of the church's liturgical year. Next Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of a new year in the church's calendar. Advent is a time of preparation as we look forward to our celebration of the Lord's Nativity at Christmas, but it is also a time when we conscientiously prepare for the Lord's return. I want to invite all of us to enter into this time with a new commitment to spiritual growth by taking and using one of the Advent Booklets we will provide at all the masses next weekend. This is a resource that we provide to you, free of charge, but if you care to make a small donation for the booklets your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

"Heritage Fund Update"

One of the legacies I inherited from our previous pastor is the "Heritage Fund". For those of you who don't know about it I will briefly explain what the "Heritage Fund" is and what it does. The "Heritage Fund" is a special account consisting of donations set aside for specific purposes here in the parish. Because that money is given to us for a specific reason it is exempt from any assessment by the Archdiocese.

This year we completed several of the projects that were funded by the "Heritage Fund" including: the new front doors of the church; the renovation of the rectory conference room; renovation of the rectory kitchen pantry area; updated sound system in the church; renovation of the daily mass chapel, sacristy and the Eucharistic chapel. Many other projects which have been completed or which are still underway include: replacement of the rectory flat roofs, installation of windows and repairs to the exterior walls of the rectory third floor extension; installation of new media system in the church; renovation of the church hall bathrooms.

One of our parishioners recently suggested that it may be time for us to publicize what other projects we have in mind so that people can make donations to fund those projects. In no particular order of priority, here are a few of the ideas for projects that we would like to take up: renovation of the Rectory office including new office furniture; update security alarm system in the rectory and church; additional video cameras, cabling and conduit; purchase and installation of an LED sign in front of the church; renovation of the front entry of the rectory and the entry to the food pantry/conference room; renovation of the rectory 2nd floor community room; repairs and renovation of the 2nd floor priest's suite; purchase and installation of ductless heating/cooling systems in rectory.

In addition to these projects that can be funded through the "Heritage Fund" there are many other initiatives that we need to think about as a parish community. I believe that we need to increase the amount that we are presently spending on Religious Education. And we need to develop a budget for Youth and Young Adult Ministry. We may also need to put money in our budget for at least a part-time maintenance person beginning next year.

A couple of weeks ago I was pleased to present the annual financial report for July 2018-June 2019 in which we showed a significant surplus. Because of that, and because of the increase in donations made to our "Heritage Fund", we have undertaken many projects that we might otherwise have had to defer. I want to encourage you to continue to be generous in your support so that the momentum we are building toward positive growth in our parish can continue. I also ask for your prayers, because everything that we are doing here is God's work and we cannot do His work without His help and His blessing.

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

November 17, 2019

Sunday Collection

\$5,113.10

Assessment

\$2,181.00

"...giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light." – Colossians 1:12

God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can't do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire "things". Try putting God first in all things instead. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.



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.

THERE WILL BE NO BINGO THIS WEEK DUE TO THANKSGIVING DAY!

THANKSGIVING DAY

There will be only one Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 10:00AM. We invite you to bring the bread and wine you will use on that day at your table. We will then bless them at the end of the Mass. There will be only one Mass on Friday, November 29th at 11:30AM and the Rectory Office will be closed. It will reopen on Saturday, November 30th at 10:00AM.

WORKERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY

Save the date for our annual Christmas Party for Bingo Workers, Food Pantry Workers, Confraternity of Christian Women, Legion of Mary and Knights of Columbus. It will be held on Friday, December 6th at 6:30PM at Café Tivoli. Cost is \$35.00 per person. Please pay for your tickets at the rectory and pick out a name for your Secret Santa Gift. The gift should have a value of at least \$20.00. Reservations must be made and paid for by December 2nd.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS

We will again be selling Christmas Wreaths. Each wreath is stunningly decorated with pinecones, ornaments and a large red bow. Wreaths are \$17.00 each. Wreaths will be ready for pick-up on November 30th and December 1st and December 7th and 8th after all the Mases. Proceeds will benefit the renovation of the Rectory. Wreaths must be paid in full when ordering.

ADVENT OF GIVING

Through Advent our parish will be collecting brand-new toys, clothes and Christmas gifts for our annual Advent Giving Tree Program. These donations are then distributed by the Epiphany Community Food Pantry to residents and families who are in need this Christmas Season. We need an assortment of donations: men's clothing, women's clothing, children's clothing, hats, scarves, gloves, household items and toys.

Donations must be brand-new and in original packaging.

PLEASE DO NOT WRAP YOUR DONATIONS

Starting the weekend of November 30th and December 1st, please bring all donations to the Advent Giving Tree (located on the left side of the altar area) or directly to the Rectory Office. **All donations must be received by December 12th at the latest!** Contact the Rectory with any questions. As always, thank you for your generosity!

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

If you receive weekly envelopes, there is an envelope for Christmas Flower Offerings. You may give your donation in memory of a loved one or simply just as a gift from your family. If you do not receive envelopes but wish to participate, please use a blank envelope and put Christmas Flower Offering on the envelope as well as your intentions or use one of the Christmas Flower envelopes at the Church doors. You may place the envelope in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

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

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 \$35,116 from 135 families. **We are only \$1,215.90 short of our goal to receive a rebate.** 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 a little short of our goal to get a rebate. If you have not made a pledge yet, there is still time to do so.**

GALA NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

We will be having a Gala New Year's Party on Tuesday, December 31st from 7:30PM-12:30AM. Dinner will be catered by Roman's Restaurant, New Milford. Menu includes the following: baked ziti with ricotta, chicken francese, roast beef, tossed salad, vegetables, potatoes, dessert beer, wine, soda, champagne toast at midnight, hats and noisemakers. Music will be by DJ Gazo. Tickets are \$35 per person and will be available at the Rectory shortly. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!**

BIBLE STUDY

A Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, December 10th at 7:00PM in the Church Hall. Please bring your bible. Fr. Boniface will conduct the Bible Study.

EPIPHANY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

The Epiphany Community Food Pantry is in need of all non-perishable food items for our Pantry. Please make sure that all food has a shelf life of 2020 and beyond. **WE WILL NOT ACCEPT EXPIRED FOOD.** We thank you for your continued generosity. **We will not be accepting new clients until January 3, 2020.**

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

The Knights of Columbus, Benedict XV Council, will sponsor Breakfast With Santa on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00AM-12:00PM in our Church Hall. There is no charge but a free-will donation will be taken. Parents must bring a wrapped gift for their child with name tag for Santa to give them. Also, bring an unwrapped toy for our Toys for Tots. All proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Food Pantry. Please RSVP to Epiphany Rectory at 201-943-7320.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT SHOW

A Christmas Craft Show will be held at Saint Joseph Regional High School on Sunday, December 8th from 10:00AM-4:00PM, showcasing the talents of over 110 juried crafts people and fine artists. Admission is \$3.00. **NO STROLLERS WILL BE PERMITTED.** www.sjrnj.org

MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 60 Byrd Avenue, Bloomfield, will sponsor a Patriotic Rosary at 7:00PM and Holy Mass at 7:30PM on Thursday, December 5th. This is an opportunity to come together and pray for God's blessings and mercy for our Country. All are welcome.

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 & Patricia Citro, Brother Peter Lyne, Frank Gaetani, Frank Magdalujo, Conrado Trinidad, Arnold Wall, John Mitchell, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Angie Vigna, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Albert Hildenbrand, Lourdu Mary Samson, Ray Rivas, Constance Ciongoli.

**“A LOT OF KNEELING WILL KEEP
YOU IN GOOD STANDING!”**