

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – JANUARY 12, 2020

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Rose & Marie Magliato

8:00AM Nicola Caruso

10:00AM Giulio Scoccimarro

12:00PM Stanley Osmanski

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

STS. FABIAN & SEBASTIAN

9:00AM Jose & Maria Henriquez

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

ST. AGNES

8:00AM Dr. & Mrs. Arthur Scullion

11:30AM Carlo Buonsanto

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL  
PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

8:00AM Anna & Jumsun Lee

11:30AM Matea Morin

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

STS. MARIANNE COPE & VINCENT

8:00AM John Mattessich

11:30AM Serafina Buonsanto

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES

8:00AM Mario Lara

11:30AM Petar Fatovic

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL

11:30AM Pascualito Aquino Seminiano

Ints. of Jocelyn Que

5:00PM Anton Cavlov

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Slavko Mladjenovic

10:00AM Rosa Ciambrone

12:00PM Wilma R. Smithward

### ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

John Mattessich

### ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Ernie Sdrigotti



### PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 8:23--9:3

The conquered people will triumph  
and will see a great light.

Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14

The Lord is my light and my salvation

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

To whom should we show allegiance?

Matt 4:12-23

Jesus invites his disciples to be "fishers of  
men."

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

In the "disco classic"  Holding Out for a Hero  Bonnie Tyler sings:

*"I need a hero. I'm holding out for a hero till the end of the night. He's gotta be strong and he's gotta be fast and gotta be fresh from the fight. I need a hero. I'm holding out for a hero till the morning light. He's gotta be sure and he's gotta be soon and he's gotta be larger than life."*

In an odd sort of way, what the Prophet Isaiah wrote in our first reading this weekend concerning the servant of God is a lot like the hero that Bonnie Tyler is singing about. The servant of God is made glorious in the sight of the Lord, and his strength is from God. He is the one who will be called, not only to raise up the tribes of Israel, but will also be a light to the nations, that God's salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

In our gospel this weekend, John the Baptist testifies that Jesus is that hero who has come for the salvation of the world. He tells us that Jesus is the one about whom Isaiah prophesied so many centuries before his coming; God's servant who would save us through his suffering, death and resurrection.

*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

January 12, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$5,457.00

Communicating God's Word

\$1,342.00

*"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." – Isaiah 49:5*

*God has given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and generously share them with others.*



PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE HAVING BINGO FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF OUR BATHROOMS IN THE CHURCH HALL. HOPEFULLY, BINGO WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6<sup>TH</sup>. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

### 47<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE

The Respect Life Ministry of Saint Nicholas Parish, Palisades Park, is sponsoring a bus trip to the 47<sup>th</sup> Annual March for Life in Washington, DC on January 24<sup>th</sup>. They are asking all parishes and the Knights of Columbus Councils in this area to join them. If you cannot attend the march, please consider donating any amount so that they can lower the price for the people attending. The current cost is \$30 per person but may decrease if they get enough donations. If you want to reserve your seat or need more information, contact Vincent Maresca at 201-362-6812 or email him at [vpmaresca@gmail.com](mailto:vpmaresca@gmail.com)

### OPEN HOUSE

Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY is hosting an Open House for High School and Transfer students and their families on Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup> from 10:00AM-2:00PM. For further information visit the website at [www.dc.edu](http://www.dc.edu)

### **BIBLE STUDY**

A Bible Study will be held on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Church Chapel, if the Church Hall Renovations are not done. Are all invited to attend.

### **SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE**

We will again be sponsoring a Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance to be held in March. Watch next week's bulletin for further details. Proceeds will benefit our Heritage Fund for the renovation of the western vestibule elevator roof.

### **CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL**

 Open House and Registration for the 2020-2021 school year will take place for new students on Tuesday, January 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-6:00PM and on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00PM at Christ the Teacher School, a National Blue Ribbon School. This includes PK-3 year-old program to Grade 8. This date guarantees a space in any grade. Please note that being a parishioner offers you the opportunity of a discounted tuition rate. We will continue to have open registrations, provided there is availability, from Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-2:00PM, and invite you to make an appointment. Please contact the school by email [info@christtheteacherschool.org](mailto:info@christtheteacherschool.org) or call 201-944-0421 for a tour.

### **ESTATE SALE**

There is a huge estate sale in Leonia. If interested in browsing or purchasing, please call 757-645-6868 for an appointment or you may email [tradetalks@aol.com](mailto:tradetalks@aol.com). Items to be sold include: sports equipment, hummels, dinnerware, furniture, furs, women's clothing, garden tools, lawn mower, tools, a 2010 Lexus, costume jewelry and much more. A percentage of the proceeds from the estate sale will be donated to Epiphany Church.

### **ENRICHMENT FOR MARRIED COUPLES**

The Family Life Office of the Archdiocese of Newark is sponsoring an Enrichment for Married Couples. Keep the love alive from Valentine's Day and come Celebrate Marriage. This one-day marriage enrichment offers some time to look at where you are in your marriage, improve your basic communication skills and revisit memories of your life together as a married couple. Family Life Office is sponsoring this day on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Archdiocesan Center, 171 Clifton Avenue from 9:30AM-4:30PM. The cost is \$50 per couple which includes a light continental breakfast, lunch and presentation materials. Mass will be celebrated at the end of the day. For more information or to register, please contact [Brian.Caldwell@rcan.org](mailto:Brian.Caldwell@rcan.org) or call 973-497-4324.

### **SPECIAL MASS**

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter for the Third Saturday Mass on Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 Noon. 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.

### **GET YOUR TAXES DONE FOR FREE**

The Franciscan Community Development Center's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) provides free income tax preparation assistance to families in our Community. Call 201-941-2977. The office will be open from January 22<sup>nd</sup> - April 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be closed on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

***“LOVE GOD AND HE WILL ENABLE YOU TO  
LOVE OTHERS EVEN WHEN THEY  
DISAPPOINT YOU!”***

### **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP**

The first Youth Fellowship will be held this Sunday, January 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00PM in the Church. Youth, young adults and everyone is invited. It will feature praise and worship, songs, bible sharing and prayers.

### **WORD OF GOD SUNDAY**

Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has instituted the Sunday of the Word of God, to be celebrated annually on the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. For the Sunday Masses of January 25-26, we ask you to bring your personal or family Bible to Mass with you. We want to emphasize the importance of the Bible in Catholic life and encourage one another to read and study it as a regular part of our lives as disciples of Jesus. During the Mass we will have a commitment and blessing prayer as you hold your Bibles.

### **BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO**

The Epiphany Community Food Pantry is sponsoring a bus to Wind Creek Casino, Bethlehem, PA, on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>. The bus will leave at 8:45AM and will be returning approximately at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$35 per person. You get \$25.00 back for play. Tickets must be paid for by February 11<sup>th</sup>. Proceeds will benefit our Food Pantry. You may park in the school lot if you are going on the trip. Call 201-943-7320 for ticket information.

### **CHRISTMAS FLOWER ADDENDUM**

The following donation to our Christmas Flower Memorials was received too late to be on the list: Donna Masella - In Memory of Frank Masella.

### **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

When all the hustle-bustle of the holidays are over...Don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful, romantic weekend away together? If you agree, then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information go to [www.wwme.org](http://www.wwme.org) or call Mike and Janet Turco at 973-427-7016 880 or email [mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com](mailto:mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com) or call 609-335-6880.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S AND MEN'S COMMISSIONS**

The Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor Catholic Men's and Women's Commissions. The Men's Commission will be held on Saturday, February 29<sup>th</sup> at Seton Hall University from 8:00AM-4:00PM with Mass at 4:00PM. The Women's Commission will be held on Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM-4:00PM with Mass at 4:00PM at Seton Hall University. For registration call 973-497-4545.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Baby Michael, Clyde Harger, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafrá-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, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Richard & Patricia Citro, Brother Peter Lyne, Frank Magdaluyo, Conrado Trinidad, John Mitchell, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Angie Vigna, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Bob Sirianni, Laura Cipullo, Frances Marino, Robert Donato, Giovanni Piccini Yuvonich, Rosemary Kovacs, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Ntalie Dente, Joe Villani.*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH**

*Ann Judith Santiago, Sister Arlene Oswald, OP, Angelo Bonnici, Phyllis Astarita, Rose Bellobuono, Robert White, Kathleen Meserole.*