

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – FEBRUARY 9, 2020

My dear parishioners and friends,

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

The prophet Isaiah in our first reading this weekend reminds us that our mission as a church is to feed the hungry; shelter the oppressed and homeless; clothe the naked; and not turn our back on our brothers and sisters in need. This is what we need to be doing more of, and not just paying the everyday costs of administering the parish. Of course, we still need to address a lot of issues that we have with renovating and maintaining our physical plant, and thanks to your generosity we have been able to do a lot of the projects that were waiting for me when I came to Cliffside Park two years ago. Can you believe it? I've been here for two years already! All I can say is “Thank God!” and “Thank God for all of you!” You are the light of my world.

*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

February 2, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$6,604.50

“Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to our Father who is in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of our gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.



PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE HAVING BINGO DUE TO THE RENOVATION OF OUR BATHROOMS IN THE CHURCH HALL. HOPEFULLY, BINGO WILL RESUME ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20th. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

BAPTISM

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomer baptized during the month of January:

Hamilton Gauss Peter-Greatti

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 until April 15th. It will be closed on April 10th and 11th.

SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

The 2020 Annual Appeal “Shining the Light of Christ” has begun. By now, you may have received a letter from Cardinal Tobin inviting you to make a gift to the Appeal. I encourage all of you to look it over and prayerfully consider making a pledge. If you have not received materials in the mail, I encourage you to pick up a brochure at the back of the church. In the coming weeks, we will be holding a special collection for the Annual Appeal. Thank you for your support.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Sottile & Sariti Families

8:00AM Slavko Mladjenovic

10:00AM Maria Isabel Gomez

12:00PM Mike, Filomena, Maria &
Antoinette Pallotta

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ST. SCHOLASTICA

8:00AM Antica Morin

11:30AM Marian Gullace

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

8:00AM Mary Tarabocchia

11:30AM Vincent Libero

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

8:00AM Mary Tarabocchia

11:30AM Domenica Bussanich

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

8:00AM Joseph Tolomeo

11:30AM Beniamino Mattesich

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

STS. CYRIL & METHIDIUS

8:00AM Anna & Jum Sun Lee

11:30AM Martin Picinic

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

11:30AM John Skrivanic

Elizabeth Sardon & Eufracia

Tinio

Hipolito Gajilan

5:00PM Margaret Carroll Donnelly

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Dinko & Antonia Busanic

10:00AM David Elias

12:00PM Amelia Caraballo

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Martino Hroncich

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

D'Andrea & Milone Families

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Angelo Bonnici

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Soon Yi Kim

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Sir 15:15-20

There is free will in every person.

Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

1 Cor 2:6-10

Wisdom has been revealed “to those who love him” through the Spirit.

Matt 5:17-37

Unless your virtue exceeds that of the Pharisees, you “will not enter the kingdom of God.”



SAINT PATRICK/SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER-DANCE

We are sponsoring a Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance to be held on March 14th. It will feature a corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings and St. Joseph's zeppole, soda, beer, coffee – BYOB. It will be catered by Sedona Taphouse and music will be provided by DJ Nick. Tickets are \$35 per person and available at the rectory. Proceeds will be for the renovation of the western vestibule roof. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

GOLDEN, SILVER & FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese of Newark invites any couple celebrating 50, 25 or 5 years of Christian Marriage in 2020 to anniversary liturgies that will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. Golden Anniversaries will be on May 3rd at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 15th. Silver and Fifth Anniversaries will be celebrated on April 19th at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 3rd. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hours to register.

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 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.

SPECIAL MASS

All are welcome to Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter for the Third Saturday Recovery and Healing Mass on February 15th at 12 Noon. This special Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of those directly afflicted with a substance used disorder and/or drugs as well as those affected by the abuse of alcohol. An open support group, Meeting of Hope, will follow the Mass. Refreshments will be served. For more information please call 201-768-7565.

TUITION FREE EDUCATION

There is a new opportunity at Bergen Community College which can offer Tuition Free Education. The Community College Opportunity Grant can provide a tuition-free college experience for students with household incomes of less than \$65,000. As a "last dollar" initiative, the program will cover all remaining tuition and fees for students taking six or more credits after any other federal or state grants are applied to their tuition bills. You can learn more by calling the hotline at 201-879-3733. or you can email tuitionfree@bergen.edu.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese 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. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

**“WORRY DOES NOT EMPTY
TOMORROW OF ITS SORROWS;
IT EMPTIES TODAY OF ITS
STRENGTH!”**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no Religious Education Classes for grades 1-7 on Sunday, February 16th. Classes will resume on Sunday, February 23rd.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The Confraternity of Christian Women will have its meeting on Monday, February 10th at 4:30PM. Since the bathrooms in the church hall are not done, we will have the meeting in the Daily Mass Chapel.

ARCHBISHOP EMERITUS JOHN JOSEPH MYERS

The physical and mental health of Archbishop Emeritus John Joseph Myers has suffered a serious decline. We ask all the faithful in the Archdiocese to pray for Archbishop Myers that the mercy of God comfort and strengthen him in this moment of fragility. If you would like to write to him, his address is: Pleasant View, 505 College Avenue, Ottawa, IL 61350.

ALTAR BREAD & WINE, SANCTUARY LAMPS, MASS CANDLES & ALTAR FLOWERS

We have Altar Bread & Wine, Sanctuary Lamps, Mass Candles and Altar Flowers available for the year 2020. Please come into the rectory to book one of these items in memory of or in honor of your loved ones.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S AND MEN'S COMMISSIONS

The Archdiocese of Newark will sponsor Catholic Men's and Women's Commission. The Men's Commission will be held on Saturday, February 29th at Seton Hall University from 8:00AM-4:00PM with Mass at 4:00PM. The Women's Commission will be held on Saturday, March 7th from 8:00AM-4:00PM with Mass at 4:00PM at Seton Hall University. For registration for men email www.rcan.org/mens-commission or call 973-497-4545 or for women email www.rcan.org/womenscommission or call 973-497-4545. Cost is \$30 per person.

UPCOMING SALE OF PALM CROSSES AND PIES AND CAKES

We will again be selling Palm Crosses and Pies and Cakes for the Easter Season. Watch for more information in an upcoming bulletin.

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 Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Geraldine Fox, Tatiana Flores, Rosalie Connors, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Donna Carrajat, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, 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 Yuvoich, Rosemary Kovacs, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Natalie Dente, Joe Villani, Lisa Mutchler, Elizabeth Chan Benjamin Yap, Henry Yap, Archbishop Emeritus John Joseph Myers, Rose & Anthony McCluskey, Jane Kim Estantino, Mike Hromin, Mary Donato, Nancy Manto.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Irene Ciccarino, Catherine Cerutti, Marianna Wysocki, Nicholas Busanic, Deacon John Inguaggiato, Serge Nicholas Ade.