

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2020**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00PM Margaret Carroll Donnelly  
8:00AM Dinko & Antonia Busanic  
10:00AM David Elias

12:00PM Amelia Caraballo

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17**

**THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE  
SERVITE ORDER**

9:00AM John Skrivanic

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

8:00AM Anna & Jum Sun Lee

11:30AM Joseph Tolomeo

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

8:00AM John Skrivanic

11:30AM Erminio Baldassarre

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

8:00AM John & Mary Wahrenberger

11:30AM Maurice Tinomey

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

**ST. PETER DAMIAN**

8:00AM John Skrivanic

11:30AM Frank DiGiannantonio

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

11:30AM Ints. of Vjera Pesa

Elizabeth Sardon & Eufracia  
Tinio

5:00PM Slavko Mladjenovic

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:00AM Beatrice Rosario

10:00AM Benny Pulice

12:00PM Giacomina Scrivanich

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – FEBRUARY 16, 2020**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

In our gospel this weekend Jesus tells his disciples that their righteousness has to surpass that of the scribes and the Pharisees. It is Jesus' call to his people, to us, to become the righteous, holy people that God needs to carry the light of the gospel to the world around us. Yes, we are all called to righteousness in our relationship with God and in our relationships with one another. We are all familiar of just how badly the Church needs to atone for the mistakes that we have made in the past, especially with regard to those children who were abused by clergy and religious.

I want to tell you about a small group faith-sharing process we will be introducing during the Lenten season this year that is aimed at addressing the need for healing in the church over the issue of child abuse. Healing Our Church was developed by RENEW International as a pastoral response to the sexual abuse crisis. The process includes six sessions: Facing the Truth; Healing Our Wounds; Rebuilding Our Church; Why Do I Remain Catholic; We Believe; and A Way Forward. These sessions are intended to raise our awareness of the problem and walk us through a healing process over a six-week period during which our faith will be challenged and strengthened.

We will be publishing more information about the sessions and provide a sign-up sheet for each of the small groups that will be meeting. We do ask that those who sign up for a small group will make a firm commitment to complete the process for all six sessions.

Some people have told me that the issue of child abuse in the church is not one that has had a great impact on our community here at Epiphany. I am thankful for that; however, all of us have been affected by the media coverage of this issue to some extent... and there are those people in our own families and circle of friends whose faith has been shaken over this issue. Our having "worked through" it ourselves might put us in a better position to be a source of healing for them.

I ask you all to consider making a commitment to take up a share in the burden of the cross that the church has embraced. I believe that the Lord is calling all of us to that higher level of righteousness that is sometimes painful to achieve, but always for the greater good.

*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 9, 2020*

**Sunday Collection**

**\$5,580.00**

**Assessment Collection**

**\$2,224.00**

***"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 5:20***

*The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.*



**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

Martino Hroncich

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

D'Andrea & Milone Families

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*

Slavko Mladjenovic

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*

Slavko Mladjenovic

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Lev 19:1-2, 17-18**

Bear no grudge or hatred against another.

**Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13**

The Lord is kind and merciful.

**1 Cor 3:16-23**

We belong to Christ and the Spirit of God dwells within us.

**Matt 5:38-48**

Love your enemies and pray for your oppressors.



**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 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>. WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR FURTHER DETAILS.**

**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 15<sup>th</sup>. It will be closed on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

**SHINING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST**

The 2020 Annual Appeal "Shining the Light of Christ" has begun. By now, you should 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.

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

WE ARE CELEBRATING OUR 104<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY with former and present pastors at our Saint Patrick/Saint Joseph's Dinner Dance to be held on March 14th. It will feature a corned beef and cabbage and chicken 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.**

### PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday is Presidents' Day. The Rectory Office will be closed and there will be only one mass at 9:00AM.

### SALE OF PIES AND CAKES

Don't forget to check our insert for the sale of pies and cakes for Easter. If you have never tasted these cakes or pies, you are in for a real treat. Proceeds will benefit the renovation of our western vestibule roof.

### CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate the following parishioners who are students at Paramus Catholic High School who have achieved high honors: Principal's List – Julieta Caroppo & Kelsey Contreras; Second Honors – Leonardo Caroppo. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 15<sup>th</sup>. Silver and Fifth Anniversaries will be celebrated on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hours to register.

### PASTORAL MINISTRY WITH PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Archdiocese will hold an Employment Information Night for parents and guardians of teens and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00PM at St. John the Evangelist Church (Conlon Hall), Bergenfield. For more information and registration call 973-497-4309 or register online [Anne.Masters@rcan.org](mailto:Anne.Masters@rcan.org)

### 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.

### 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](mailto:tuitionfree@bergen.edu).

### WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY RETREAT

The Marianist Family Retreat Center, Cape May Point, NJ, will hold a Women's Spirituality Retreat from April 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. Join with other women in an exploration of your own story and stories of women in faith. Come alone, or with a relative or friend. This will be a weekend of rest and renewal. Cost is \$140 per person, double occupancy. Call 609-884-3829 for reservations and information.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

There will be no Religious Education Classes for grades 1-7 on Sunday, this weekend, February 16<sup>th</sup>. Classes will resume on Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### BIBLE STUDY

Our next Bible Study Class will be held on Tuesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM in the Church Hall.

### ROSARY AND ADORATION FOR WORLD PEACE

The World United in Prayer with a rosary and adoration for world peace will be held at St. Michael's Church, Palisades Park on Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-5:00PM. All are invited to attend. It will be in honor of Our Lady of Fatima.

### 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 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 for men email [www.rcan.org/mens-commission](http://www.rcan.org/mens-commission) or call 973-497-4545 or for women email [www.rcan.org/womenscommission](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission) or call 973-497-4545. Cost is \$30 per person.

### 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 Yuwonich, 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, Gloria Masella, Giuseppe Totaro.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Marco Vinicio Brenes Chaves.*

**“LEAD BY EXAMPLE – SET THE TONE;  
SET THE PACE!”**

