

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – APRIL 12, 2020

My dear parishioners and friends



SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2020

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30PM Easter Vigil

9:30AM Serena & Sangsun Lee
Maria & Nicholas Dragas
Edna & Thomas Lennon

MONDAY, APRIL 13

11:30AM Albert, Robert, Norman & Mae
Knebel

TUESDAY, APRIL 14

8:00AM Martin Picinic
11:30AM Eileen Dietrich

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

8:00AM Louis Botto
11:30AM Nicolo Picinic

THURSDAY, APRIL 16

8:00AM Ivan Picinic (Kovacic)
11:30AM Fred Barbato

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

8:00AM Ivan Picinic (Kovacic)
11:30AM Matea Morin

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

11:30AM Ivan Picinic (Kovacic)

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

9:30AM Charles & Elenore Hangley
Domenick Morin
Giulio Scoccimarro
Adam Morin

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
James Nebbia

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
David Mihalinec

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of
Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Matea Morin

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Kathleen Meserole

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Acts 2:42-47

The faithful listen intently to the teachings of the apostles.

Ps. 118:2-4, 113-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love is everlasting.

Pet 1:3-9

We have been given a new birth and are heirs to the kingdom of heaven.

Jn 20:19-31

“Blessed are they who have not seen and believed.”



For the past forty days “Alleluia” is a word that we have deliberately avoided. This single word captures the joyful spirit of our Easter experience of the resurrected Christ. His victory is our victory over sin and death and all the dark forces of evil in our lives. Even though this year it may seem as though our “Alleluia” is ringing hollow and echoing back to us in churches which have been closed in the interests of public safety; still, we must have hope that this time of isolation will end and we will soon be able to join our voices in joyful praise, thanking God for His saving grace.

Easter time calls for us to practice something like the Passover custom that the Jewish people had when they threw out all of the old yeast and ate unleavened bread. Saint Paul in his letter to the Corinthians (1 Cor. 5:6b-8) described the “old yeast” that we are being called to discard: it is “the yeast of malice and wickedness”. And the “unleavened bread” that we are being given is “the bread of sincerity and truth”. This is the time for us to cast out the malicious leaven of fear and frustration about the things that we cannot change, and sincerely commit ourselves to do what we can to improve the situation through prayer and making good decisions.

Have faith, brothers and sisters. Have hope that our deliverance is near at hand. Allow the new light of Jesus’ resurrection to penetrate the darkness in our lives. Let the healing waters of baptismal grace flow in our world. Let the joy and the peace that come from believing in the power of Christ’s resurrection comfort and console our weary hearts. This IS the day that our God has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*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.

	<i>April 5, 2020</i>
Sunday Collection	\$1,460.00
Black & Indian Collection	\$ 418.00
<i>“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” - Colossians 3:2</i>	
<i>Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be readjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment – I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.</i>	



DUE TO THE RECENT PANDEMIC, THURSDAY BINGO IS SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ST. PATRICK/ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER DANCE

Due to the pandemic that has come into the world, we have only postponed our St. Patrick/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. We appreciate everyone's understanding. We will let you know when we can once again resume normal operations and go back to having events such as this one. Watch the bulletin for further details.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese of Newark invites any couple celebrating 50 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. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hours to register.

BUS TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO

The bus trip which was scheduled for Sunday, April 19th to the Wind Creek Casino has been postponed. We will reschedule this trip at a later date. Watch the bulletin for further details.

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.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

We thank you, dear Father, for these hours of unity. Selfless acts of service and kindness warm our hearts. Strangers see opportunities to share with others. Our medical warriors are working together, at personal risk, to care for the rest of us. We thank you for their remarkable commitment. And we see the world turning to you, Father. People encourage people with scriptures and reminders of your sovereignty. We read posts helping us to respect each other, care for each other, and look up. We confess we have been anxious but because of this, we have hope. We ask, Father, let your mercy be upon all who suffer. Grant to those who lead us wisdom beyond their experience. Have mercy upon the souls you have hurt by this disease. Give us grace to help each other and faith that we might believe. Amen.

WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

We have two scholarships that will be given away this June. One is for a beginning or current college student who is an active parishioner of Epiphany who will be an entering freshman in the fall of 2020 or is currently enrolled in a four-year college as a sophomore or junior. One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually. New applications will have to be submitted annually. The second scholarship is for an eighth grader who will be entering a Catholic High School in September 2020. One \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded annually. The high school scholarship will be awarded to the student with the highest grade-point average. Applications can be obtained at the parish office. Deadline for applications is May 8th. Scholarships will be awarded on June 14th at our Parish Picnic.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

We are celebrating Easter this weekend – a day of joy, transformation, bunnies and candies. Our Lenten sacrifices have hopefully put us into greater solidarity with all who suffer. Rejoice in your love and overcoming hardship together.

PARENTING POINTERS

Good Friday has just passed. So, what's so good about Jesus dying on the cross? It's not a happy time, BUT it is a time for us to remember that even when we are hurt or in pain, Jesus is with us and understands – and that is good. He overcame death and so will we.

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 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, 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, Laura Cipullo, Frances Marino, Robert Donato, 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, Nancy Manto, Giuseppe Totaro, Peter Barbato, Sylvia Nichols, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, John Reynolds.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

John Donato, Joanne O'Connell, Rev. Gioacchino Basile, Patricia Vaillancourt, India Santana.

**“WHEN A BELIEVING
PERSON PRAYS, GREAT
THINGS HAPPEN!”**