

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – APRIL 19, 2020

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2020
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER –
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

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

MONDAY, APRIL 20

8:00AM Ints. of Marianne Maver
11:30AM Matteo Hroncich

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

ST. ANSELM

8:00AM Antonia Bussanich
11:30AM Remedios Del Rosario

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

8:00AM Antonia Bussanich
11:30AM Martin Picinic

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

STS. GEORGE & ADALBERT

8:00AM Mary & Catherine McKeown &
Culleton & Kindelan Families

11:30AM Antonio Piccinich

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN

8:00AM David Mihalinec
11:30AM Martino Hroncich

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

11:30AM Dec'd Mbrs. Ovonji-Odida
Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30AM Sottile & Sariti Families
Ann Judith Santiago
Antoinette Foglio
John Morich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
James Nebbia

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
David Mihalinec

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of
Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
David Mihalinec

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Acts 2:14, 22-33

The miracles and wonders that Jesus
performed.

Ps. 16:1-2, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Show us the path of life.

1 Pet 1:17-21

The blood of the paschal lamb was shed.

Lk 24:13-35

They recognized Christ and their "hearts burned
within them."

My dear parishioners and friends:



SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Divine Mercy Sunday was established for the Universal Church by Our Holy Father St. John Paul the Second in the year 2000 *"in response to the desires of the faithful who wish to praise the Divine Mercy in divine worship, particularly in the celebration of the Paschal mystery."* The focus of Divine Mercy Sunday is on God's unbounded love and mercy for us sinful and broken human beings. That mercy has been revealed most clearly to us in Jesus' Passion, Death and Resurrection; and it continues to be poured out upon us through the Church's Sacramental celebrations of Baptism, the Eucharist and Reconciliation.

We acknowledge God's mercy when we trust in Him and partake regularly of the Sacraments. However, during this time when we are experiencing an extended Eucharistic fast, I want to encourage all of you to begin to pray the Divine Mercy Novena on a regular basis.

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.

April 12, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$ 3,061.25

Easter Collection (thus far)

\$11,595.00.

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" – John 20:19

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.



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

CANCELLATION OF ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Due to the ongoing health crisis, the Anniversary Masses scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 19th and May 3rd at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart are unable to be celebrated at this time.

Also, the Mass for Bereaved Parents scheduled for Friday, May 8th at St. Aloysius in Caldwell is unable to be celebrated.

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.

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.

SUNDAY MASS & DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

While our Church is closed due to this pandemic, we celebrate Mass every day at 11:30AM and every Sunday at 9:30AM. You can view the masses on our website at www.epiphanyrchurch.org and hit the letter F in the right-hand corner and scroll down to view the mass. This weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. The services for Divine Mercy will follow the 9:30AM Mass.

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 in June.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

April 22nd is the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. Pick one day this week to especially enjoy creation together. Take a hike, plant something, gaze at the moon and stars. Be creative together.

PARENTING POINTERS

April is Child Abuse Prevention month. While the clergy sexual abuse scandal has rocked the Catholic Church, it has also called us to be "holy families" who are agents of honesty, change, and prevention. Claim your call.

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 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, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, John Reynolds.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Joseph Aldo Bazzarelli, Wladyslaw Kopec, Henry Hamel, Jr. John Richard Passant, Joseph Zanga, Rev. John Morely, Roberto DelGado, Gary Biondi, Joseph Dickman, Joseph Barricella.

**"IT IS THE RIGHT OF EVERY
PREGNANT WOMAN TO GIVE BIRTH
... AND THE RIGHT OF EVERY CHILD
TO BE BORN!"**