

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – APRIL 26, 2020



“He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.”

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

My dear parishioners and friends,

I remember when I was a teenager I thought that Jesus' suffering and death couldn't possibly be a part of God's plan. It seemed to me that a loving God could never have allowed this to happen and it was totally incompatible with my idea of who God is. Of course, as a young, white male, growing up under somewhat "sheltered" conditions, it was hard for me to conceive of the kind of violence that really exists in the world... especially the violence that is regularly perpetrated against the innocent. The Second World War and the Korean War both happened before my time, and the Vietnam War was just on the horizon. The great debate over women's rights to choose an abortion as opposed to their babies' right to life was only heating up, and somehow that issue didn't seem to touch me until one of my classmates actually had an abortion.

As I reflect on these years I think, gradually, the mystery of evil began to take shape in my thinking. It seemed to me that the world that I knew as a child was a broken world that desperately needed healing. It was hard for me to see God's presence and action in that broken, bleeding world where so many innocent people were suffering. And I found it difficult to experience God because I knew my own "brokenness" and how by my sin and selfishness I was only contributing to the problem.

But somehow in the middle of all this I was able to make a connection, one that I still do not completely understand... but isn't that the way it is with things that are truly a mystery? The connection that happened for me was in the breaking of the bread at the Eucharist. Jesus took the bread that is His Body, and the cup of wine that is His Blood. He broke His own Body and He poured out His very Blood and He shares His living Presence with us even now. As God, Jesus shows us that suffering and death do not have the last word. He shows us that suffering and death are not the ultimate reality and they do not define who we are. If I did not believe this, I would never have given my life to Jesus in the priesthood.

*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 19, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$ 2,760.19

Easter Collection (thus far)

\$13,080.00

“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” – Luke 24:32

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that is a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER –

9:30AM Sottile & Sariti Families

Ann Judith Santiago

Antoinette Foglio

John Morich

MONDAY, APRIL 27

11:30AM Carmella & John Morin

Angelo Bonnici

TUESDAY, APRIL 28

STS. PETER CHANEL & LOUIS GRIGNION

DE MONTFORT

11:30AM Celia Gandara

Lucia Bucovaz

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

11:30AM Dec'd Mbrs Dobson, Runge &

Meuter Families

John Scrivanich

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

ST. PIUS V

11:30AM Angelo Picinic

Catherine & Joseph Imbelloni

FRIDAY, MAY 1

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

11:30AM Pauline Latino

Maria Buok Ahn

SATURDAY, MAY 2

ST. ANTHANASIVS

11:30AM John Picinic

SUNDAY, MAY 3

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30AM Arthur Di Paolo

Luigi Mancini

Roberto Del Rosario

Nicholas DeNoia

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Magliato & Legreca Families



ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

John Mattessich

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of

Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Be baptized in the name of Christ.

Ps. 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11

Lord, you will show us the path of life.

1 Pt 2:20b-25

Endure suffering for Christ as He did for us.

Jn 10:1-10

“Whoever enters through me will be safe.”

CANCELLATION OF ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Due to the ongoing health crisis, the Anniversary Mass scheduled to be held on Sunday, May 3rd at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart is 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.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday. Eucharistic Adoration will be held following the 11:30AM Mass and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited.

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 your understanding. We will let you know when we can once again resume normal operations and go back to having events such as this. 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 AND WEEKDAY MASSES

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.

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.



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

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them..." (Luke 24:15) Take a walk together today or soon and while you are walking imagine Jesus walking with you and talking through your beloved to you.

PARENTING POINTERS

Earth Day was April 22nd but many communities are celebrating this weekend. Join with your child in doing something to honor the earth this weekend – recycle, plant something, observe nature.... Be creative.

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

John Neebling, Rev. Francis Heinen, Tony Bitritto, Ante Radovich, Rev. Raymond Holmes, James Lee.

**"IF THE ONLY PRAYER YOU EVER SAY
IN YOUR ENTIRE LIFE IS THANK YOU,
IT WILL BE ENOUGH!"**