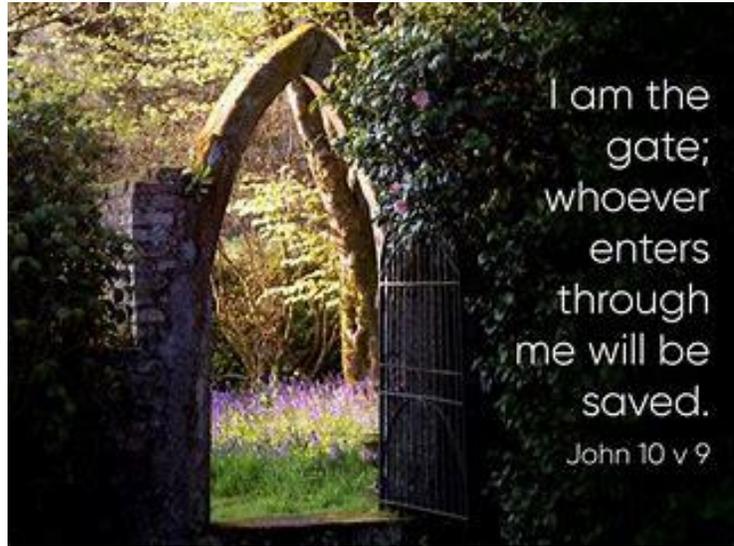


FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – MAY 3, 2020



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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9:30AM Arthur DiPaolo
Luigi Mancini
Roberto Del Rosario
Nicholas De Noia

MONDAY, MAY 4
11:30AM Dominick & Maria Mattesich
Lucia Bucovaz

TUESDAY, MAY 5
11:30AM Dec'd Mbrs. Vecchione Family
Pasquale Iannaccone

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
11:30AM Artlio & Carmela Dente
Giovanni Picinich

THURSDAY, MAY 7
11:30AM Antonia Bussanich
James & Lillie Harger

FRIDAY, MAY 8
11:30AM Nicholas Busanic
John Mattesich

SATURDAY, MAY 9
ST. ANTHANASIUS
11:30AM Dr. James Looram

SUNDAY, MAY 10
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
9:30AM Josephine D'Oro
Ivan Picinic
Silvestri & Libero Families
Grace Siccardi

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Magliato & Legreca Families

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

John Mattesich

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of

Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Acts 6:1-7

The Apostles chose seven men to serve.

Ps. 33: 1-2, 4-5, 18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1 Pt 3: 15-18

Come to Jesus, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen by God.

Jn 14: 15-21

Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life.

My dear parishioners and friends,

On the day of Pentecost the people asked Peter and the other disciples, "What are we to do?". Peter's answer to them was clear, "Repent and be baptized...". That word, "repent" is loaded with meaning, but essentially it boils down to one thing, "change"... change your mind, change your heart, change the way that you are living.

Certainly, as the result of what is happening in our world today, we are only too familiar with change. It is hard to believe just how much our lives HAVE changed over the past two months. And we are continually being challenged to embrace these changes for some greater good... to be safe and to protect others from the spread of this killing disease.

In our desire to answer the question "What are we to do in this moment of crisis?" we are turning to our leaders and to those who are qualified to give us advice. And, unfortunately, there ARE conflicting voices out there adding to the confusion and fear. Brothers and sisters, what we need even more than expert advice, is we need to hear the voice of our Good Shepherd and to have the assurance that He is leading us to a place of salvation... even in the midst of this difficult time of change.

In verse 10 of Psalm 46 God commands, "Be still! And know that I am God...". This is a Psalm written for times like these when we feel that we are being attacked by nature itself. "The Lord of hosts is with us..." God is our stronghold, and he WILL lead us through the gate that leads to safety.

*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 26, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$ 1,441.00

Easter Collection (thus far)

\$14,723.00

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. Change that is permanent comes from within. It requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is also hard. We have to recognize that we are broken and need help. The good news – we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.



CANCELLATION OF THE BEREAVEMENT MASS

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

REQUESTING A SPECIAL FAVOR

If you are moving out of the parish, please be kind enough to inform the rectory so that we can stop sending envelopes to you. It usually takes two months before the parishioner is removed by the company. Also, if you are moving to a new location in our parish, please inform the rectory. Thank you for your consideration to this request.

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.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously 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. To report an act of sexual misconduct call the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

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

During this time of the coronavirus many couples have more time together because physical distancing has cancelled many social activities. Yes, you can watch movies but perhaps also take time to reminisce together. Go through old photo albums, letters, memories...

PARENTING POINTERS

Friday, May 1st, was "May Day." This time of year can be a call for help or a time for enjoying nature. Maybe do a little of each with your child this week.

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, Louanne Mitchell, Kathy Lemmon, 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, Conrado Trinidad, 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

Victorio Sison, Rev. John Morris, Rev. John Salvas, Vinka Uselj.

"IF WE ALL THROW OUR PROBLEMS INTO A PILE AND SAW EVERYONE ELSE'S, WE WOULD GRAB OURS BACK!"