

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – MAY 10, 2020



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

My dear parishioners and friends,

Many of our readings this Sunday have to do with building. In the gospel passage Jesus tells us that He is preparing a place for us in his Father's house where there are many dwelling places. Peter describes to us how we are being built into a spiritual house like living stones to be a holy priesthood that offers sacrifices that are acceptable to God. And in our first reading this weekend, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear how the early church confronted some of it's "growing pains" by establishing a new order of deacons to serve the needs of the community. This too is a form of building something new that was needed in the church.

This weekend we are celebrating our mothers. Motherhood has been a part of God's plan for humanity from the very beginning. After all, as the book of Genesis tells us, God created us in his image, male and female he created us (Gen 5: 1-2). There is a purpose in God's having created us this way, to be fruitful and to fill the earth.

This is what St. John Paul II wrote about extensively in presenting his "Theology of the Body". Motherhood is an essential part of God's design and a great blessing which has been made even more noble by the way in which Mary cooperated with God's plan by becoming the Mother of Jesus.

Brothers and sisters, give thanks to God for the gift of life that has been bestowed on us in so many ways by our mothers. Give thanks to our mothers as well for all their loving and selfless service to us through the years. For all our mothers who are living and for those who have gone home to that special place that was prepared for them let us offer praise to God.

*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.

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| | <i>May 3, 2020</i> |
| <i>Sunday Collection</i> | <i>\$ 1,730.00</i> |
| <i>Easter Collection (thus far)</i> | <i>\$14,723.00</i> |

*"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." – 1 Peter 3:17
Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember – no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.*

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

LET BC COME TO YOU! Bergen Catholic will share a virtual Open House on Wednesday, May 20th. Registration can be found on the BC website. For more information, please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions at mrosa@bergencatholic.org
They will hold their summer "BC Lead On" Program for 7th & 8th grade boys from July 13th-30th from 8:00AM-12 Noon. Registration can be found on the website – www.bergencatholic.org

**SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2020
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

9:30AM Josephine D'Oro
Ivan Picnic (Kovacic)
Silvestri & Libero Families
Grace Siccardi

MONDAY, MAY 11

11:30AM Lucia Bucovaz
Dinko & Giovanna Morin

TUESDAY, MAY 12

STS. NEREUS, ACHILLEUS & PANCRAS
11:30AM Nicolo Busanic
Ints. of Giuseppa Bua

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

OUR LADY OF FATIMA
11:30AM Mary & John Wahrenberger
Eugenio & Adelina Osso

THURSDAY, MAY 14

ST. MATTHIAS
11:30AM Antonio Bussanich
Martin Picinic

FRIDAY, MAY 15

ST. ISIDORE
11:30AM Nikola Busanic
Ints. of Dina Picinic

SATURDAY, MAY 16

11:30AM Nicholas Busanic
SUNDAY, MAY 17

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30AM Mary & John Dooley
Ivan Picinic (Kovacic)
Ottavio Martire
Gloria Galfione

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Magliato & Legreca Families

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

John Mattessich

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of

Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

ALTR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Frances D'Andrea &
Elaine Milone Cummings

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for, next Sunday are-:

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Peter and John pray that they will receive the Holy Spirit.

Ps. 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1 Pt 3: 15-18

Christians are urged to remain steadfast in their allegiance to Christ.

Jn 14: 15-21

Jesus promises to send the apostles a comforter, a Paraclete, the Spirit of truth.



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.



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. Watch the bulletin for further details.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

During normal times it is easy to take our beloved for granted. We get into routines and it helps smooth out our lives. But these are not normal times. The possibility of sickness or death can sober us up. Say or write something you appreciate about your spouse today. Every day?

PARENTING POINTERS

Surprise someone with a compliment today. It can be someone in the family, a neighbor, or a stranger. Even if just one person in the family does it, maybe it will catch on. It is the effort and thought that count.

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.

UPDATE ON CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

All Archdiocesan Cemeteries will be open for visitation from 8:00AM-5:00PM on Mother's Day and every Sunday thereafter.

Beginning Monday, May 11th, up to 10 family members will be permitted to attend a burial service. All persons entering the cemetery or mausoleum must wear a facemask, gloves and practice social distancing.

Beginning Monday, May 18th, cemetery visitation will be permitted weekdays, Monday-Saturday, from 3:00PM-6:00PM, after all interments are completed.

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

Giovanna Osso, Sister Mary Ramona Borkowski, Miguelina Rodriguez, Antoni Kubsik.

“AND IF WE CAN ACCEPT THAT A MOTHER CAN KILL HER OWN CHILD, HOW CAN WE TELL OTHER PEOPLE NOT TO KILL ONE ANOTHER?”

Mother Teresa

A Mother's Day Prayer

**In the name of
JESUS CHRIST**

we lift up all

MOTHERS today.

**We thank them for their
sacrifices so that we can
have a life of contentment.**

**Grant them favor, Lord
and may they have a
wonderful place in existence
in Your heart of GRACE.**