

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – MAY 17, 2020

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2020 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

MONDAY, MAY 18

ST. JOHN I

11:30AM Lucia Bucovaz
John Mattessich

TUESDAY, MAY 19

11:30AM Nicolo Busanic
Mike Pallotta

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

ST. BERNARDINE OF SIENA

11:30AM Nichols Busanic
Lucia Bucovaz

THURSDAY, MAY 21

ASCENSION OF THE LORD
ST. CHRISTOPHER MAGALLANES

11:30AM Anthony C. Morin
Mark & Flavio Zen
Concepcion Pineda
Anton Radoslovich

FRIDAY, MAY 22

ST. RITA OF CASCIA

11:30AM Janja Skific
Ints. of Joanne & Marty
Tarabocchia

SATURDAY, MAY 23

11:30AM Mary Russo

SUNDAY, MAY 24

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30AM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.
Ivan Picinic (Kovacic)
Antonia Busanic
Geraldine Fox Bartner

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 1:12-14

The eleven apostles returned to Jerusalem and prayed in the upstairs room.

Ps. 27:1, 4, 7-8

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

1 Pt 4:13-16

Rejoice in suffering because through suffering we share in the life of Christ.

Jn 17:11-a

The continuation of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper.

My Dear Parishioners and Friends:

One of the most difficult sacrifices we have had to make because of the Coronavirus outbreak has been the closing of our churches. I am very happy to report to you that this week we received from Archbishop Tobin's office a three-phase plan for reopening our churches. We will be able to put the first phase of that plan into effect as of Monday, May 18th, our church will be open for personal prayer from 1:00-5:00 PM daily.

The first phase allows us to open our church for personal prayer ONLY. Individuals and families can come to church for quiet prayer, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated if social distancing can be maintained and masks are worn by both the priest and the penitent. We cannot open the confessionals because of the social distancing issue involved, so we will have to make some arrangements to hear confessions in the Sacristy.

The Cardinal has asked us to be mindful of these five points as we proceed with the plan to reopen our churches:

1. A general dispensation from Sunday obligation will remain until further notice.
2. Attendance will be limited until the restrictions on large gatherings are lifted.
3. Social distancing will be mandated. Some areas of the church may be "roped off", and masks are to be worn by all. NO ONE will be admitted to the church without wearing a mask and anyone who exhibits symptoms of the virus MUST stay home.
4. There will be changes in the way that we celebrate Mass and distribute Communion.
5. We all need to recognize that there are risks for anyone who attends a public Mass. With even the best health practices and strict social distancing, anyone who enters a public space is at risk of contracting or spreading the virus. We will be working hard to improve cleaning and disinfecting our churches, but no one should expect that they will be any safer from the virus than in any other public space.

The next phase, for which we do not have any specific date, calls for opening our churches for the celebration of daily mass and for funerals. Let's all pray for that day and pray for our continued health and safety during this difficult time.

*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.

	May 10, 2020
Sunday Collection	\$ 3,280.00
Assessment Collection	\$ 599.00
Easter Collection (thus far)	\$15,134.00

"For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." – 1 Peter 3:17

The old line says, "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result that was intended or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured God has a better plan in store for you.



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

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

FOOD PANTRY

We are in dire need of food for our Community Food Pantry which is now open. Please bring food to the church from 1:00-5:00PM or bring it to the rectory vestibule. We are also available on Friday mornings from 10:00AM-12 Noon. We are in need of canned tomato sauce, cereal, tuna fish, jelly, canned fruit, and packaged instant mashed potatoes. We appreciate all your help to feed our clients. May God bless you for your generosity.

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. Watch the bulletin for further details.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Deep questions: Who is God? What is love? "Whoever loves me (Jesus) will be loved by my Father (God) and I will love them." (John 14:21) Yes, God is love but we humans know love through physical, emotional, and intellectual commitment. How do each of you show your love for God and to each other?

PARENTING POINTERS

"I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Mt. 28:20) Children will be children which means they will make mistakes, disobey, be selfish...(actually so do we adults). Today reassure your child that you will always love them, no matter what.

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 every Sunday.

On weekdays 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.

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.

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 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, 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, Kunaim Emelyanesko.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. James Carroll, Kay Flynn, Zenaida Bautista, Ruslan Appasov, Anatoliy Ivaonich.

"JESUS HAD NO SERVANTS, YET THEY CALL HIM MASTER. HAD NO DEGREE, YET THEY CALL HIM TEACHER. HAD NO MEDICINES, YET THEY CALL HIM HEALER. HAD NO ARMY, YET KINGS FEARED HIM. HE WON NO MILITARY BATTLES, YET HE CONQUERED THE WORLD. HE COMMITTED NO CRIME, YET THEY CRUCIFIED HIM. HE WAS BURIED IN A TOMB, YET HE LIVES TODAY. FEEL HONORED TO SERVE SUCH A LEADER WHO LOVES US."

