

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – MAY 31, 2020**



**SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2020  
FEAST OF THE PENTECOST**

5:15PM Johanna Rea-Reynolds  
9:30AM Gardenia Tarabocchia  
Dinko Busanic  
Filomena Pallotta

**MONDAY, JUNE 1**

*BLESSED VIRGIN MARY – MOTHER  
OF THE CHURCH*

11.300AM Antonio DiGiovanni  
Matea Morin

**TUESDAY, JUNE 2**

*STS. MARCELLINUS & PETER*

11:30AM Dominick Piccinich  
Dominick Magliato

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3**

*ST. CHARLES LWANGA & COMPANIONS*

11:30AM Lucia Bucovaz  
Jania Skific

**THURSDAY, JUNE 4**

11:30AM Ints. of Marko Sango  
Angelina Iannaccone

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5**

*ST. BONIFACE*

11:30AM Franceska Piccinich  
John Picinic

**SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

*ST. NORBERT*

11:30AM Nicholas Busanic  
Ints. of Herbert Thornhill, Sr.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7**

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

9:30AM Connors & Gargiulo Families  
Dominic Piccinich  
Mosca & Romano Families  
Jose & Maria Henriquez

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

Grandparents – Garritano, Martire,  
Stancato & Abbate Families



**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

John Picinic

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*

Agnes & Charles Rossi

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for, next Sunday are-:*

**Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9**

The Lord is slow to anger and rich in  
kindness and fidelity.

**Dan 3:52, 53, 54, 55**

Glory and praise forever.

**2 Cor 13:11-13**

Live in peace and the God of love and  
peace will be with you.

**Jn 3:16-18**

God sent his Son into the world so that  
we might be saved through him.

***COME, HOLY SPIRIT, FILL THE HEARTS  
OF YOUR FAITHFUL!***

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

Pentecost Sunday commemorates the day when the Holy Spirit descended upon Jesus' disciples who were gathered in prayer. This Pentecost presents a challenge to us to conscientiously come together in prayer, in spite of the limitations that have been forced upon us by the Coronavirus outbreak. It is a challenge, but it is also a graced moment for us to press in and truly seek to experience the Holy Spirit's power to break down the walls that separate us from one another... even the walls of our isolation. It is the Holy Spirit that unites us always. It is the Holy Spirit that empowers us to be a community of faithful disciples. It is the Holy Spirit that breathes life and energy into each and every one of us and endows us with the gifts to build up the church of God.

Like many of you, I am very anxious to move on to Phase 2 of the Archbishop's plan for reopening the churches. We are ready when we get the word from above. Phase 2 includes permission to celebrate daily masses for the public, and weddings and funerals and baptisms (with 10 or fewer people in attendance). It doesn't seem like much, but it would be progress.

I also want to express our appreciation to those of you who have continued to make regular contributions to the church during this time. THANK YOU! Even though the church and the rectory offices have been closed to the public we DO still have bills to pay: salaries, utilities, assessments, insurance, etc... Over the next couple of months we will look closely at our financial situation to determine what we need to cut as the result of our precipitous decline in income.

Because of the generosity of so many of you who have given to the Heritage Fund and who continue to give to the Heritage Fund, we are continuing to make the improvements to our parish facilities which we began months ago. Thanks also to those of you who have contributed to the Heritage Fund.

*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 24, 2020**

**Sunday Collection**

**\$3,583.00**

**Easter Collection (thus far)**

**\$15,264.00**

*"To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." – 1 Corinthians 12:7*

*To receive the gift of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered" and our lives truly reflect God's light, love and mercy.*

**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS APPEAL**

This year's goal for Sharing God's Blessings Appeal is \$32,219.00. We are happy to report that we have \$28,262.00 in pledges. If we go over our goal, we will get 100% returned to our parish for every dollar over \$32,219.00. We are only \$3,957.00 short of our goal. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish.

### 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 especially need: 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.

### CATHOLIC CEMETERIES

Effective immediately, cemetery and mausoleum visitation will be permitted weekdays, Monday-Saturday, from 8:00AM-6:00PM (except Holy Sepulchre Cemetery will be open 8:00AM-3:00PM, and 8:00AM-5:00PM on Sundays. Starting Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, summer hours will begin and the cemetery gates will be open every day from 8:00AM-5:00PM, except Wednesdays until 7:00PM and mausoleums will be open 8:00AM-6:30PM on Wednesdays until September 15<sup>th</sup>. Up to 25 members are now permitted to attend interment/committal services outdoors in our cemeteries. Up to 10 family members are now permitted to attend indoor mausoleum interment services. Cemetery and mausoleum offices continue to be open by appointment only. Continue using social distancing of 6 feet apart and wear masks as per the state's mandate.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

We are waiting to see if the Archdiocese and the Governor will allow any affairs between September and December. If we are able to do so, we will be having an affair which will replace our St. Patrick/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance. Watch the bulletin for more details.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Peace be with you...and Jesus breathed on them...Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them." (John 20:21-23) With Covid-19 physical distancing, we don't offer a hand at the Sign of Peace and we are careful not to breathe on others. BUT, this doesn't apply to spouses. So too, Jesus' last directive to forgive each other especially applies to spouses who may have become impatient with each other having been quarantined together for so long.

### 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

We celebrate Mass every day at 11:30AM and every Sunday at 9:30AM. You can view the masses on our website at [www.epiphanyrcchurch.org](http://www.epiphanyrcchurch.org). The Church is now open for private prayer ONLY each day from 1:00-5:00PM for private prayer. You must wear gloves and a mask to enter the church and you must also maintain a social distance of at least six feet or more.

### FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Friday is First Friday. Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament will be held following the 11:30AM Mass.

### DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL

Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, will hold a Virtual Open House for students and families on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00PM. This tour will give families the opportunity to see brothers, faculty and staff and there will be interactive presentations and activities. Visit our website [www.donboscoprep.org](http://www.donboscoprep.org) for more information and register @ [www.donboscoprep.org/virtualopenhouse](http://www.donboscoprep.org/virtualopenhouse)

### BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Bergen Catholic will hold its summer "BC Lead On" Program for 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys from July 13<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM-12 Noon. Registration can be found on the website - [www.bergencatholic.org](http://www.bergencatholic.org)

### 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](mailto: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 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, 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, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Herbert Thornhill, Sr., Evelyn Leone.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Carmella DiBlasi.

**"AS MUCH AS WE DON'T LIKE IT, SUFFERING CAN STRENGTHEN US, IF WE TURN TO GOD IN PRAYER!"**