

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – June 7, 2020



“THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THE LOVE OF GOD AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH ALL OF YOU.”

My dear parishioners and friends,

Our gospel today contains that famous quote from scripture, John 3:16: *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”* Why is this bible verse so popular? The simplest answer is that in just a few words it presents a profound truth; the truth of God’s self-sacrificing love for us.

The popularity of this verse is something that we generally trace back to the way that fans at sporting events began holding up signs displaying John 3:16 in large, block letters. Maybe it is a symptom of how much everyday people need a message of faith and hope while living in an overly secularized and confusing world? I think that it shows how the gospel of Jesus is an irrepressible force. No matter how commercialized and overblown something like professional sports has become, still the gospel found a way to break through all of that spectacle.

Brothers and sisters, today as we contemplate the inner love-life of the Blessed Trinity, and how we have been invited into this Divine relationship, let us pray that we may allow ourselves to be conformed to the image of God who is love. May the Father continue to hold us in life. May the Son speak to us as God’s revealing Word of life. And may the Holy Spirit continue to unite us and inspire us by the light of God’s grace.

*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.

	<i>May 31, 2020</i>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>\$ 3,050.00</i>
<i>Easter Collection (thus far)</i>	<i>\$15,324.00</i>

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son...” – John 3:16

Is your love conditional? Is there a price that others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally! Pray for a grateful and generous heart.

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 \$28,267.00 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 \$3,952.00 short of our goal. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish.

DON BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL

Don Bosco Prep, Ramsey, will hold a Virtual Open House for students and families on Monday, June 1st 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 for more information and register @ www.donboscoprep.org/virtualopenhouse

SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2020

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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

MONDAY, JUNE 8

11:30AM Anna Wenderoth
Domenico Tarabocchia

TUESDAY, JUNE 9

ST. EPHREM

11:30AM Ivan Picinic (Jivonic)
Maria & Tommaso Morin

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10

11:30AM Ivan Picinic (Jivonic)
Lucia Bucovaz

THURSDAY, JUNE 11

ST. BARNABAS

11:30AM Ivan Picinic (Jivonic)
Ippolito Claudio

FRIDAY, JUNE 12

11:30AM Rafael Sango
Lucia Bucovaz

SATURDAY, JUNE 13

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA

11:30AM Sheila King

SUNDAY, JUNE 14

THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

9:30AM Mildred Boggiano
Dec'd Mbrs. Frato & Olmo
Families
Mosca & Romano Families
Katica Morin

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Grandparents – Garritano, Martire,
Stancato & Abbate Families



ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

John Picinic

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Francesco Olmo

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for, next Sunday are-

Deut 8:2-3, 14b-16a

The Lord fed the Israelites with “manna”
– a food not known to them.

Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20

Praise the Lord Jerusalem.

1 Cor 10:16-17

We are all one in Christ Jesus through the sharing of the cup and the breaking of the bread.

Jn 6:51-58

Jesus feeds five thousand people with barley loaves and fishes.

FOOD PANTRY

We are in dire need of food for our Community Food Pantry which is now opened. 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 all non-perishable foods. Our supplies are very, very low.** We appreciate all your help to feed our clients. May God bless you for your generosity.

CHRISM MASS

Due to the pandemic, the Chrism Mass had to be cancelled during Holy Week. Cardinal Tobin will celebrate the Chrism Mass this Monday, June 8th at 6:00PM in the Cathedral Basilica with only the Auxiliary Bishops, Episcopal Vicars, Masters of Ceremonies and Communications personnel who will livestream the mass. You are strongly encouraged to participate by going to their website www.YouTube.com/NwkArchdiocese

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. Summer hours at the cemetery are 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 15th. 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.

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.

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

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 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.

THE ORDINATION OF NICHOLAS SERTICH

The tentative date for the Ordination of Nicholas Sertich to the priesthood is Sunday, June 21st at the 12 Noon Mass at the Cathedral Basilica. This date can be subject to change. If this date becomes a reality, you can watch it live on the Archdiocesan Website www.rcan.org No one will be allowed to go to the Cathedral except immediate family members. We wish Nicholas well in his work in the Lord's vineyard. Nicholas hopes to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at Epiphany some time in the near future.

SUNDAY & WEEKDAY MISSALETTES

If anyone would like to purchase a weekday or Sunday missalette, please call and let us know. We have both Sunday and Weekday Missalettes. Cost is \$2.00 per book. We only have about 100 Weekday Missalettes. Due to the pandemic, we are only in on Tuesday and Thursday at this time from 9:00AM-7:00PM and Saturday and Sunday from 10:00AM-2:00PM.

BERGEN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Bergen Catholic will hold its 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.bergenatholic.org

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, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Herbert Thornhill, Sr., Evelyn Leone, Baby Grayson DiNatale.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Barbara Larsen, Francesca Porco, Ursulina Vernaglia, Lena Read, Anthony Fochesato, William Grozio.

"ADVERSITY STRENGTHENS US. WE WILL NEVER GROW STRONG IF WE DO NOT GO THROUGH TIMES OF STRUGGLE...WHEN WE TRUST IN GOD, HE WILL MAKE US STRONGER, WISER, AND MORE COMPASSIONATE!"



Archdiocese of Newark
OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP

June 3, 2020

**Statement of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
Archbishop of Newark**

The people of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark join with Catholic dioceses across the United States as well as all people of good will in condemning the senseless and brutal murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25. We extend our deep sorrow to his family and friends, who face soul-sapping grief because of his terrible death.

We offer heartfelt prayer for the people of Minneapolis and St. Paul, expressing special solidarity with our beloved brother, Archbishop Bernard Hebda and the people he serves.

The murder of George Floyd, which is simply the latest instance of a person of color dying at the hands of those sworn to protect the community, has provoked justified anger and peaceful protest across the United States. Rage, as well as shameful exploitation of this tragedy, have spawned inexcusable violence in cities throughout this nation. As we witness the asphyxiation of our country, many of us cry in anguish: **why?**

How we answer the question is crucial because we will then know what to pray for and how we must act. No one comes to Jesus with the lame request of wanting to feel better. They name the evil and ask for relief. We need to turn to the Lord of the Universe, for the malice we name cannot be eradicated by our unaided efforts.

The necessity of naming the evil of racism humiliates us, since so many events in our lifetime, let alone the history of our nation, have compelled us to shamefully recognize the national sin that obliges African Americans to endure unique and relentless humiliation, indignity, and unequal opportunity. Our tolerance of racism as well as collective deafness to the cry of those so grievously offended and the conscious and unconscionable promotion of divisions in this nation has encouraged the heinous evil of racism to propagate.

Certainly, tolerance of tribalistic factions in the United States, especially in our political forum, promotes a savage law of the jungle and an immoral ethos of “might makes right”. Violent rhetoric, selfishness and even the crude appropriation of religious symbols conspire to produce a malevolent miasma in which the sin of racism may flourish unchecked. Our society will make no progress in addressing the evil of racism without the will to leave behind the purveyors of polarization.

The Archdiocese of Newark must renew our commitment to making the dream of peace built on justice and racial equality a reality for all our sisters and brothers, here in northern New Jersey as well as throughout the United States. Since this is our goal, we embrace gratefully the prophetic words of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr., “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

In great sorrow, but also with profound hope, we turn to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, and ask for her protection and care during these troubled times. This young woman sang of *One whose mercy is from age to age to those who fear him...who has shown might with his arm, dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart...who has thrown down the rulers from their thrones, but lifted up the lowly* (Luke 1, 50-52). May she inspire us with courage to do the work of justice and to eliminate—once and for all—all hatred, bigotry and violence from our hearts, our homes and our communities.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.