

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK – JUNE 21, 2020

SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2020  
12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00AM John & Mary Dooley  
Martin Picinic  
Martino Skrivanic  
Nicolangelo Pallotta

**MONDAY, JUNE 22**

STS. PAULINUS OF NOLA, JOHN FISHER,  
& THOMA MORE

11:00AM Ivan Picinic  
Tomaso Picinic

**TUESDAY, JUNE 23**

11:00AM Ivan Picinic  
Bridget Barbato

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24**

NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

11:00AM Stella & Joseph Oliveri  
John & Rosemary Della Rosa

**THURSDAY, JUNE 25**

11:00AM Ints. of Andy & Eileen Skrivanic  
John Mattessich

**FRIDAY, JUNE 26**

11:00AM Slavko Mladjenovic  
Mary Cahill

**SATURDAY, JUNE 27**

ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA

11:00AM Ivan Picinic  
5:00PM Luciano & Tina Leopardi

**SUNDAY, JUNE 28**

13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00AM Rose Bellobuono  
Maria & Paolo Garritano  
Ints. of John & Margurite  
Mattessich

### ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of*

Grandparents – Garritano, Martire,  
Stancato & Abbate Families

### ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of*

John Picinic

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of*

Holly Warren &  
Kathleen Meserole

### ALTAR FLOWERS

*In Memory of*

Pinto & LaMarca Families

### PREPARING FOR MASS

*The readings for, next Sunday are-*

**2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a**

“This time next year you will be fondling  
a baby son.”

**Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19**

Forever I will sing the goodness of the  
Lord.

**Rom 6:3-4, 8-11**

If we have died with Christ, we believe that  
we shall also live with him.

**Matt 10:37-42**

“Whoever finds his life will lose it, and  
whoever loses his life for my sake will find  
it.”

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

The phrase “Do not be afraid” appears in the Bible about 70 times. In our gospel passage today Jesus tells us, “Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.” What Jesus seems to be saying is that our heavenly Father cares for us so much that we have no need to fear anything that might happen in this life. These are consoling words at a time like this when it feels as though we have so much to fear, but I submit there is a difference between fear that is irrational and fear that is justified. The first kind of fear is not helpful...it leads to making panicked decisions or it paralyzes us into making no decisions at all when we MUST do something to respond to a real threat.

Jesus’ words in today’s gospel assure us that whatever challenges we face, God is always with us in our need. We are not alone to face life’s challenges. Knowing that God is with us, we CAN face those challenges and not be overwhelmed by our fear. In that place of calm in the midst of the storm we are able to make good decisions, wise decisions, effective decisions. We can evaluate the situation and adjust to changing circumstances as they develop. This is how all the gifts of the Holy Spirit can be brought to bear and used effectively to address the problems that confront us.

Brothers and sisters, as we continue to seek the safe path to re-open our church let us take Jesus’ words to heart. We have no need to fear because God IS with us. God is guiding us with a wise and gentle hand. The Holy Spirit is inspiring us to make informed and enlightened decisions about how we can address the situation that confronts us. We have NOT allowed our decisions to be influenced by irrational fear, rather we have chosen to make decisions based on the best advice available. This is the best we can do.

This week we have only one Sunday mass, 11:00 AM. We are still restricted by the State guidelines to allow only 50 persons in attendance at that mass. Next weekend, because we have additional volunteer helpers, we will have a 5:00 PM mass on Saturday and the 11:00 AM mass on Sunday. Gradually, as conditions permit, we will be able to accommodate a few more than the 50 persons we can have at present, but that time is not yet. Once again, please consider whether you are “at risk” and make a good choice about whether or not to attend mass. The Archbishop has indefinitely dispensed all Catholics from their “Sunday obligation” so do NOT feel compelled to attend mass out of fear. This is NOT a time for scrupulosity to get the better of you! Do not put your life and your health at risk. Also, if any of you is feeling “under the weather” or running a fever, we ask you please DO NOT come to the church. You may be jeopardizing the life and health of others. We take this seriously and we ask you all to take this situation seriously. We are not acting out of irrational fear, but making good decisions based on the best advice we have available at this 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.*

*June 14, 2020*

*Sunday Collection*

*\$2,620.00*

*“Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father.” – Matthew 10:32*

*Would others know that you are Catholic by the way you act and speak? Do you share your Catholic faith with others? Do you defend your Catholic faith when the situation arises or do you remain silent? Do you pray in public before meals? Pray for the strength and courage to be a joyful witness of our Catholic faith when the opportunity presents itself. Let us become the radiant light and bold witness that we are called to be!*

### 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 \$28,317.00 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 \$3,902.00 short of our goal. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish.

### WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MISSALETTES

If someone would like to purchase a weekday 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 for sale. We are only here, during this pandemic, on Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00AM-7:00PM.

### SUNDAY AND WEEKDAY MASSES

We celebrate Mass every day at 11:00AM and every Sunday at 11:00AM. Beginning next weekend, there will also be a 5:00PM Mass beginning Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. **ONLY 50 PEOPLE WILL BE ALLOWED TO COME TO MASS.** 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 **12:00-4:00PM**. 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. Please note that all the pews are marked so you will know where to sit.

### 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.

### EASTER FLOWER ADDENDUM

The following donations were received too late to be added to our Easter Flower Donations: Ms. Imelda DelRosario; M/M Anton Picinic – in memory of Matea Morin, Ana Picinic, Martin & Maria Morin; Mr. Kenneth Trapp – in memory of Jennie Trapp.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

“Terror on every side!” (Jeremiah 20:10) “Fear no one.” (Mt. 10:26) There’s much to fear these days. How do you calm your fears? Talk about how you comfort each other.

### PARENTING POINTERS

Although June 21<sup>st</sup> is Father’s Day, Mother’s Day often seems to get more attention. What is a hidden, quiet talent of your own Father? Mothers, ask your child what ability their father has that is not commonly know. Suggest your child share it.

### CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Most Merciful and Triune God,  
We come to You in our weakness.  
We come to You in our fear.  
We come to You with trust.

For You alone are our hope. We place before You the disease  
present in our world.

We turn to You in our time of need. Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.

Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.

Bring healing to those who are ill.

Protect those who are most at risk.

Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.

Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal Home. Stabilize  
our communities.

Unite us in our compassion. Remove all fear from our hearts.

Fill us with confidence in Your care. Jesus, I trust in You. Amen.

### THE ORDINATION OF NICHOLS SERTICH

This Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the 12 Noon Mass Nicholas Sertich will be ordained to the priesthood at the Cathedral Basilica. You can see it on the Archdiocesan Website [www.YouTube.com/Nwk\\_Archdiocese](http://www.YouTube.com/Nwk_Archdiocese). No one will be allowed to go to the Cathedral except two family members. He will celebrate his first mass on Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00PM. We may not be able to view it until after it is over or the next day. We will give you the link on our parish website. Only immediate family and close friends can be in attendance. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for his parish family at Epiphany on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00PM Mass. Details will follow in a later bulletin. We wish Nicholas well in his work in the Lord’s vineyard.

### HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of 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. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

### 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 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, , 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, Evelyn Leone, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Norma Warren, Lois Sekula, Kathie Gumb, Michael O’Connor.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Martha Ventura, Mary Reilly, Brother Peter Lyne, Wojciech Maslowski, Steven Rick Corvino..*

**“DO WHAT YOU CAN WITH ALL YOU  
HAVE, WHEREVER YOU ARE !”**

