

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2020

REFLECTION

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Ottavio Martire &
Francesco Michienzi
11:00AM Christopher Johnson
Mosca & Romano Families
Tommaso Morin

MONDAY, JULY 27

11:00AM John & Antonia Bussanich
Nicholas Busanich

TUESDAY, JULY 28

11:00AM Anthony Rizzi
Maria & Bozo Morin

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

ST. MARTHA

11:00AM Frank Stanziano
Cecilia Gaspertich

THURSDAY, JULY 30

ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

11:00AM Nicholas Busanich

FRIDAY, JULY 31

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

11:00AM Vitomir Juric
Maryann Limongi

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

11:00AM Georgette Piro
Ints. of Denis Franin

5:00PM Ferdinando DeBenedetto

SUNDAY, JULY 2

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM Florence Legreca & Family
11:00AM Patrick & Elaine Gratale
Jeanne Loomer

The Gospel of today (Matt. 13:44-52) concludes the seven parables of the kingdom of heaven by our Lord Jesus Christ in the thirteenth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew. We have three parables in the Gospel of this Sunday, and one thing that joins them together is the wisdom to search for the most significant value.

Wisdom, as a phenomenon, is not easy to define. You can try a definition! The only way to understand wisdom is to view it first as a gift from God. In the First Reading, today (1 Kings 3:5, 7-12) Solomon prefers wisdom as a gift from God to material wealth, long life, and fame, but God gives him all of them. Secondly, wisdom is the ability to understand what is right and go for it. It is all about making the best choice.

In our world today, we talk about high intelligence quotient, emotional intelligence, and recently, social intelligence. Above all these comes wisdom which comes from God. If you take a little time to read the epistle of St. James (3:13-17), the Apostle differentiates between the wisdom of the world that is impure and the pure wisdom that comes directly from God; this we can also call spiritual intelligence.

Wisdom, which we can call spiritual intelligence, helps us to see, accept, and do the will of God. True wisdom helps us to seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and not the passing things of this world (Matt. 6:33). True wisdom tells us that our life on earth is short, but life after is eternal and needs to be secured.

As we celebrate the liturgy of the seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A), let us resolve sincerely to seek after the true wisdom which comes from the Lord as we look forward to His Kingdom. Have a lovely weekend!

*God bless you,
Fr. Bonnie Anusiem*

ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of
Fred Barbato*

ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of
Cecilia Gaspertich*



PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are-

1 Kgs. 3:5, 7-12

Solomon begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding to rule his people.

Ps 119:57, 72, 127-128, 129-130

Lord, I love your commands.

Rom 8:28-30

We suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

Matt 13:44-52

Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

July 19, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$5,805.00

Assessment Collection

\$ 569.00

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." – Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIME, BLUE ARMY SHRINE

Saturday, August 1st "You at Least Try to Console Me." Blue Army Shrine is at 674 Mt. View Rd. East, Asbury, NJ. Join them at an outdoor shrine to honor Our Lady's plea of December 10th, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. Guest Speaker/Celebrant – Fr. Demetrius Thomas O.S.B. Confessions begin at 10:00AM with Rosary, Holy Mass, Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by Enrollment in the Brown Scapular. A lawn chair/blanket is suggested. Call 908-689-1700 ext. 224 or www.bluearmy.com

SUNDAY MASSES

Beginning next weekend (August 2nd) we will be having an additional mass on Sunday. Masses will be at 5:00PM on Saturday and on Sunday at 10:00AM and 12 Noon. We can now accommodate up to 100 persons at each mass. When you attend mass, you must wear a mask before you enter the Church and leave it on for the whole mass. Also, please sanitize your hands when entering the Church with the hand sanitizers found at the elevator entrance.

The situation has improved but we are still not “out of the woods” with COVID-19. Once again, please consider whether you are “at risk” and make a good choice about whether or not to attend mass. I remind you that the Archbishop has indefinitely dispensed all Catholics from their “Sunday obligation” so do NOT feel compelled to attend mass out of fear. 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.

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 \$30,527.00 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 \$1,692.00 short of our goal. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish.**

EASTER FLOWER ADDENDUM

The following donation was received too late to be included with the Easter Flower Memorials: M/M Bruno Piccinich – in memory of John & Mateja Morich & Antonio & Nikolina Piccinich.

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

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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Nicholas Sertich will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday, August 22nd at 5:00PM. Everyone is invited to attend this mass and receive his priestly blessing.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A CCD Registration Form is available on our Church website. Please fill it out and return it to the rectory with the proper fee. Registration will also be held on the weekends of August 22nd & 23rd and 29th & 30th.

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. **Please do not bring any pasta at this time.**

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

Solomon asked the Lord for an “understanding heart” (1Kings 3:9) not a long life or riches. Marriage comes with plenty of occasions to complain and be irritated. Think of one criticism you have of your beloved. Imagine how an understanding heart would handle that criticism.

PARENTING POINTERS

“Treat your company like family and your family like company.” (Tom Fogle)

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, Peter Barbato, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, John Reynolds, Kunaim Emelyanesko, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Norma Warren, Lois Sekula, Kathie Gumb, Michael O'Connor, Patrick Shanley, Marry Corrado, Perry Bonaguaro, Maria Caruso, DeMarco.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Msgr. Vincent Doyle, Carmelo Pillari.

“LIVE IN GRATITUDE.

EVEN WHEN TIMES ARE DIFFICULT, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING WE CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR!”.

