

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2020

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Ferdinando DeBenedetto
10:00AM Florence Legreca & Family
12:00PM Patrick & Elaine Gratale
Jeanne Loomer

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

11:00AM Andrew Yong Noh
Nicholas Busanic

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

ST. JOHN VIANNEY

11:00AM Tomaso Morin
Nicholas Busanic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF
ST. MARY MAJOR

11:00AM Grazia Paccione
Lucia Bucovaz

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

11:00AM Domenica Picinic
Nichols Busanic

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

STS. SIXTUS & COMPANIONS
& CAJETAN

11:00AM Domenico & Pietra Picinic
John Kastelan

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8

ST. DOMINIC

11:00AM Ivan Picinic
5:00PM Norman Knebel

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM Edoardo Mattesich
11:00AM Maria Skrivanic
Sarah Mosca

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

David Baszkowski



PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are-

Is 55:1-3

God urges his people to come to him
and accept the gifts he extends
to them.

Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he
answers all our needs.

Rom 8:35, 37-39

Paul exclaims that nothing will separate
him and his followers from the love of
Christ.

Matt 14:13-21

The miracle of the loaves and
fishes.

PARTAKING THE LORD'S FREE LUNCH

While "there is no such thing as a free lunch," the liturgy of the word today presents us with something very contrary to God's point of view. With God, we have free lunch but also free breakfast, dinner, and we can take away as much food as we want, like the air we breathe.

In the First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3), we hear God's plenary convocation for lunch without hidden charges and prices. To make it more transparent, God tells everyone to come without bothering about the financial implications.

Furthermore, God instructs that we should not spend our money buying worthless things while we can get the most valuable without paying. The instruction is very accurate when we consider the amount of money most people spend trying to secure some things that would make them happy, yet they still cannot get that inner peace and joy, which are fruits of being conversant with God.

In the Gospel Reading (Matt.14:13-21) we hear the story of our Lord's multiplication of bread and fish. We may be conversant with the story, but not the lessons. When Jesus saw the spiritual hunger in the multitude that followed him, he had compassion on them and set out to heal the sick among them.

Here we come to terms with the fact that our Lord feels our pains. Our Lord knows every trouble in our lives as well as the solutions. God cares about us more than we can imagine (Ps, 27:10). The Prophet Isaiah (65:24) says, "even before you finish praying, He will answer you."

God can do this because it is His nature. Put in another way; it presupposes God's love; God is love (1 John 4:8). For this reason, St. Paul declares in the Second Reading (Romans 8:35, 37-39) that nothing visible or invisible could separate us from the love of God made manifest in Christ Jesus.

As we march into the new week, let us be mindful of God's invitation to join in partaking of His Free Lunch. We will surely stand to gain because it is free; the only payment is our availability, which is costless. Do have a lovely week ahead.

*God bless you,
Fr. Bonnie Anusiem*

PARISH SUPPORT

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

July 26, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$2,839.00

"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.'" – Matthew 14:16

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But, we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomers baptized during the month of July:

*Isabella Marie Lewis
Eliana Luz Segura*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday. Eucharistic Adoration will be held after the 11:00AM Mass until 1:00PM concluding with Benediction.

SUNDAY MASSES

Beginning this 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.

ALTAR BREAD, WINE AND SANCTUARY LAMPS AND CANDLES

Altar Bread, Altar Wine, Sanctuary Lamps, and Altar Candles are available for the year 2020. Please come into the rectory to book any of these items in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

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.**

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.
ctors.

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

Due to scheduling conflicts, Rev. Nicholas Sertich will be unable to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on August 22nd.

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

Recreation refreshes our bodies and souls. During these Covid-19 days, however, vacations, sports, and parties have to be rethought. Jim and I have enjoyed cribbage and gin (rummy that is). Brainstorm new ways to have fun at home as a couple.

PARENTING POINTERS

It’s hot in the northern hemisphere. Perhaps you have air conditioning, but not everyone does. Invite your child to help you offer a cool drink to someone who needs it. Recently I saw a cooler in front of a house with a sign, “Free bottles of water to anyone who wants one.” If you live in the southern hemisphere, wait 6 months.

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

Kenneth Lenoci.

**“SOME FAILURES ONLY COME TO TEACH
YOU THE ART OF PATIENCE!”.**

