

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2020

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Norman Knebel
10:00AM Edoardo Mattessich
12:00PM Maria Skrivanic
Sarah Mosca

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

ST. LAWRENCE
11:00AM John & Nicolina Mattessich
Carlo Buonsanto

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

ST. CLARE
11:00AM Antonia Dragoslavich
Giovanni Picinic

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

ST. JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL
11:00AM Tomaso Morin
Domenica Picinic

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

STS. PONTIAN & HIPPOLYTUS
11:00AM Libardo Hernandez
Ricardo Mattessich

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE
11:00AM Domenico Matesich
Martin Picinic

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
11:00AM Riccardo Mattessich
5:00PM Daniel O'Connor

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:00AM Luca & Anna Bussanich
11:00AM Ottavio & Angela Martire
Zdenko Matesich

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

David Baszkowski

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

John & Rose Ferrara



PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-123a

The Lord came to Elijah in a "tiny whispering sound."

Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14

Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

Rom 9:1-5

The Jews, in spite of everything that has been given to them, have rejected Christ.

Matt 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water.

FAITH IN THE EYE OF THE STORM!

The First Reading (1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a) tells us about Elijah's appointment with God at Mount Horeb. God gives him a command to stand out and await His coming. We could recall that during Elijah's last encounter, God answers Him by fire (1 Kings 18:38). Hence, standing there at Mount Horeb, he looks out for a violent manifestation of God. But he is wrong. God decides to come in using a gentle wind. The message Elijah learns here is that God takes us through the turbulence and meets us at the end of it. His presence could calm every storm, no matter the magnitude.

The Gospel Reading (Matt. 14:22-33) gives us a more vivid picturesque of God's timely intervention in the storm situations of our lives. After the dinner that is catered for five thousand men, excluding women and children, our Lord Jesus Christ asks his disciples to go over to the other side of the lake by boat while he goes to pray.

While on their way to the other side, the disciples meet a great storm, and it was night and dark. As they battle with the waves, Jesus Christ comes to them walking on water, and they are terrified mistaking him to be a ghost.

Our Lord identifies himself, but the disciples are still in doubt. At this point, Peter extends a challenge: "Lord if it is, you command me to come to you on the water." When he gets the command, he starts walking to him on the water. However, when he shifts his focus from the Lord to the waves, he begins to sink. Then he cries out, "Lord, save me!" And the Lord saves while calling him a man of little faith. As they get into the boat, the storm dies down.

Like Peter, we all have faith. Like him, also we often lose our faith when we face some turbulence or when we find ourselves in the eye of the storm. We are familiar with the definition of faith as the assurance of things we hope and conviction of stuff we have not seen (Heb. 11:1). These let us know that faith is a perspective and needs focus.

In the narrative, we discover that when Peter's perspective changes, he loses his focus and begins to go down. It is at this point that our Lord rescues him and calls him a man of little faith.

The message today gives us a perfect opportunity to access our faith quotient in the face of various storms in our lives. Storms come in different shapes and sizes. Some could be facing health storms; some have marriage or relationship storms. Some may be grappling with financial storms; for others, it could be a job, career, or academic storms. All of them have one common characteristic; they do not last, and mostly when we confront them with our faith perspective and keep our focus on God.

God needs us to show Him our faith, and He would show us his faithfulness. You have a choice before any storm in your life either to faith it and make it or fear it and fail it!

I wish you a beautiful Sunday and more graces upon you in the 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.

Sunday Collection

August 2, 2020

\$3,021.00

Assessment Collection

\$ 867.00

"He said, 'Come'. Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

***"STOP WASTING TIME. WE HAVE GOT TO
MAKE THE MOST OF EACH DAY!"***

SUNDAY MASSES

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 mass is streamed daily on our website at epiphanyrchurch.org at 11:00AM and on Sundays at 12:00 Noon.

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. Only 100 families have contributed.**

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.

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

Due to scheduling conflicts, Rev. Nicholas Sertich will be unable to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on August 22nd. **However, he will celebrate this Mass on Thursday, August 27th at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.**

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

55 years ago on August 6th and 9th, the USA bombed Hiroshima and Nagasaki. It destroyed many lives. In any marriage there are times when we hurt each other, sometimes seriously. In your own marriage how do you heal? How do you forgive? It is not always easy because love is not easy.

PARENTING POINTERS

The feast of Mary's Assumption into heaven on August 15th reminds us of God's care for our human body. Whether you interpret this as truth, legend, or symbolic, the point is that our body is holy and loved. Bless your child with your hands and words today. Be a reminder of God's love.

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, Perry Bonaguaro, Maria Caruso, DeMarco, Rev. John Renard.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Carmella DiPasquale, Mary Corrado, Rev. John Netta.

