

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2020**

**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00PM Daniel O'Connor  
10:00AM Luca & Anna Bussanich  
12:00PM Ottavio & Angela Martire  
Zdenko Matesic

**MONDAY, AUGUST 17**

11:00AM Margaret Suchanek Nemecek  
Giovani Picinich

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 18**

11:00AM Emma Vidovich  
Joseph Radelic

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19**

*ST. JOHN EUDES*  
11:00AM John Scrivanich  
Carmella Morin

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 20**

*ST. BERNARD*  
11:00AM Giovanni Scrivanich  
Joanne Mircovich

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21**

*ST. PIUS X*  
11:00AM Dinko Skrivanic  
Ernie Sdrigotti

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 22**

*QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY*  
11:00AM Ivan Picinic  
Annuziato Picinic  
Matthew Dickman

5:00PM Rose, John & Joseph Ferrara

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00AM Ray Martinotti  
12:00PM Ernestine Ricelli  
Dec'd Mbrs. Lembo Family

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

David Baszkowski



**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for this Sunday are:*

**Is 56:1, 6-7**

The Lord wants all people to love and honor his name.

**Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8**

O God, let all the nations praise you!

**Rom 11:13-15, 29-32**

Paul describes his hopes that his fellow Jews will follow the example of the Gentiles he has been preaching to.

**Matt 15:21-28**

A Canaanite woman begs Jesus to help her daughter who is being plagued by a demon.

**PERSISTENT FAITH**

Today, the Gospel gives us a typical instance of persistent faith with the dramatic encounter between our Lord Jesus Christ and a certain Canaanite woman. The woman comes to Jesus Christ and says: "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon". Our Lord ignores her, and the disciples ask our Lord to send her away.

At a time, our Lord stops and tells her: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." When the woman hears this statement from Jesus, she did not back off. Instead, she COMES CLOSER and PAYS HOMAGE (worship) to our Lord and insists by saying: "Lord help me!"

Again, our Lord tells her: "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She replies and says that even the dogs could eat the scraps from the master's table. The implication of this statement is very apt. Our Lord referred to her as "dog," and she was ready to accept that name since, in her reply, the dogs also have the privilege of eating the crumbs that fall from the master's table.

Jesus praises the woman for her faith and asks her to go in peace for an affirmative answer, and her daughter receives healing at that hour. It was at this point that our Lord turns to her and gives her an exceedingly rare title: "woman of great faith!" This is the direct opposite of the title Peter got last Sunday, "Man of little faith" (Matt 14:31). It is most instructive that the woman representing the non-Jews and foreigners had great faith while Peter representing the Jews, the chosen ones, the children of the master had little faith, a great irony indeed.

What do you when someone says "NO" to your request or pretends not to hear when you call? The usual reaction would be to back off with some feelings of anger, regret, and even self-pity. When someone refuses to take a "no" for an answer, the individual is unrestrained, persistent, and even stubborn.

The preceding is what the Canaanite woman did in the narrative. The initial silence of our Lord could have been enough to make her drop her request, but she decides to persist and bugs our Lord Jesus Christ even more. We learn from the narrative that her persistence leads to the answer to her request.

We are living in a needful time. Life seems to be more difficult and demanding with the coronavirus pandemic and the other issues that are confronting us. If we need God's answer to our request so severely, we need to flex our faith muscles by our persistence. The good news is that God's delay is not denial. We shall get answers soon. God bless you as you persist in your prayers.

*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.*

*August 9, 2020*

*Sunday Collection*

*\$7,026.00*

*Church in Africa Collection*

*\$ 683.00*

*"For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." – Romans 11:29*

*God has a special mission in mind for each of us. He has given us the gifts we need to accomplish that mission. We are called to be good stewards by using those gifts to do the work that He has planned for each of us. If we deny our gifts or fail to use them as God calls us to use them, then some part of His work will be left undone.*

### 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](http://epiphanyrchurch.org) at 11:00AM and on Sundays at 12:00 Noon.**

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 \$31,027.00 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 \$1,192.00 short of our goal. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish. Only 101 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](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.

### 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.

Give understanding to scientists and doctors.  
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.

**"SAYING WITHOUT THINKING,  
THINKING WITHOUT SAYING,  
BOTH CAN BE EQUALLY HARMFUL!"**

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Nicholas Sertich will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Thursday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

### 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

"For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples." (Isaiah 56:7) It is good to pray and be a person of faith, BUT married couples don't always share the same faith or pray the same way. Even if you are of the same faith, ask each other how they describe God, what they really believe, or how they pray. You can be different but still united.

### PARENTING POINTERS

Who are my enemies (or at least people I don't like)? If your child is old enough, pose this question to them also. Then...try to think of at least one positive quality of the person you don't like. Try to understand what might have led him or her to act the way you dislike.

### 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, 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, Louise O'Connor.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Elaine Pieroni.*



