

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020**

**22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00PM Josephine Sariti  
10:00AM Bryan David Segarra  
12:00PM Antoinette Foglio

**MONDAY, AUGUST 31**

11:00AM Domenick Colavito  
Joseph Lally

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

11:00AM Elizabeth, Otto & Betty Bamert  
Christopher Capezzuto

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

11:00AM Martin Bussanich  
Edda Pellerano Malich

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

**ST. GREGORY THE GREAT**

11:00AM John Piccinich  
Philip & Viola Stehr

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

11:00AM Giovanni Scrivanich  
Edna Lennon

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

**ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA**

11:00AM Pietro & Nicola Pallotta  
5:00PM Rita Prashker

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00AM Patricia Garcia  
12:00PM Kathleen Meserole  
Nicolina Piccinich

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*  
Ernie Sdrigotti

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*  
Carmelo Pillari



**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for this Sunday are:*

**Jer 20:7-9**

The desire to speak the Lord's name is  
"like a burning in my heart."

**Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8**

Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake  
the work of your hands.

**Rom 12:1-2**

Paul tells the Christians to make  
sacrifices and to do God's will.

**Matt 16:21-27**

Jesus tells the disciples that they must  
deny themselves and take up the cross in  
order to be his disciples.

# CARRY YOUR CROSS!

Once upon a time, a man approaches our Lord Jesus Christ with a complaint that his cross is too heavy and troublesome for him. Our Lord responds by taking him to a house full of crosses of different types and shapes. He asks him to drop the cross he was carrying amid the other crosses and pick another befitting cross.

The man drops his cross and takes his time to look around. He sees big crosses, medium crosses and just one cross that looks smaller than others, and he quickly picks it up. Our Lord asks him if that is his final choice and he says: "yes it feels good and I can bear it." At this point, our Lord tells him that it was the same cross he had when he entered the house. Your cross is your cross, and God gives you a cross knowing that you can carry it.

In the Gospel Reading of today (Matt. 16:21-27) our Lord Jesus Christ gives us the precondition for discipleship. He begins by describing his "cross" which consists of going to Jerusalem, suffering, and dying. He also added that he would rise on the third day.

Peter interrupts our Lord's exposition of his cross by taking him aside and rebuking him for thinking about taking the cross. Hear Peter: "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you". Peter's statement implies that our Lord should not go ahead to pay the price for our sins. He is saying "God forbid our redemption through the cross." This statement could not come from God, and our Lord's reply to Peter says it all, "Get behind me Satan."

It is instructive to learn that the same Peter who professed our Lord last Sunday as "the Messiah, the Son of the Living God" is today declaring negatively though under a different influence. The devil can speak through the best of us if we give him the opportunity or foothold (Eph. 4:27).

The central point of the narrative which preoccupies us here is our Lord's instruction after replying sharply to Peter's rebuke under Satan's infiltration. He says, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Life without a cross is an illusion. There is a crown beyond every valuable cross as some crosses have no value. A valuable cross is the one that follows the principles of love and divine redemption. Nobody can carry the cross without self-denial. That was why our Lord said in the Gospel that anyone who wishes to save his /her life will lose it and anyone who gives up his/her life willingly would find it.

Be patient with your cross because it is leading you to a glorious place. God bless you and have a beautiful Sunday and a blessed week ahead.

*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 23, 2020*

*Sunday Collection*

*\$3,259.00*

*"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" – Matthew 16:26*

*St. Francis of Assisi once said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.*

### 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 [epiphanyrcechurch.org](http://epiphanyrcechurch.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.

### SANCTUARY LAMPS, ALTAR CANDLES & ALTAR FLOWERS

Sanctuary Lamps, Altar Candles and Altar Flowers 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 \$31,707.00 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 \$512.00 short of our goal. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish. Only 103 families have contributed.**

### MASS FOR OUR COUNTRY

Mass for Our Country will be held the first Thursday of every month beginning on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will be held at Holy Spirit Church, 970 Suburban Rd., Union, NJ. Patriotic Rosary will be prayed at 7:00PM followed by Holy Mass at 7:30PM.

### CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

**St. Vincent de Paul, our father and model, throughout your life you wished to imitate Jesus, the missionary and servant. In your time you confronted the plague, the illness of the people. Intercede now with the Holy Trinity on behalf of all the nations on earth visited by this modern scourge. Help the bodies and hearts of all victims. Strengthen caregivers, be close to all neighbors, and enlighten researchers. Walk with those approaching the portals of death.**

**As you gave strong and ardent advice to struggle against evil, so now come to our aid! Teach us how to expose our lives for the weakest among us and strengthen us to help them better with fearless perseverance. With the sole desire of aiding them in their needs, open our spirits to God's infinite providence.**

**Let us endow it with his total will for action. Inspire in us, also, obedience to our leaders, as we now place ourselves in your hands, confident and fortified with genuine feelings of dedication and zeal for our sisters and brothers. Amen.**

**“SCATTER LOVE EVERYWHERE.  
SPRINKLE IT WHEREVER YOU GO!”**

### 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. Also, in-person registration will be held this weekend - August 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday. Eucharistic Adoration will be held following the 11:00AM Mass until 1:00PM.

### 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 could use Progresso Soups and cereals.** 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

“You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped.” – Jeremiah 20:7) Life can be like that. When you were baptized, confirmed, married, you probably had positive expectations about how this commitment would work out. And then one learns that faith and marriage can be challenging, even disappointing at times. It is not at all bliss and beauty. But still we hang on because underneath it all is someone who loves us – despite our failings.

### PARENTING POINTERS

What posture or gestures do you find helpful to pray? For some, kneeling feels most reverent. For others sitting, holding hands, or gazing at nature helps. Parents often bless their child at bedtime with the sign of the cross. There is no wrong way but lots of right ways.

### 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, 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, Conrado Trinidad, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Laura Cipullo, Frances Marino, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, 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, Kunaim Emelyanesko, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Kathie Gumb, Michael O'Connor, Patrick Shanley, Perry Bonaguaro, Rev. John Renard, Louise O'Connor, Barbara Curran.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Brother Peter Lyne, Paul Barbara, Maria Caruso DeMarco, John Reynolds, Cathie Raia, Lucy Smithward.*



