

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5:00PM Rita Prashker  
10:00AM Patricia Garcia  
12:00PM Kathleen Meserole  
Nicolina Piccinich

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

11:00AM Nicholas Busanic

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

*NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED  
VIRGIN MARY*

11:00AM Vinka Vsalj  
Jackie Ferriso

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9**

*ST. PETER CLAVER*

11:00AM Joanne Coyne  
Antonia Dragoslavlic

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10**

11:00AM Carmelo Pillari  
Jimmy Galeotti

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

11:00AM Lunciato Picinic  
Maria Aleso

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12**

*MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY*

11:00AM Rosemary Kovacs  
5:00PM Connors & Gargiulo Families &  
Natalie Lopac

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13**

**24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

10:00AM Ray Martinotti  
12:00PM Kathleen Meserole  
Ints. of Mario & Maria Morin

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*  
Ernie Sdrigotti

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*  
Carmelo Pillari

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*  
Agnes & Charles Rossi

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*  
Beniamino & Domenica Mattessich

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for this Sunday are:*

**Ez 33:7-9**

God has appointed the prophet as a  
watchman over his people.

**Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9**

If today you hear his voice, harden not  
your hearts.

**Rom 13:8-10**

“You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself.”

**Matt 18:15-20**

Whenever “two or three are gathered in  
my name, there am I in their midst.”

## LOVE: THE DEBT WE MUST PAY

A smartly dressed young boy sees a beautiful young girl walking down the street. He instantly gets excited and enchanted by her beauty and stops her on her track for a chat. So? The talk ended with radiant smiles and the plan to meet again. The next day, the boy appears with a rose flower and instantly professes love to the girl while recalling how he could not sleep the previous night. Like magic, the girl receives the flower blushing and with beaming smiles. “I love you!” The boy declares in the manner of a public announcement. “I love you too!” The girl returns immediately. Instantly an unwritten love agreement is signed. Two months after, there is a breakup, and the boy declares that he does not love her again. “Was it love in the first place?”

“I love you!” “You are the love of my life!” “My love is entirely yours!” “With love from me!” “My endless love!” These are few of the innumerable flowery expressions that people use to describe some feelings most people erroneously define as love. There is no joint agreement globally on what love is all about since the inception of critical thinking. In short, love has eluded a universal definition.

The primary reason that makes love as a phenomenon to seem hard to define is that it is another name for God, and God Himself is not an easy phenomenon to describe. St. John (1 John.4:8) tells us that “whoever does not love does not know God for God is love.” No wonder then, St. Paul (1 Cor. 13:7) said that love conquers all things; this means that everything is subject to love, which is God. Hence the full understanding of love resides in God.

In the Second Reading of today (Romans 13:8-10), St. Paul tells us to owe nothing to anyone except love because love is the fulfillment of the law. Paul’s exposition on love here reminds us of what our Lord Jesus Christ calls a new commandment and which states: *I give you a new commandment that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. (John 13:34).*

The Gospel Reading presents us with a practical scenario that requires the incarnation of love as it affects the relationship we have with other people. Our Lord gives us a typical description of misunderstanding between two individuals and the possible steps towards a resolution.

It is interesting to see in the passage that the victim (the offended) is the one that initiates and pushes the process of reconciliation. As we march into a new week, let us work towards unity by reconciling our difference and allowing love to guide our steps.

Have a wonderful 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 30, 2020**

**\$3,100.00**

***Sunday Collection***

*“You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel...” – Ezekiel 33:7*

*Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, especially the one that means the most to us.*

**COVID MOBILE TESTING**

Mobile Testing for Covid-19 will be held on Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 525 Palisade Ave., Cliffside Park. There will be several different types of testing. You may choose the one most suited for you. Bring your ID and insurance card. An appointment is required by calling 866-490-0898 or on line at [prestigeccovid19mobile.us](http://prestigeccovid19mobile.us)

### 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.

### 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. This is an excellent fundraiser for our parish. Only 103 families have contributed.**

### 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.**

**“SILENCE IS GOLDEN. FIND  
YOUR LITTLE SLICE OF PEACE!”**

### 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, cereals, peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, rice, sauces, Chef Boyardee, canned vegetables and fruits. Please do not bring any pasta at this time.** We appreciate all your help to feed our clients. May God bless you for your generosity.

### LET BC COME TO YOU

Bergen Catholic will share a virtual Open House on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For more information please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, [mrosa@bergencatholic.org](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org)

**Attention: Prospective 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Families** – Bergen Catholic will be holding personal one on one tours for interested families, Monday-Friday. Registration is required on the website, and a maximum of 10 families will be permitted per day. For more information please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at [mrosa@bergencatholic.org](mailto:mrosa@bergencatholic.org)

### 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.

### WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA

Come celebrate the Apparitions of Our Lady of Fatima on Sunday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ. There will be confessions, rosary procession, holy mass and much more beginning at 12 Noon. It is suggested to bring your own blanket/lawn chair. For questions please call 908-689-1700 Ext 210 or email [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com)

### 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, 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, Cathleen McLaughlin.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Kathryn Lennon, Msgr. William Harms, Lorraine Young.*



