

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2020
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Josephine Paretto
 10:00AM Margaret Suchanek Nemecek
 12:00PM Ivan Morin

Cappelluti Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21
ST. MATTHEW

11:00AM Anne Marie Mazza
 Mildred Martorano

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

11:00AM Stella & Joseph Oliveri
 Antonia Matessich

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA

11:00AM Lunciato Picinic
 John Picinic

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

11:00AM John Piccinich
 Anton Juric

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

11:00AM Antonia Picinich
 Jackie Ferriso

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

STS. COSMAS & DAMIAN

11:00AM Marie Yaccarino
 Lucy Smithward
 5:00PM Agnes & Charles Rossi

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM Marty Bussanich
 12:00PM Ann Judith Santiago
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ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
 Ernie Sdrigotti

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
 Carmelo Pillari

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
 Mary Tarabocchia

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
 Mary Corrado

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Is 55:6-9

Seek the Lord and turn to him for mercy.

Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

The Lord is near to all who call upon him.

Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

We all have important work to do if we want to be freed from this life and be with Christ.

Matt 20:1-16a

The last shall be first and the first shall be last.

GOD'S STRANGE WAYS AND THOUGHTS

"Why do we often get different answers to our prayers?" The answer to the above question was given clearly in the First Reading today (Isaiah 55:6-9). Among other things, the oracle of the prophet declared that God's thoughts are different from our thoughts and his ways are different from our ways. God is often seen as being very "unusual" in his ways.

God does not actually work in an unusual way. The point is that his ways, thoughts, and patterns are different from ours, and from our limited perspective we see them as unusual. Often, we command the All-Powerful, All-Knowing and Ever-present God to obey us without knowing or caring to know His plans for us. That is why some people will command God to punish one person, to fire another, to kill someone, and the judge another and send him or her to hell. There is no doubt that if men were God, just very few people will be surviving on earth only as slaves with extreme fear and palpitations of the heart.

This divine methodology which appears to humans as "unusual" got a better explanation in the gospel of today (Matt.20:1-16). Our Lord gave a parable to illustrate the fact that God's ways and thoughts are not parallel to those of humans. A man had some work to do and he went out to look for laborers at different times in the day. Some he called in the morning, some in the midday, and others in the afternoon and finally some others in the evening, just before the end of the day's work. One good point in the narrative is that he agreed with each an amount he would pay, and he also called each of them personally.

By the time of payment, he began with those who came last to pay until he came to those who came first. The significant thing that characterized the payment was that he paid everyone the same amount just as he agreed to pay each at the time of deployment. The problem began when those who came first started murmuring and complaining that they were given the same wage as those who came just one hour before the end of the day's work.

The divine script is entirely different from the human script. Wisdom consists in our being attentive to the divine script and to follow it without complaints. As we march into the new week, let us learn to adhere to God's faithful directions and accept His designs and scripts. God's ways and thoughts are eternally more profitable than our ways. May we be guided and guarded by His ways and thoughts always.

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.

	<i>September 13, 2020</i>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>\$4,937.00</i>
<i>Catholic University Collection</i>	<i>\$ 472.00</i>
<i>"So, the last will be first and the first last." – Matthew 20:16</i>	
<i>You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives not "self-centered" lives.</i>	

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following couple who will be married in our Church during the month of October:

Michael Porev.....Stephanie Rivera



ROSARY DAY

On Friday, October 2nd, we will have a Rosary Day beginning at 11:30AM and ending at 4:00PM. We will feature penance, the rosary and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to attend.

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 150 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.

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 \$31,907.00 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 105 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.

**“CHOOSE WORDS CAREFULLY.
EVERY WORD YOU SAY, EVERY
WORD YOU THINK HAS AN
IMPACT !”**

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 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 22nd. Registration can be found on the Bergen Catholic website. For more information please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, mrosa@bergencatholic.org

Attention: Prospective 8th 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

UPCOMING EVENTS

We are waiting to see if the Archdiocese and the Governor will allow any affairs between now 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. More details will follow.

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.

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, 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, Fran Barbato.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Bruce Marisak, Florence Bellaqamba.

