

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Agnes & Charles Rossi

10:00AM Marty Bussanich

12:00PM Ann Judith Santiago

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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

STS. WENCESLAUS & LAWRENCE

RUIZ & COMPANIONS

11:00AM Ints. of John & Dina Mircovch

Jackie Ferriso

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

STS. MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

11:00AM Kiki & Ivan Tarabocchia

Giovanna Morin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

ST. JEROME

11:00AM Raymond Engels

Anna Tarabocchia

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

ST. THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS

11:00AM Emma & John Mattesich

John Picinic

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

11:00AM Edmunc Mucci

Mark Tarabocchia

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

11:00AM Maria Leticia Melode Rodriguez

Culleton & Kindelan Family

Ints. of Rose McCluskey

5:00PM Johanna Rea Reynolds

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

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10:00AM Nicholas Busanic

12:00PM Silvestri & Libero Families

Donato Scrivanich

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

In Memory of

David Mihalinec

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Marie, George & Larry Eichler &

Donald Parenta

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Maria Leticia Melode Rodriguez

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Ez 18:25-28

If a sinner turns away from his iniquity, he will live, not die.

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Phil 2:1-11

Paul urges the converts at Philippi to be united in spirit and ideals.

Matt 21:28-32

Jesus speaks words of rebuke to the chief priests.

BECOME THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

Once upon a time, there was an unfortunate poor man. His home was also impoverished – a small and empty house, where rodents and insects made their cribs and spiders made their webs. People tried to avoid coming into his home – why should they stick their noses into those ruins? And the poor man thought that poverty is the reason for his misfortunes – his eternal destiny, and he accepted his fate without interrogations.

One day, the poor man mustered courage and consulted a wise man to complain to him about his poverty and miserable life. The wise man felt sorry for the poor man and gave him an unusual gift, a vase. And said: 'This is an amazing vase that will bring about a change for you and save you from poverty'. But he did not tell him how it would happen.

The poor man took the vase and went home. He thought of selling it first and then spending the money on alcohol and other things he had missed on account of his poverty. "Why would I need such a beautiful thing?" He asked himself. But then he started admiring the vase and decided not to sell it as he earlier thought. He brought the vase home, put it on a table, and started admiring it. "It's not right for such a beautiful vase to be empty!" – He thought. So he picked some beautiful flowers and put them into the vase. It became even more beautiful!

"It is not good that such a beautiful flower vase stands next to dust, cobweb, and other dirty things around," the poor man thought again. So he started cleaning his house from spider webs, sweeping out cockroaches, and other unfriendly tenants in his place. He washed the floor and the walls, and a neighbor who saw him doing charity to his house offered him some paint to whiten the ceiling. In a few hours, his home became clean.

He was surprised that he received three visitors in one day, and they came to admire the flower vase, the story of which they heard from the man's neighbor who offered him some white paint. However, he had only one seat and no radio nor television to entertain the "flower vase tourists." When they left, he decided to go out and look for a job to do. He found one that surprisingly paid him handsomely, and it came through an employer who recognized him as the man with a beautiful flower vase.

In a few weeks, the "poor" in the man's name dropped completely. He bought seats, sound, and a television. The story did not end there. The former poor man finally got married to the daughter of the rich man who donated the vase to the wise man in appreciation for wise advice that changed his life. The couple later had kids and lived happily ever after, thanks to the POSITIVE CHANGE from the vase.

Change wherever it occurs has two dimensions: positive and negative. In whichever way a particular change goes, it produces a lot of effects. If the change is a positive one, there are positive effects, and if it is a negative one, there are adverse effects.

In the Gospel (Matt. 21: 28-32), our Lord uses a short narrative to describe that change is not what we say but what we do; it is a decision that happens in our minds first, before it becomes manifest.

A man tells his two sons to work in his vineyard. One says we would not go and later changes his mind and goes to work. The second promises to work but then changes his mind and did not go. From the story, the two sons made different verbal statements and did other things.

The change should start from you. Become the change you expect in the world through your actions and not the mere words from your mouth. Do not repeat the script of the First Son, who made a verbal promise and did nothing. Our actions speak louder than our words.

Have a nice weekend.

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

September 20, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$4,280.00

Assessment Collection

\$ 718.00

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." – Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.



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.

**“HOW CAN THERE BE TOO
MANY CHILDREN? THAT IS LIKE
SAYING THERE ARE TOO MANY
FLOWERS!”**

Mother Teresa

CONGRATULATIONS

We wish to congratulate the following parishioners who received Confirmation by Bishop Flesey on September 12th: *Nicholas Batista, Ava Rose Bistacco, Katherine Cecilia Caceres, Chaweon Allison Angelica Chung, Stephen DePasquale, Nathasha Francis Deschamps, Emily Joan of Arc Kappmeier, Joseph Christopher Lupica, Michael Ambrose Major, Hector Paul Mendoza, Pharez Nunez, Sadai Nunez, Grace Rebecca Osmanski, Alexandra Cecelia Pantiliano, Aiden Zachary Ramirez, Nicholas Ruggiero, Madison Therese Steinel-Duboue, Lucas Samuel Sinning, Gabriel Miguel Tinoco, Mia Isabel Tinoco.*

We also wish to congratulate the following parishioners who received their First Holy Communion on September 19th: *Skyar Berlingheri, Isabela Falkowski, Liam Fanuele, Emily Gildersleeve, Joseph Gildersleeve, Evan Goodrich, Diego Guzman, Scarlet Huamani, Mia McKay, Johann Minaya, Marco Olivero, Samantha Restrepo, Raisa Rosillo.*

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, cake icing, coffee. 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.

OPEN HOUSE

Immaculate Heart Academy's Fall Open Houses are Sunday, October 25th from 11:AM-02:00PM and Thursday, October 29th from 6:30-8:30PM. Decide if you belong @the heart by attending our 2020 Fall Open Houses; online registration is requested at www.ihanj.com Please check the website and social media pages for any potential change in our Open Houses due to ongoing COVID-19 circumstances. For more information, contact Ms. Alexis Fatigati'07, director of admissions, at 201-445-6800, ext 112. You can also email afatgati@ihanj.com IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave., Township of Washington.

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, Maria Mancini, Jared Lanzaloto.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Baby Joseph Mikel Vataj, Blanca Rodriguez, Jaime Kiamzon.

