

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2020

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Alice Dowling
10:00AM Carmine Magnone
12:00PM Matteo & Maria Hroncich
Sarah & Michael Romano

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

11:00AM Senko Skific

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

11:00AM Vinka Usalj
Ints. of Dinko & Milena Skrivanic

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

ST. CALLISTUS I

11:00AM Betty Maloles
Martin Picinic

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15

ST. TERESA OF JESUS

11:00AM John Piccinich
Mary Tarabochia

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16

*ST. HEDWIG & ST. MARGARET MARY
ALACOQUE*

11:00AM Hilda & John Dondero
Cora Del Rosario

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

11:00AM Ints. of Ovonji-Odida Family
Daegun Andrea I. Park
Narcisa Estradapirir de Canas

5:00PM Luciano & Tina Leopardi

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM Anthony Frato, Jr.
12:00PM Maria Hroncich
Antonio Piccinich

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

*In Memory of
David Mihalinec*

SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of
Lea & Agustin Ghirardi*

MASS CANDLES

*In Memory of
Ronald Ackaway*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Is. 25:6-10a

The new Jerusalem is a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Paul states that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

Matt 22:1-14

The parable of the wedding banquet – “the invited are many, the elect are few.”

YOU ARE ADDRESSED THE WAY YOU DRESS

Once upon a time, a king takes his only son (the heir apparent) and some servants to attend a royal wedding banquet in another kingdom. They were a few miles away to the event when the King descends from his chariot and removing his royal garment, he disguises himself to look like a farmer.

The King's son and the servants were surprised and asked the King what it all meant. Answering, the King tells them not to say anything but only to observe. When they arrived, the prince and the servants were warmly received and ushered in, but the disguised King was asked to wait for them outside the banquet hall. Nobody cared to give him even a cup of water.

After some time, the King went to his chariot and changed into his usual royal garment. He was still on his way back to the banquet hall when someone identified him and alerts the host, and everyone stands as the golden trumpet signals the entry of royalty.

While they returned to their kingdom, the King turned to his son and asked: “What did you observe?” The prince tells the King that he observed that when he was dressing like a farmer, nobody could recognize him, but as royalty, he received the highest honor and recognition. The King appreciates his answer and tells him to make sure that he should always keep his royal dignity to gain royal respect because a king without royalty is worthless.

People often address us the way we dress. If you dress well, people will address you well, and the opposite is the case. The hood may not make the monk, but it could identify a monk.

The First Reading (Isaiah 25:6-10a) tells us that God invites us to a banquet of rich food on a mountain. On that mountain, we shall eat freely and have divine remedies: no sorrows, no mourning, no tears, no death, and there will be salvation! What a grand banquet to attend.

Attending this banquet is free and open for everyone, but each person needs to climb up to the mountain. We all know that mountain climbing is physically tasking and spiritually; it is even more tasking. The Psalmist once asked, “who can climb the mountain of the Lord, who can stand in His presence?” He also answers: “Only those whose hands and hearts are pure, who do not worship idols and never tell lies” (Psalm 24:3-4).

In the Gospel Reading (Matt.22:1-14), Our Lord uses the parable of a banquet to describe the Kingdom of God. In the narrative, a king sends invitations to people to attend a sumptuous feast, but he gets flimsy excuses from them; some even maltreated and killed the servants who brought the good news.

Two critical things that precede events in the parable of the wedding guests are invitations and dress. It will also be useful for us to understand that the banquet points to the heavenly banquet, which is open for everyone but, at the same time, restricted to those who have the right dress (Rev. 7:14).

The King did not relent; he sends the servants to get guests from anywhere possible, and soon the banquet hall was full. However, the King discovers someone who was invited but was not well dressed. The individual was apprehended and thrown away because his dressing did not match with the occasion. Our Lord concludes the parable with a moral lesson: “many are called, but few are chosen.”

Remember that our Lord was giving a kingdom parable. From the narrative, we understand that the kingdom of heaven is a divine facility that is open to all of us. Still, we need to have the necessary attire to gain entrance, and it is all about making the right preparation. Wearing farm clothes to a wedding dinner could make guests lose their appetite for the gorgeous meals.

God bless you and have a blessed week ahead.

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

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

October 4, 2020

Sunday Collection

\$4,815.50

“My God will supply whatever you need...” – Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it is just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.



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.

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.

BAPTISMS

The Catholic Community of Epiphany Parish welcomes with great joy the following newcomer baptized during the month of September:

Joseph Emanuelle Suarez

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.**

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

At the risk of overgeneralizing, women often want to go beyond logic and knowledge in relationships. 5 things that wives want from their husbands are: to feel loved, understood, emotionally secure, that we are listening to them, and to feel beautiful. (Shaunti Feldhahn) Next week, what men want.

PARENTING POINTERS

Domestic Violence is all about undue use of power. Often it involves a man abusing a woman but it could also include a parent abusing a child. Talk to your child about the right use of power. Do they ever feel bullied?

CATHEDRAL CONCERT SERIES

On Sunday, October 18th at 4:00PM, the Cathedral Concert Series begins its 52nd Season. In keeping with COVID-19 protocol, masks are to be worn by everyone; socially-distant seating will be offered. A suggested offering of \$15.00 would be appreciated.

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.

COLUMBUS DAY

In honor of Columbus Day on Monday, October 12th, the rectory office will be closed.

FOOD PANTRY

We are in need of food for our Community Food Pantry. Please bring food to the church from 10:00AM-12:00PM 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 low. We could use cereals, peanut butter and jelly, tuna fish, rice, sauces, Chef Boyardee, canned vegetables and fruits, cake mixes, 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

Regis High School, a Jesuit secondary school for Catholic boys, announces its Virtual Open House on Monday, October 12th from 1:00-2:30PM. To register, go to <https://www.regis.org/section/?id=21> For more information, contact Eric DiMichele, Director of Admissions at 212-28801100, ext. 2057 or edimichele@regis.org Immaculate Heart Academy's Fall Open Houses are Sunday, October 25th from 11:AM02:00PM and Thursday, October 29th from 6:30-8:30PM. For more information, contact Ms. Alexis Fatigati '07, director of admissions, at 201-445-6800, ext. 112. You can also email afatgati@ihanj.com

A THOUSAND STRONG – ROSARY FOR LIFE CONFERENCE CALL LIFENET is organizing a “Thousand Strong – Rosary for Life Conference Call” on Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00PM. Our goal is to have 1,000 on the call praying for the Protection of Babies in the Womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Cardinal Tobin, along with priests and deacons from throughout New Jersey will be leading the prayer. Note: October 13th is the 103rd anniversary of the “Miracle of the Sun” at Fatima. Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! Please sign up at www.lifeneteducation.org/1000strong

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, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafrasantos, 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, 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 Bonaquaro, Rev. John Renard, Louise O'Connor, Barbara Curran, Cathleen McLaughlin, Fran Barbato, Maria Mancini, Jared Lanzaloto, Joel Rivera.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Frank Friezo, Clyde Harger.

**“TRUST YOUR PATH. EVERY
STEP IN YOUR JOURNEY WILL
LEAD TO NEW GROWTH!”**

