

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020

### FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

5:00PM Ints. of Dina & Giovanni  
Bussanich

10:00AM Dinko & Antonia Busanic  
Luigi Mancini

12:00PM Carmella Maiorana

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2

### FEAST OF ALL SOULS

11:00AM Filomeno Santos &  
Santos Family  
Giving Tree Memorials

7:00PM All Souls

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3

### ST. MARTIN DE PORRES

11:00AM Zdenko Matesic  
Nicolo Picinich

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4

### ST. CHARLES BORROMEO

11:00AM Lydia LoCurcio  
In Thanksgiving – Magliato  
Family

## THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

11:00AM Dec'd Mbrs. Vecchione Family  
Ana Picinic

## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

11:00AM Celerino Orpilla  
Victoria Morals

## SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7

11:00AM Kathryn Flynn  
Anthony DeGregorio  
Maria Juros

5:00PM Agnes & Charles Rossi

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

### 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM Carmine Magnone  
Antica Morin

12:00PM Grace Siccardi

### ALTAR BREAD

*In Memory of*

Mary Tarabocchia

### ALTAR WINE

*In Memory of*

Ghirardi Family

### SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of*

Dec'd Mbrs. Eichler Family

### MASS CANDLES

*In Thanksgiving*

Elizabeth Loughlin

### PREPARING FOR MASS

*The readings for this Sunday are:*

**Rev 7:2-4, 9-14**

Angels gathered round and praised God.

**P. 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6**

Lord, this is the people that longs to see  
your face.

**1 John 3:1-3**

The Father has great love for all of us.

**Matt 5:1-12a**

The Sermon on the Mount

## SAINTHOOD IS POSSIBLE

The idea of "All Saint Day" could have started with the gradual growth of Christianity from 313 AD. Those who lived worthwhile lives were remembered on the day of their deaths hence the feasts of various Saints and Martyrs on various dates. However, it was reasoned that there are many who have merited heaven without human recognition. Based on this, the feast of All Saints was instituted to celebrate all the faithful departed who are enjoying the bliss of heaven and whose names may not be found in the litany of the saints or missals. The current date of November 1 was instituted by Pope Gregory III (731-741) when he consecrated a chapel to all the martyrs in St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and ordered an annual celebration.

This celebration was originally confined to the diocese of Rome, but Pope Gregory IV (827-844) extended the feast to the entire Church and ordered it to be celebrated on November 1st. Today we are celebrating the joy of those who have gone before us and who are enjoying the beatific vision of heaven. We are happy because they have reached the place of eternal rest and we are hopeful to be there only if we have all the necessary traveling documents in place for that eternal flight at the end of our earthly existence.

Our conviction about a place of eternal bliss after our sojourn here on earth is based on numerous biblical confirmations. During the Sermon on the Mount, our Lord Jesus Christ among other things said: "Blessed are the poor in Spirit for the kingdom of heaven belongs to them" (Matt. 5:3); he also said: "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). Furthermore, in the gospel of John (14:2) our Lord said: "In my father's house there are many mansions if it were not so I would have told you. I am going to prepare a place for you!" In his letter to the Corinthians (1Cor 2:9) St. Paul says, "eye has not seen ear has not heard neither has it entered into any mind what God has prepared for those who love him!" He also said that we have a better place after the destruction of this our earthly dwelling place. (2 Cor: 5:1).

The vision of St. John in the book of Revelation we read today gives us the whole scenario or if you like the eternal picturesque of heaven. In his words, John looked up and saw a huge number of people impossible to count standing before the throne of the lamb with palms in their hands. To confirm what he saw John asked: "who are these?" and he was told they are people who have been through great persecution and they have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb. It is worth noting that the robes washed in the blood became dazzlingly white. This is an indication that the people in question soaked themselves not just in physical blood, but in purity.

Sainthood is a facility that is open to all of us. This facility continues to run for you and for me insofar as we are alive. For us to achieve sainthood, which is the product of our pilgrimage on earth, we need to know:

- (1) Where we came from: We came from God our Creator.
- (2) Who we are: We are Children of God.
- (3) Where we are going to: We are citizens of heaven (Phil. 3:20).

"How can we get to our destination?" This is a question that every Christian should be asking himself or herself daily. On this, God did not leave us clueless. From the Beatitudes, we see values that will aid us to attain eternity. The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12) are not merely "dos" and "don'ts". They are expressive of core values that will make our journey back to God possible.

We have what it takes to make heaven and thus be numbered among the saints. We have the word of God which is read and explained to us on daily basis, we have the sacraments especially the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Just as heaven is real so is hell also real. We make heaven starting from the things we do here on earth. What will it then profit us if after the challenges of life and the undulations we still suffer the loss of our souls in hell? There is no better time for us to prepare for heaven than now. Happy All Saints Day and may God's mercy lead you on! And may you be numbered among the saints in heaven.

*Fr. Bonnie*

### PARISH SUPPORT

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

*Sunday Collection*

*October 18, 2020*

*\$6,065.00*

*World Mission Collection*

*\$ 597.00*

*October 25, 2020*

*Sunday Collection*

*\$3,700.00*

*"Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you (falsely) because of me." – Matthew 5:11*

*We are all at different points on the path to holiness, on getting to Heaven and becoming a saint. Part of the journey is being mocked and ridiculed by others. When this happens, how do you respond? Do you become silent? Do you react in anger or do you react with love? Fortunately, as one Body of Christ, we are united with the saints already in Heaven. Ask your favorite saint for guidance in defending the Faith.*



### SPECIAL MASS FOR ALL SOULS

There will be a Special Mass on All Souls Day for all those who have died during this past year. It will be at 7:00PM on Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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. Please do not take off or lower your mask when you approach the priest for Holy Communion. Take the Communion in your hand and step aside and lift your mask as you return to your seat.**

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.

### MARRIAGE MOMENTS

On November 2<sup>nd</sup> the Catholic Church remembers “All Souls” who have died. Of course, you and your beloved are still very much alive, but you will not always be. Write down one special trait of your spouse that you cherish. Share it today while you can still read and hear it in person.

### PARENTING POINTERS

What does it mean to be wise? How is it different from merely being smart? Wisdom is often associated with age, but sometimes the fresh perspective of a younger person can reveal wisdom. Watch for a wise act or decision of your child. Comment on it. That’s being a wise parent.

### BERGEN CATHOLIC TOURS

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, will hold special one-on-one tours for interested families from Monday-Friday. Registration is required on the website, and a maximum of 10 families will be permitted per day. For more information contact Matt Rosa at [mrosa@bergenatholic.org](mailto:mrosa@bergenatholic.org), Director of Admissions or call 201-634-2205.

### 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.**

### ADVENT OF GIVING

**Due to the Covid-19 Virus Pandemic, we have decided not to have the traditional Christmas Give-Away for needy families. Instead, we would appreciate Gift Cards to Walmart or Target, Visa, Master Card or American Express.**

### MISSALETTES FOR ADVENT-LENT

New Missalettes for Advent through Lent are on sale at the rectory for \$3.00 each. We will not be able to put the books into the pews during this pandemic. If you wish to have a book to follow along with the mass, please purchase your own. All books contain weekday and Sunday readings.

### MASS BOOK FOR 2021

The Mass Book for 2021 will open on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30AM-3:00PM in the Church Hall. **ONLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS WILL BE ABLE TO BOOK THREE MASSS. All others will be turned away until after the New Year.**

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 11:30AM-1:00PM concluding with Benediction.

### OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held at St. Joseph’s Regional High School, Montvale on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

### CATHEDRAL BASILICA CONCERT SERIES

A Concert in Honor of the Faithful Departed will be held at the Cathedral Basilica, Newark, on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00PM. A pre-concert lecture: “The Future Has a Name, and Its Name is Hope” will be given to the bereaved at 3:20PM by Anita Foley.

### 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, 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, Cathleen McLaughlin, Fran Barbato, Jared Lanzaloto, Joel Rivera, Jennifer Van Dam.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Kenny Pinto, Joseph Lips, Rose McCluskey.*

**“EVERY PERSON – THE BORN AND UNBORN, THE POOR, THE DOWNCAST, THE DISABLED, THE INFIRM, AND THE ELDERLY – HAS INHERENT VALUE!”**



