

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2021
BAPTISM OF THE LORD

5:00PM Barbara & Edward
Blomquist

10:00AM Joseph Lips

12:00PM Dom Costello

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

11:00AM Falco Bucci

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

ST. MARGUERITE BOURGEOYS

11:00AM Mary & Kathy McKeown

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

ST. HILARY

11:00AM Anne Frances Lepis

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

11:00AM Nicolina Matesic

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

11:00AM Joyce & Dan Brandon

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

11:00AM Zdenko Matesic

5:00PM Marijo Kucic

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

10:00AM Marie & Rose Magliato

12:00PM Tony Hroncich



ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

John Mattessich

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Nicky Sertich

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Is 42:1-4, 6-7

The Lord tells his servant that he was formed to be "a light for the nations."

Is. 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6

You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

Acts 10:34-38

Any person who follows God's will is acceptable to God, regardless of nationality.

Mark 1:7-11

"You are my beloved Son. On you my favor rests."

LIVING THE BAPTISMAL LIFE

It seems like a long journey from the advent period through Christmas and Epiphany to the Baptism of the Lord. As a parish, we celebrated the 105th anniversary of our community last Sunday with the feast of Epiphany. We prayed for all the priests who served the parish in various capacities (living or dead). We also prayed for all the parishioners, past and present (living or dead), who contributed in different ways to the success of the Church of Epiphany Cliffside Park, New Jersey.

Today we celebrate the baptism of the Lord. Baptism inaugurates our Christian life. It is also essential to note that Christian life is impossible without the active and functional presence of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our weakness (Romans 8:26). It is little wonder then that our Lord Jesus Christ instructed his disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they receive the power from on high, the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:4-5).

The sacrament of baptism we receive in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19), gives us a special seal of authority as children of God with the ability to trample upon all the powers of the enemy (Luke 10:19).

As baptized Christians, we carry within us the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit. St. Paul says that we have the Spirit of God in us (Romans 8:9). St. Peter (1 Peter 2:9) has this to say about the identity of the baptized:

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, so that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

We become like commissioned combatants with all the arsenals to conquer the enemy's formations and fortresses through our baptism. However, we have more privileges than the conventional combatants because our weapon of warfare is not carnal (2 Cor. 10:4); furthermore, we only need to make ourselves prayerfully available as God will do the fighting for us (Exodus 14:14; Deuteronomy 3:22).

The celebration today invites us to rethink and relive our baptismal vows as Christians. As the heavens were opened for our Lord as he stepped out from the Jordan, in the same way, our baptism has opened up the heavens for us, and through that portal, the Holy Spirit is continuously poured on us to give us the right directions in our Christian journey.

Furthermore, the Father's voice speaks to us, His beloved ones, through the Word of God and the voice of God in our hearts. As the beloved sons and daughters of our heavenly Father, may the voice of the Father speak into our lives and bring that transformation that would take us to the next level of divine grace and sustenance. Have a beautiful celebration and a glorious 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.

<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<i>December 20, 2020</i>
	<i>\$ 4,882.00</i>
	<i>December 27, 2020</i>
	<i>\$ 4,317.00</i>
	<i>January 1, 2021</i>
	<i>\$ 1,814.00</i>
	<i>January 3, 2021</i>
	<i>\$ 4,754.00</i>
<i>Christmas Collection (thus far)</i>	<i>\$27,630.00</i>

"And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" – Mark 1:11

Through our baptism, we too, are daughters and sons of God. We are disciples of Jesus. As true disciples, we are called to actively participate in our Catholic faith, not just be mere bystanders. This means working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit and discerning how we are being asked to use our gifts. Using our gifts for the benefit of others and not just our own interests and comfort.

MISSALETTES FOR ORDINARY TIME-LENT

New Missalettes for Ordinary Time 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.

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

“You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat” (Isaiah 55:1) In these uncertain times, perhaps you are the one with no money. May your faith community feed you. If you are among those who have enough food, may your faith lead you to feed another. Talk with your beloved about how.

PARENTING POINTERS

Pose this question to our child – *My favorite Christmas gift was _____.* Consider that some people in the world didn’t get a Christmas gift. Be grateful. Are they old enough to write a thank-you note?

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

Keep us good Lord,

Under the shadow of your mercy,

In this time of uncertainty and distress.

**Sustain and support the anxious and
fearful,**

And lift up all who are brought low;

That we may rejoice in your comfort

**Knowing that nothing can separate us
from**

Your love.

In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

FOOD PANTRY THANK YOU

The Epiphany Community Food Pantry would like to thank all of our parishioners, Knights of Columbus, schools in Cliffside Park and Fort Lee, The Food Warriors, Madonna Church, Rosarians of Madonna Church, Winston Towers Association, Apogee Complex, Fort Lee Rotary, Friends of the Ridgefield Library, R2M Realty, Les Enfants Pre School, and all of our local merchants and Bergen County Food Bank and Agencies for their generosity during the Covid Pandemic. They provided food staples, turkeys, gift cards and monetary donations which enabled us to make the Christmas Season much brighter for many people. God bless all of you.

MASS BOOK FOR 2021

Parishioners and non-parishioners may now book **only three more masses** for 2021. Please come to the Rectory Office between 10:00AM-3:00PM, Monday-Friday.

MASS CANDLES, SANCTUARY LAMPS & ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Mass Candles, Sanctuary Lamps and Altar Bread and Wine are available for the year 2021. Please come to the rectory between the hours of 10:00AM-3:30PM to book any of the above items in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, 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 Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Tatiana Flores, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, 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, Angelica Colavito, Jennifer Van Dam, Angelina Cozzitorto, Joseph Kirincich, Guy DiNapoli, Lucy D’Ambrosio, Marc DePasquale, Steven Skific, Baby Luca, Eileen Palazzo, Rosalind Yap.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Mina Magsaysay, Emmanuel Goued Njaick.

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STANDING POLICY OF CIVIL
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