

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

5:00PM Vera Dragas
10:00AM Clemente Jaramilo
12:00PM Concetta Sgro

MONDAY, APRIL 12

11:00AM Domenick Morin

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

ST. MARTIN

11:00AM Andricic Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

11:00AM Martin Picinic

THURSDAY, APRIL 15

11:00AM John Morich

FRIDAY, APRIL 16

11:00AM Nicolo Picinic

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

11:00AM Matea Morin

Ints. of Steven Skific

Joseph Lardizabal &

Ints. of Rev. Victor

Apacible

5:00PM Sottile & Sariti Families

SUNDAY, APRIL 18

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

10:00AM Dorothy Lombardo

12:00PM Skip & Elenore Hangley

ALTAR BREAD & WINE

In Memory of

Gino & Rose Zilocchi

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of

Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Antonia Hroncich

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Kevin Lisky

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Acts 4:32-35

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Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

1 John 5:1-6

When we love God and concern
ourselves only with pleasing God, our
faith is strong enough to conquer evil in
the world.

John 20:19-31

"Blest are they who have not seen and
have believed."

CHRIST THE TEACHER ACADEMY

WITHOUT MERCY LIFE IS MESSY

Once upon a time, a king hired a very dutiful gardener and provided the king with fresh juicy fruits from the garden every morning. One fateful day, the gardener brought some red cherries to the king, and tasting one, the king who was in a bad mood felt sour and threw it on the gardener in anger, and it hit him in the face. Turning to the king and smiling respectfully, the gardener said: "God is merciful." The king was a bit confused why the gardener could not show any sign of displeasure and why he said, "God is merciful."

The king asked the gardener to explain why he appeared unhurt and what made him say that God is merciful. He replied and said that he wanted to bring big apples and mangoes but later changed his mind to get the small cherries first. He believed that God's mercy made him not bring larger fruits because it could have hurt more.

God is indeed merciful. The book of Lamentations (3:22-23) says that God's steadfastness never ceases and His mercy never ends, for they are new every morning. Pope Francis was right when he declared that God's name is MERCY. Without divine mercy, our lives would become messy.

God's mercy comes after us despite our sinfulness. The incarnation expresses the mercy of God and the passion, death, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ justify God's mercy for the sinfulness of the human race.

Divine mercy should challenge us to be merciful to one another just as our heavenly Father is merciful to each of us (Luke 6:36). Our Lord Jesus Christ tells us also that God will be merciful to those who are merciful (Matt. 5:7). The apostle James (2:13) expands more on this teaching when he writes that judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

We need to appreciate God's mercy by our intentional response to God's daily call for our repentance and realignment with ourselves and our neighbors.

Have a graceful Divine Mercy Sunday!

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

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

April 4, 2021

Easter Collection (thus far)

\$15,283.00

Holy Land Collection

\$ 1,724.00

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." – Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We are not really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

"GOD IS ALWAYS ON TIME. HE IS NEVER BEHIND AND NEVER AHEAD!"

Christ the Teacher School is registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. A Nationally Recognized Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence, we offer a full academic program from Pre-K to 8th grade with many additional specials such as Spanish, art, music, computers, library and physical education. We have an award-winning STEM program and a one-to-one technology initiative for grades 4-8. Students enjoy various clubs, activities and sports, even virtual ones this year. We are offering a Madonna Scholarship for new students entering our school. Based on financial need and scholarship, families are encouraged to apply. Our website is: www.christtheteacherschool.org. Tours are by appointment only. Please call 201-944-0421.

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 200 persons at each mass. You must wear a mask before you enter the Church and leave it on for the whole mass and 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. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Benedict XV Council 2355 of the Knights of Columbus is currently based at Epiphany Parish, and also affiliated with Our Lady of Grace, Sacred Heart and St. John's Church. The Knights are a Catholic fraternal family men's organization with councils in all 50 states and several foreign countries. The mission of our 2,000,000 members is to provide charitable works, help the church and those in need. We have been called the right arm of the church, and prior to the pandemic restrictions, we sponsored blood drives, helped run various parish events such as Lenten soup night, Seminarian dinners, pancake breakfasts, and assisted the food pantry. We hope to resume these types of activities once we are able to get back to business as usual. We are looking for some good Catholic men to join our efforts. Currently we have meetings via Zoom but hope to get back to in person activities in the next few months. If you are interested in learning more and perhaps joining our ranks, you can text one of our officers below and we will get back to you promptly. Justin Rice – 443-474-2378; Bob Barricella – 201-960-9554; Marc DePasquale – 201-906-9274.

MASS CANDLES, 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-3:00PM to reserve any of these items.

OPEN HOUSE & LEAD ON

Bergen Catholic High School, Oradell, will hold Open House on the following dates: April 25th, May 2nd and May 9th. They will host a Virtual Open House for prospective students on Wednesday, May 12th at 6:30PM. Lead On is a three-week summer enrichment program designed for students entering 7th and 8th grades. It provides a stimulating classroom experience in which students will explore and enjoy a variety of topics. They will be held on: May 16th, May 23rd, May 30th, June 6th, June 13th and June 20th. Registration beings on April 15th. For questions please contact Matt Rosa, Director of Admissions, at mrosa@bergencatholic.org

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

This Sunday, April 11th, is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have prayer and adoration in our church beginning at 3:00PM. All are invited to attend.

MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day Cards are available on the table at the elevator lobby. Please place your intentions on the envelopes and return to the rectory or in the collection basket by May 5th.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

We now have \$23,611 total pledged for our Annual Appeal which is approximately 74.48% of our goal of \$31,700. We are only about \$8,089 short of our goal. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark? If you have not yet made a gift, there are pledge envelopes available on the table in the elevator lobby or visit www.rcan.org/sharing. Your gift will truly make a difference. If we exceed our goal, we get back money for our own parish. This is actually a fundraiser for us when we surpass the goal. Thank you for your prayers and support.

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, 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, 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, Rev. John Renard, Louise O'Connor, Cathleen McLaughlin, Fran Barbato, Jared Lanzaloto, Joel Rivera, Angelina Cozzitorto, Joseph Kirincich, Lucy D'Ambrosio, Steven Skific, Baby Luca, Eileen Palazzo, Rosalind Yap, Barbara Curran, Ada Venditti, Elizabeth Chen, Maryann Ascione, Patricia Beatty, Maria Mattessich.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Attilio Blazina.

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**

