

**SUNDAY, APRIL 22, 2018**

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

5:00PM Connors & Gargiulo Families  
8:00AM Rose Zilocchi  
10:00AM Catherine & Joseph Imbelloni  
12:00PM Adam Morin

**MONDAY, APRIL 23**

*STS. GEORGE & ADALBERT*  
8:00AM Mario Mircovich  
11:30AM Bruno Matesic

**TUESDAY, APRIL 24**

*ST. FIDELIS OF SIGMARINGEN*  
8:00AM Bruno Matesic  
11:30AM David Mihalinec – Birth.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25**

*ST. MARK*  
8:00AM Anton Kirincich  
11:30AM Vincenzo Latella

**THURSDAY, APRIL 26**

8:00AM Stella & Joseph Oliveri  
11:30AM Maria Rici Mattessich

**FRIDAY, APRIL 27**

8:00AM Caterina Tarabocchia  
11:30AM John & Carmela Morin

**SATURDAY, APRIL 28**

*STS. PETER CHANEL & LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT*  
11:30PM Vincent Del Giudice  
Gianni Carcich

5:00PM Gelsomina Marchesani

**SUNDAY, APRIL 29**

*FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER*

8:00AM Giacomo, Genoveffa & Rocco Suriano  
10:00AM Vera Dragas  
12:00PM Emilia DeBenedetto

**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*

Anthony Mario Picinic, Jr.

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*

David Mihalinec

**EASTER CANDLE**

*In Memory of*

Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

**SANCTUARY LAMP**

*In Memory of*

Marco De Benedetto

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Acts 9:26-31**

Saul preached boldly in Jerusalem

**Psalms 22**

I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people

**1 Jn 3:18-24**

Loving and believing in Christ is to keep his commandments

**Jn 15:1-8**

"I am the vine, you are the branches."

**Pastor's Message April 22, 2018**

My dear parishioners and friends,

In this Sunday's gospel passage Jesus tells us that he is the "Good Shepherd" who willingly lays down his life for his sheep. Following the Lord's example, all of us in ministry are called to lay down the things that make us selfish or self-absorbed. Of course it is a constant struggle, as it is for all of us, to be more generous with our time and attention, but we do it out of our love for God and our love for God's people. Pray for your priests, and for all those in ministry - so that we will learn to be even more faithful to our calling to love as Jesus loves.



Last Sunday I had the opportunity to speak at most of the masses about the Holy Land pilgrimage that I am leading with my friend Fr. Marty Jacinto in November. Fr. Marty already has 17 people confirmed for the pilgrimage! I just want to emphasize that, if you are seriously interested in going, NOW is the time to make your reservation with the agency that is running the tour. There is a \$500 fee to make your reservation, and they need a copy of your current passport. The first half of the cost of the trip is due in May and the remainder should be paid in July. I have the assurances of the Tour operators that it is safe to travel to the Holy Land and if we need to avoid any particular places we can easily change the itinerary. Our Israeli tour guide will be visiting New Jersey next month, and we will schedule a meeting with him for all those interested in going on the trip.

*Fondly yours in Christ,  
Fr. Bruce*

**PARISH SUPPORT**

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

*April 15<sup>th</sup>*  
*\$4,758.00*

*Sunday Collection*

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." – John 10:14-16*

*When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Usually, the answer is in "quiet whispers", so take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His response.*

**BINGO**



**THURSDAY BINGO GAMES BEGIN AT 12:15PM. WE NOW OFFER BIGGER JACKPOTS, PROGRESSIVE AND 50/50 GAMES. COME OUT AND ENJOY YOURSELF AND WIN SOME MONEY AND HAVE FUN.**

**WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to the following couple who will be married in our church during the month of April:

*Sal Hernandez.....Linabel Herrera*

**BAPTISMS**

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

*Theodore Anthony Armstrong*

**CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER**

We will be having the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the 5:00PM Mass. All are invited to attend.

**CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL**

Christ the Teacher will continue to have registrations from Monday – Friday, 9:00AM-2:00PM, as long as there is availability. Please contact the school at 201-944-0421 with any questions.

### MOTHER'S DAY CARDS

Mother's Day Cards are available at the Church doors. Please mark your intentions on the envelope and return them with your donation to the rectory or in the collection basket by May 8<sup>th</sup>. Your intentions will be placed on the altar on Mothers' Day weekend.

### COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all our First Communicants:

*Aaden Abadilla, Aleya Abadilla, Matthew Alino, Jaelyn Berberian, Joshua Espinel, Rebeca Feo, Maria Flores, Angelique Fuentes, Carlos Fuentes, Megan Gavigan, Romeo Giacoia, Avril Gonzalez, Gianna Picinich, Allie Ramirez, Martino Tarabocchia, Sheila Wilches, Sophia Zelaya.* May they find in the sacrament of the Eucharist a sign of the great love that Jesus has for all of us and the strength they need to give witness to the Lord with their lives each day.

### JOURNEY TO THE HOLY LAND AND JORDAN

Join Epiphany Church and Our Lady of Mercy Church as we travel to the Holy Land and Jordan. Experience, feel and see the wonders and physical manifestations of our faith and beliefs as we venture into the holiest places on earth – moments that will move you!! It will be November 5-14, 2018. Father Bruce Harger will be the Spiritual Director and the cost is \$3,490 per person, based on double occupancy. The single supplement is \$535. Cost includes one round-trip ticket, hotel accommodations, Continental breakfast and dinner, air-conditioned motorcoach, entrance fees and professional guide. Plane will leave from Newark Airport and the trip is being handled by Holy Land and Beyond LLC. Points of call are: Ben-Gurion Air Port; Nazareth (the Basilica of the Annunciation/St. Joseph Church), Mary's well/Mt. of Precipice/Nazareth, Galilee (overnight); Mt. Tabor/Cana – (renewal of marriage vows in the church of the wedding); crossing to the Kingdom of Jordan, Journey to Petra; crossing the border to Israel/Eliat/Arava Valley/Negev Desert/Dead Sea; Bethlehem; the Pools of Bethesda/Via Delorosa, Western Wall; Mt. of Olives, Garden of Gethsemane, Road to Emmaus/Joppa/Tel-Aviv. Transfer to Ben-Gurion for Departure. Contact Fr. Bruce at 201-943-7320 for more information.

### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARIES

The Archdiocese of Newark invites any couple celebrating 50 years of Christian Marriage in 2018 to an anniversary liturgy that will be celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica in Newark. Golden Anniversaries will be celebrated on May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM – deadline for reservations is April 27<sup>th</sup>. Please call the rectory from Monday-Friday during office hours to register.

### USED CLOTHING FOR THE POOREST OF THE POOR

Rev. Gio Belanich is head of the Croatian Relief Services located at 225 Anderson Avenue, Fairview. The Croatian Relief Services is a humanitarian organization which helps the poorest of the poor in Haiti. People in Haiti are desperate for clothing and other items which we no longer use. They are in need of clean clothing, small household and kitchen items. They accept clothing for men, women, and children – all types and sizes. Also, they accept bedding items, curtains, drapes, housewares and glassware, jewelry, toys, games, bikes, etc. Please bring all items to the Croatian Relief in Fairview. You must call 201-745-1145 before you drop off the items. If you are unable to bring your donated items, please call them and they will make arrangements to pick the items up at your residence.

### LOOKING FOR ALUMNI OF EPIPHANY SCHOOL

The 1958 graduating class of Epiphany School is planning a 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion for October 13, 2018. We are also inviting other classes to join us as we celebrate our years at Epiphany School. If you wish to be included in this list, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so that we may be able to contact you for this event.

### COMMUNION SUPPER

The Confraternity of Christian Women will hold a Communion Supper on Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup> beginning with a 6:00PM Mass. Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are \$20.00 per person. Dinner will be catered by Roman's Restaurant. The guest speaker will be Msgr. Paul Bochicchio. Tickets are available at the rectory.

### FLOWERS FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Instead of selling carnations this year for Mother's Day, we will be asking for a donation to cover the cost of the flowers that will be placed on the altar for our Blessed Mother. You may make your donation in memory of or in honor of your mother. Put donations in the collection basket marked "Mother's Day Flowers" or bring your donation to the rectory.

### PARISH PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, at our Annual Parish Picnic. Picnic will be catered by Sedona Taphouse. Picnic will be from 1:30-5:00PM. Featured will be chicken, hamburgers, hot dogs, pasta, potato salad, baked beans, salad, and dessert. Tickets are \$20 per adults and children are \$5.00 for 10 years and under. Families of four (two adults and two children or more) will be \$45.00. Entertainment will be by DJ Nick plus Sprinkles the Clown, who will make balloon animals, do face painting and much more. Tickets are available at the rectory.

### SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL

The 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal is well underway. We have reached 90% of our goal of \$32,346.00. The outpouring of support from many parishioners like you helps sustain the important ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark. These programs help to make our own parish a more vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the church doors or visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing). Thank you for your prayers and support.

### CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CITIZENS

The following activity is being sponsored by the Cliffside Park Senior Citizens: Empire Club Italian Fest on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and must be paid by May 4<sup>th</sup>. For information please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

### OPEN HOUSE

Open House will be held at the following schools: Don Bosco, Ramsey – Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – 6:30-8:30PM; Dominican College, Orangeburg, NY – Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM; Saint Joseph Regional High, Montvale – Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-9:00PM; and St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City – Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-3:00PM.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Matthew Dickman, Ann Callagher, Peter Bertinato, Anna Tarabokija, Baby Eric Grigsby, Carrie Craven, Felicia Martello, Oscar Benitez, Elva Lopes, Marilyn Brenes, Sister Kieran O'Riordan, Riccardo & Delia Mattessich, Frank Mendez, Maria Azucena Mercado, John Reynolds, Arianna Cappola, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina DeLuca, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, Brother Peter Lyne, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Cora Shaffer, Helen Steinel, Richard Scheiblich, Ivan Tarabokija, Ms. Angie, Ms. Denise, Paul Barbara, Kathleen Warren Meserole, Matt Allen, Richie Allen, Angie Vigna, Mary Barchetto, Jazmin Cruz, Jaime Van Dam, Meaghan Kilner, Baby Michael, Marie Maraia, Joe Villani, Michael Duddy, Eileen Palazzo, Johanna Rea-Reynolds, Florence Hoffman, Peter Foglio, Jr., Steve Carlucci, Hilda Borrito.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

*Anne (Nonnie) Villani, Frank Del Prete, Jr.*

**"THE GREATEST DESTROYER OF PEACE  
TODAY IS ABORTION...BECAUSE IT  
IS WAR AGAINST THE CHILD!"**

