

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2018
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

5:00PM Gelsomina Marchesani
8:00AM Giacomo, Genoveffa & Rocco
Suriano

10:00AM Vera Dragas
12:00PM Emilia DeBenedetto

MONDAY, APRIL 30

ST. PIUS V
8:00AM Dominick Morin
11:30AM Romolo Lechich

TUESDAY, MAY 1

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
8:00AM Sime & Nevenka Bozicevic
11:30AM Anna Tarabocchia

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

ST. ATHANASIUS
8:00AM John Picinic – Birth.
11:30AM Maria Buok Ahn

THURSDAY, MAY 3

STS. PHILIP & JAMES
8:00AM Nicholas Sertich, Sr.
11:30AM Roberto DelRosario

FRIDAY, MAY 4

8:00AM Jean Maruska
11:30AM Antica Morin

SATURDAY, MAY 5

11:30PM Pasquale Iannaccone
Ints. of Denise Tarabocchia
Rosalie Menzella

5:00PM Arthur DiPaolo

SUNDAY, MAY 6

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00AM Anita Falcaro
10:00AM Attilio & Carmela Dente
12:00PM Amelia Cruz

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
John Mattessich



ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
John Mattessich

EASTER CANDLE

In Memory of
Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

God's presence is available to all

Ps 98

The Lord has revealed to the nations his
saving power

1 Jn 4:7-10

God is made known to us through love

Jn 15:9-17

"This I command, you: love one
another."

Pastor's Message April 29, 2018

My dear parishioners and friends,

In our second reading this Sunday, Saint John writes, "Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." In other words, love isn't just a matter of saying "I love you" a hundred- million times a day. True love demands actions and a real commitment. Borrowing from the Greek philosopher Plato, who said that the good is diffusive of itself, we can say that Love, like Goodness, is diffusive of itself. Or, another way to look at it, love isn't love until it is given away... because that is how true love grows.

Jesus tells us in the gospel that we need to be connected with him as the source of everything good and worthwhile in this life. He is the vine, and we are the branches. But in order for us to produce the good fruits of Christian love we must remain connected with him through the Grace of the Holy Spirit.



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 22nd

Sunday Collection

\$5,602.00

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." – 1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be held from 8:30-11:15AM concluding with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED MOTHER

We will be having the Crowning of Our Blessed Mother on Saturday, May 5th 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.

**"WE NEED TO HOLD GOD'S HAND AND LET HIM LEAD
US THROUGH THE VALLEYS WHENEVER THEY COME!"**

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 8th. Your intentions will be placed on the altar on Mothers' Day weekend.

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.

PARISH PICNIC

Join us on Sunday, June 24th, at our Annual Parish Picnic. Picnic will be catered by Sedona Taphouse. Picnic will be from 1:30-5:00PM. Featured will be chicken, steak, 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. Thank you for your prayers and support.

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT & SOUND – "JESUS"

Our family and friends would like to get together to experience the Sight & Sound Theatre that brings the bible to life far and beyond any other stage so come and join us in that experience on Wednesday, May 30th. Bus, luncheon and play ticket is \$130.00 per person. For reservations call Sarah – 201-776-1148 or Marilyn at 201-224-3864.

FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER

The Cliffside Park Chapter of UNICO will hold a Flapjack Fundraiser on Sunday, May 20th from 8:00AM-10:00AM at Applebee's in the Walmart Shopping Center, 91st Street, North Bergen. All proceeds will benefit students of Cliffside Park High School for Scholarships. Tickets are \$10 per person and children under 12 are \$5.00.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CITIZENS

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

COMMUNION SUPPER

Please join us for the Confraternity of Christian Women's Communion Supper on Monday, May 14th 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.

BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, June 10th. Bus leaves at about 9:00AM and returns about 6:00PM. Reservations are \$35 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Epiphany Heritage Fund. All tickets must be paid by May 29th.

31ST ANNUAL LITURGY FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN HAVE DIED

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Newark Archdiocese is sponsoring a Liturgy for Parents Whose Children Have Died on Friday, May 11th at 7:30PM at Notre Dame Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell. Pre-registration is requested. Please call Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or email Lauren.Egan@rcan.org for information and registration. A personal witness will also be offered as the name of each child is read during the Liturgy.

SPRING CLEAN OUR HEARTS, OH LORD!

De-Clutter – Think about all of the things in your life that clutters your path to God. Is your schedule full of activities that steal you away from sitting in the presence of your Creator? Think about what activities you can eliminate, so that you will have time to grow in a personal relationship with the Lord.

Dust – Remove the dust of spiritual staleness from your life. Don't settle for how things have always been. Read a good new book about our Catholic Faith! Try a different approach to prayer (ex: Ignatius Spiritual Exercises.) Perhaps even attend a workshop or conference that will help to ignite your faith.

Sweep – Remove the cob-webs of the past that inhibit your walk with God. Reconcile with your neighbor! Have the courage to go to frequent confession, recognizing the need for God's mercy and forgiveness.

Shine – Don't be afraid to share our love with others. Be a light in this very dark world. Do others know there is something different about you? Shine, make them wonder what really is the source of your JOY!

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, Cora Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman, Brother Peter Lyne, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Renee 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, Paul Kiczek.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rosalie Menzella, Msgr. John Gilchrist, Jennie Trapp, Giulio Scocciarro, Jose Rodrigues.

