

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2015

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Theresa & Charles Ciniello
8:00AM Francesco Tarabocchia
10:00AM Tommaso Morin - Anniv.
12:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Mosca & Romano Families

MONDAY, JULY 27

8:00AM Norman Wallen
11:30AM Fred Vermeal

TUESDAY, JULY 28

8:00AM Emil LaRotonda
11:30AM Robert Wyss

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

ST. MARTHA

8:00AM John Morin
11:30AM Nick Picinich

THURSDAY, JULY 30

ST. PETER CHRYSOLOGUS

8:00AM John Morin
11:30AM Nicolo Picinich

FRIDAY, JULY 31

ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA

8:00AM Fred Talamo
11:30AM Nicola Picinich

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

11:30AM Elena Tarabocchia
Natale Picinich
Mrs. E. Cruz
Nikola Morin
5:00PM The Pettrizzie Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Gloria Manganelli
10:00AM Florence Legreca
12:00PM Sarah Mosca

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of
Mary Barrett

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of
Mayor Gerald Calabrese

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Cuomo Family

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of
Dante Rivetti, Sr.

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Exod 16:2-4, 12-15

The Israelites are fed manna in the wilderness.

Psalms 78

The Lord gives the bread from heaven.

Eph 4:17, 20-24

Put away the old self and put on the new self.

John 6:24-35

Jesus is the bread of life.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

...This Weekend: at all the masses, Fr. Mitch Walters will speak about the work done for the missions at Mater Ecclesiae College for Missionary Sisters in Castel Gandolfo, Rome, and we will take up a second collection for this worthy cause. This is our annual collection for the Church's missionary work. As always, we thank you all for your kind generosity.

...I have asked a guest writer to fill up this space for the next couple of weeks and to tell us about the Catholic Church in Pakistan. Below is an article by Fr. Almas, our summer priest. It will be featured over the next three weeks.

WHAT IS IT TO BE A CATHOLIC IN PAKISTAN?

It is believed that St. Thomas the Apostle came to India. This was probably a few years after the Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord. The community of St. Thomas the Apostle traces back their roots to St. Thomas the Apostle.

It was in the 16th century when the Jesuits came to India. St. Francis Xavier and his companions were sent to bring the Gospel to this part of the world. When the Jesuits landed in India, they experienced the strong cultural and religious heritage already prevailing. The two famous religions co-existing were Hinduism and Islam. It was in the 17th century when the Spanish, French and English came to India for trade. English were the only ones who established themselves and later ruled the country for more than hundred years. In 1857, the whole of India which included today's Pakistan, Bangladesh and Sri-Lanka became a British colony.

As the British established themselves they brought along the British protestant missionaries. It was only in the late 19th century that the Catholic missionaries from Belgium and Holland started coming to evangelize. These Catholic Capuccian missionaries established different centers one in Sialkot in Pakistan and Bombay (Mumbai) in India.

Catholic in Pakistan:

The tireless and dedicated evangelization started bringing people to the church, people started accepting Christ. From the very beginning the Christian faith in this part of the world met a lot of challenges and rejection from the local community. All those who converted to the Catholic faith were out cast from their families and communities. This hostile situation led to establish the catholic villages for the new converts.

Today we Catholics are about 2% of the population in Pakistan. Pakistan is predominantly an Islamic country, where 97% are Muslims. There are 7 Catholic dioceses in Pakistan, consisting mostly of villages and colonies in different cities.

Since Pakistan is an Islamic State and Catholics are a very small minority, growing extremism has made it immensely difficult for the Catholics to live and practice their faith. Growing religious intolerance has made the Catholics soft targets of violence, discrimination and hatred. There is an institutionalized violence and discrimination against Christians. Institutions like government agencies and press are all one sided against the Christians. Jobs and basic rights of living are denied as soon as it is learned a person is a Christian. The Catholic community is forced to live on the margin. Our villages lack basic facilities like clean drinking water, electricity, roads, medical facilities and sanitation systems.

(To be continued)

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.
July 19th
Sunday Collection \$5,227.75
'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?' - John 6:9
The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes is the only miracle which is recorded six times in the Gospel. It carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him.

BINGO



Bring your friends along for a fantastic day at our weekly bingo games. We offer jackpot prizes, progressive, specials and 50/50 bingo games. Doors open at 5:30PM on Tuesday and 10:00AM on Thursday. Game play begins at 7:15PM on Tuesday, and on Thursday afternoon at 12:15PM. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE NO BINGO ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 4TH, DUE TO THE NATIONAL NIGHT OUT.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS

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

Jesse Gemarelli.....Angelina Balabat

A MESSAGE FROM NICHOLAS SERTICH

To My Friends and Family of Epiphany Parish:

I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks and gratitude for the farewell party thrown for me last Saturday. I thank all of you for your support, generous gifts, and kind words of encouragement.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation of being able to grow up in such a loving parish community. I have been a member of Epiphany from a very young age and have had many happy experiences here – going to Epiphany School, making my sacraments, altar serving, organizing the food pantry and fundraisers – but none of these experiences are as heartfelt and meaningful as getting to know so many of you. You invited me into your lives and showed me a love that encouraged me to pursue a religious vocation.

So now, as I prepare to enter the seminary, I know that I will not be able to be around Epiphany as much as I would like, but please know this – Epiphany will *always* be my home, and her parishioners, my family. I will carry a piece of each and every one of you with me, no matter where I may go or who I may become, because each of you has helped shape me into the man I am today. For this, I am forever indebted to the people of Epiphany Parish. Please remember me in your prayers and I will most certainly remember you in mine.

*Thank You & God Bless,
Nicholas Sertich*

SAVE THE DATE – ANNUAL CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA

We will be having our Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance and Tricky Tray on Saturday, December 5th. We are looking for new items to use in our raffle. **If you can donate any new items, please bring them to the rectory. We are also in need of empty baskets (wicker baskets, gift baskets, etc.) that we can use to wrap the prizes for our Tricky Tray. If you wish to make a monetary donation for us to buy a gift, it would be greatly appreciated.** It will be an evening of dinner, dancing, raffles, prizes, and holiday cheer. Tickets are \$40.00 per person and will go on sale at the end of August. Entertainment will be by the Band -Jumpin' Dragons

MASS IN HONOR OF ST. ANNE

A Mass in honor of St. Anne will be celebrated at St. Nicholas Church, Palisades Park, on Monday, July 27th at 8:00AM. A holy relic of Saint Anne will be venerated immediately following the Mass. All are invited to attend. Handicapped access is available at the 13th Street side entrance.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. You may report an allegation of sexual misconduct by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

CATHOLIC CRUISE TO NEW ENGLAND & CANADA

Sail away on a 7-night Catholic cruise to New England & Canada with Fr. Alfred Winsham from October 10th-17th on Holland America Maasdam out of Boston. Ports of call are: Bar Harbor, Halifax, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Sydney, Lawrence, Quebec City, St. Lawrence River, Montreal. Prices begin at \$2988 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass is offered. \$200 per person deposit is required. Please contact Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com or Eileen at 860-399-1785

CHRIST THE TEACHER INTERPAROCHIAL SCHOOL

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the Interim Principal of Christ the Teacher Interparochial School. I look forward to my time here at CTT and maintaining the excellent reputation that has always been associated with the school. As the former principal of Ascension School, and most recently of Transfiguration Academy, for the past 9 years, now retired, I can assure you that all school matters will be addressed during the summer to ensure our successful opening on September 8th. The school office is open for business and registration from 8:00AM-Noon, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I wish you all a pleasant and safe summer and remind you that you, our parishioners and school families, are our best advertisers. Tell others of the reasons you have chosen CTT for your child; a great academic education in a safe, caring, and nurturing environment, infused with Catholic, Christian values at all grade levels. To arrange a tour of the school or to discuss the benefits of a CTT education, call the school at 201-944-0421.

*Respectfully,
Sal Tralongo,
Interim Principal*

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Sister Rosemary McGavin is now residing at St. Anne's Villa, Assisted Living, PO Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961-0476. If you wish to drop her a note, you may do so at the above address. Her new phone number is 973-292-6555 ext. 5206.

TD BANK AFFINITY PROGRAM

Our participation in the Affinity Program continues. Going forward, the Church will receive \$10 for every existing checking account included in the program and \$50 for every newly opened checking account included in the program. **Nothing is taken from your accounts.** In addition, the **Church** will receive 1/10 of 1% of the average balance of all savings accounts and CDs included in the program. To sign up, please visit the TD Bank at either the corner of Lafayette and Anderson or Lafayette and Palisade Avenues.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Jean Schwartz, Marion Calabrese, Joseph Mangone, Robert Killen, Andree Degedrinsky, Senko Skific, Natalie Lopac, Nancy Suarez, Louanne Mitchell, Brian Hone, Baby Sofia Gonzales, Baby Carly, Linda Shiers, Ralph Cappola, Paula Banitez, Doris Portillo, Sid Berger, Angelica Colavito, Una O'Connor, Anne Lepis, Nadine Nasif, Sarah Farid, Carl McManus, Anna Scardigno, Doris McCall, Lauren Basso, Corrado Gugliotta, Pietro Gugliotta, Victor Sohm, Bobby Busanic, Alvino Masolotti, Cheryl Barbara, Helen Apsewicz, Dr. Richard Ming, Louis Curcio, Vincent Sariti, Hay Blou Htoo, Kevin Dougherty, Minerva Lugones, Wilma Smithword, Rose Scardigno, Patricia Warren, Bill Kraus, Antonia Picinic, Tracey Grassi, Mickey LoPresti, Dorothy Mazzone, Brianna Skrivanic.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

**“YOU SAY: ‘I CAN’T DO IT.’
GOD SAYS:
‘YOU CAN DO ALL THINGS!’”**

