

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5:00PM Sottile & Sariti Families
8:00AM Maria Morin – Birth/Anniv.
10:00AM Maria & Martin Morin
12:00PM Ferdinando DeBenedetto

MONDAY, JULY 10

8:00AM Biago Hronich
11:30AM Ana Mattesich

TUESDAY, JULY 11

ST. BENEDICT

8:00AM Caterina Bussanich
11:30AM DiSciascio Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

8:00AM John Hronich
11:30AM Tony Bussanich

THURSDAY, JULY 13

ST. HENRY

8:00AM Nicolina Mattesich
11:30AM Nicolina Piccinich – Anniv.

FRIDAY, JULY 14

ST. BONAVENTURE

8:00AM Anna Piccinich Berberian
11:30AM Anne Francis Lepis

SATURDAY, JULY 15

ST. BONAVENTURE

11:30AM Domenica Tarabocchia
Peter Kopf
Nettie Pico
John Bucco
Rosa Gonzalez
5:00PM Antonio & Grazia Marchesani

SUNDAY, JULY 16

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00AM Veronica Sohn
10:00AM Marco DeBenedetto
12:00PM Pat & Mary Matarazzo

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

Gaudenzia Piccini – 1st Anniv.

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of

Peter Jeon & Renata Lee

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of

Jan Reeves

MASS CANDLES

In Memory of

Luisa Vlacich

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Is 55:10-11

A prophetic teaching on the power of God's word

Ps 65

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

Rom 8:18-23

Paul professes hope in the face of suffering

Mt 13:1-23

God's word is powerful for those who really hear it.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioner:

TURNING TO GOD

It has become so easy to get distracted and pulled from our course, our focus. With the troubled times we are all faced with, coupled with our own trials and tribulations, we tend to forget to turn to God for help.

...The theme of today's Gospel reading "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest ... for my yoke is easy and my burden light" Mt. 11:28-30 reaffirms to us that God's help is here for the taking when we're tired and over-burdened, helpless and hopeless. As nations, communities and individuals struggling not only to keep true to religious, public and humanitarian obligations, the burden the bible speaks of does not end here, but also includes the struggle of personal success, as we try to compete with the demands of the world today.

...God is here for us. He always was and always will be. The Bible tells us that back in the days of Moses when he felt overwhelmed with the enormous task of leading his people from captivity in Egypt to the promised land, that he too turned to God many times for help. God was there for Moses, providing him with wisdom, guidance and the direction that he should select others to assist him in accomplishing his mission. Like Moses, as we become overburdened with all we see, feel and hear, and we find that we're becoming affected – spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically – we should remember to ask God for help. We cannot let our faith in God and his help be shaken.

...In stressful situations, the best thing we can do is to turn to God for his wisdom. Ask the Holy Spirit for decisiveness. Assure ourselves in times of weakness that we have strength, just as Jesus did while carrying out the will of the Father. God knows what we're dealing with.

...Remember the old cliché "do the right thing and the right thing happens?" Well, sometimes we may not see results right away, and sometimes we may not ever see them at all. But God does not forget. Through our faith, we can be assured that the good thoughts, deeds and decisions we make on a daily basis will bring us through our times of crisis, and in the end, will have lead us ever closer to our destination – everlasting happiness for eternity in heaven.

God bless,
Fr. Ken

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Sunday Collection

July 2nd
\$5,258.00

"For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." – Matthew 11:30

When we think of being good stewards, we may think that God is asking too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent and treasure. However, we must remember that we are not "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. All He is asking is that we give back a small portion of what He has already given to us.

BINGO

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



ALTAR FLOWERS, GIVING TREE, STATUE MEMORIALS AND HYMN BOOKS

Altar Flowers are available for 2017. Also, we have leaves, acorns and bricks available on our Giving Tree. We also have plaques to be placed under certain statues. You may donate any of these plaques in memory of or in honor of a loved one. Also, memorials in our new Hymn Books can be donated for \$25.00 per book. Come to the rectory office to make arrangements.

SPECIAL NOON MASS

A special mass and a support group meeting for all who are affected by the disease of alcoholism will take place at Church of St. Mary, 20 Legion Place, Closter, on Saturday, July 15th at 12:00 Noon. Mass is offered for the support, healing and recovery of not only the man/woman directly affected with the abuse of alcohol and/or drugs, but also for anyone involved in the life of the alcoholic or drug addict. For information, please call 201-768-7565.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS

We are very grateful to those of you who have been generous to the new Cardinal's Sharing God's Blessings Appeal. Our goal for this Appeal is \$33,281.00. We are very close to our goal. Thank you for your kind generosity in the past and we ask that you prayerfully consider making a donation or pledge so that we can meet our goal and realize a rebate for the parish.

BLOOD DRIVE

This Sunday, July 9th from 8:00AM-1:00PM, the Knights of Columbus Benedict XV Council will be sponsoring a Blood Drive to support the Community Blood Services of New Jersey. Blood will be taken in the "Blood Mobile" located in the Church Parking Lot and free refreshments will be served in the Church Hall. Donors must be in good general health and weigh at least 110lbs. Walk-Ins are always welcome. Why not come and donate life-saving blood to someone in need?

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH PRESENTS MUSIC FOR A SUMMER EVENING

On Wednesday, July 12th at 7:30PM, we will once again have our summer concert featuring all professional singers and musicians. Those who attended the last concert absolutely loved it. The music will be a mixture of classical, popular, and show tunes. Tickets for the concert are \$20 and \$15 for seniors. Tickets can be purchased at St. Matthew's rectory, 555 Prospect Avenue, Ridgefield.

THE SECRET OF HAPPINESS

Some speculate that the secret of happiness is in finding a need and filling it. Catholic Charities has a need and is requesting the following items to help fulfill that need: all forms of used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, knickknacks, novels, and children's books. Catholic Charities has a donation bin located at St. Matthew Church, Ridgefield. If you have a large number of items or have breakable items such as dishes, glasses, and picture frames, please call 877-343-3651 for a direct pick up. Maria Biancheri of Catholic Charities is available for any concerns or comments – mbiancheri@ccannj.org or call 973-596-3984. *May the beauty of summer remind you of God's love. Thank you for sharing that love by helping to fill our bins.*

ARCHDIOCESE COOP HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM

This fall, eighth grade students in Catholic elementary schools and public school students seeking admission to an Archdiocesan Catholic high school will take a new testing vehicle under the Cooperative Admissions Examination Program (COOP) to assist school staff in evaluating freshmen candidates. Each year students seeking to enter a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Newark and Diocese of Paterson take the COOP exam. Specific information about the dates and procedures for registering for the 2017 COOP exam will be available on the COOP website – <http://njcoopexam.org>

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

St. Cecilia Parish is having a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico from December 4th-14th to be there for the Feast Day and the beautiful Mass of Roses on December 12th. Trip cost is \$2,049 per person including air fare from Newark. Price includes breakfast, lunch and dinner daily and mass every day. For a flyer or more detailed information, please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

**“IN ITS MOST DIFFICULT FORM,
LOVE IS GIVING IN!”**

SAVE THE DATE – TRICKY TRAY EXTRAVAGANZA

We will be having our Annual Tricky Tray Fall Beefsteak Dinner/Dance on Saturday, October 28th. 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 and prizes. Tickets are now available at the rectory at a cost of \$45.00 per person. Entertainment will be by the Jumpin Dragons Band.

PARENTS GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A CHILD

The needs of parents who have suffered the loss of a son or daughter are unique. The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark sponsors support groups for Parents Grieving the Death of a Child. The groups are led by trained facilitators – parents who have personally experienced the death of a child. Groups meet at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Rectory Basement, 445 Fifth Avenue River Edge on the Third Monday of each month at 7:30PM. There is no fee to participate and pre-registration is not needed. Please call Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or email lauren.egan@rcan.org for further information.

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL FEAST

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 259 Oliver Street, Newark, will be celebrating their annual feast from July 12th-16th. There will be various foods, beer and wine, games of chance, street vendors and carnival rides, plus entertainment, including Uncle Floyd on Friday. The traditional religious processions through the streets with the statue, bands, societies and devotees, leave the church after the 5:00PM Mass on Saturday and Sunday, in prayer and song to the Blessed Mother under the title of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. For more information call Paul at 973-699-5670 or the rectory at 973-589-2090.

ACTIVITIES AT THE CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The following are the activities at the Cliffside Park Senior Center: July 11 – Resorts Casino Trip - \$30 – 8:30AM; July 19 – Dinner & Movie – Arrival - \$5.00 – 4:00PM; Summer Concerts on the Patio – Friday, July 21 – Mike Sinatra and Friday, August 25 – Son Candela; Canadian Cruise – September 16-23 – call for info. To sign up, please call 201-943-3768 ext. 112.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Matthew Dickman, Natalie Lopac, 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, Frances Ianuale, Hilda Borroto, Grace Siccardi, Barbara Bilocchi, Doris Levy, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Ivan Skrivanic, Tammy Ledden, Baby Kennedy Rose Perkins, Michael Duddy, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Laura Palmieri, Alfred Leubert, Mike Hromin, Margarita Lopez-Amaro, Helen Gallina, Renee Pascarella, Theodore Hoffman.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Elizabeth Vaccaro, Dennis Ippolito.

A SUMMER PRAYER

*Long warm days... The pace of life slows...
A time for picnics and rest in the shade...
Lord, help me to rest awhile in the cooling shade
of your presence.
Slow down my restless heart and fill me
with gentle compassion for all
your people. Amen*

Author Unknown

