

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2018

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Della Bella & Rossi Families
- 8:00AM Francesco & Josephine Olmo
- 10:00AM Dinko & Antonia Busanic
- 12:00PM Christopher Capezzuto

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

ST. AGATHA

- 8:00AM Joseph Osso
- 11:30AM Nevanka Grgic

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

- 8:00AM Jimmy Donovan
- 11:30AM Cara Antonia Ascione-Shusko

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

- 8:00AM Betty, Otto & Elizabeth Bamert
- 11:30AM Alicia Velez Claudio & Alfredo Bravo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

STS. JEROME EMILIANI & JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

- 8:00AM Ints. of Tom Sango
- 11:30AM Mario Mirkovic

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

- 8:00AM Bruno Matesic
- 11:30AM Caterina Tarabocchia

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

ST. SCHOLASTICA

- 11:30AM Maria Morin
- 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Macaluso Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 8:00AM Rosa Hahm
- 10:00AM Linda Clark
- 12:00PM Vincent Libero

ALTAR BREAD

In Honor of

Katie D'Angelo – 100th Birth.

ALTAR WINE

In Honor of

Katie D'Angelo – 100th Birth.

MASS CANDLES

In Thanksgiving

Ints. of Angel Nelson

ALTAR FLOWERS

In Memory of

Soon Yi Kim

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for next Sunday are:

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

Ancient Israelite teachings on purity/leprosy

Ps 32

I turn to you, Lord in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Paul's summary advice about Christian behavior

Mk 1:40-45

Jesus heals the leper

Meet the New Parish Administrator

My dear parishioners,

I want to take this opportunity to say how happy and grateful I am to our Archbishop, Cardinal Tobin, for his appointing me to be the new Parish Administrator at Epiphany. Some of you may be wondering, why administrator and not pastor? I think that this is the way that most of us are being appointed, or, at least, it seems to be the way that Cardinal Tobin prefers to make these appointments. It gives the priests and the parishes the opportunity to have some time to get used to one another. I suppose it is like an engagement for a married couple. So, let's enjoy this year of engagement and build a good, solid relationship. I am so looking forward to getting to know you and getting to know my new neighborhood here in Cliffside Park. Already I have a very good first impression of Epiphany. I ask that you please be patient with me as I "learn the ropes" of pastoring in this new place.

I am attaching a short autobiography to this message which, I hope, will give you some ideas about where I have come from:

Our new parish administrator, Fr. Bruce Harger, is the third of four sons, born into a military family, which means that Fr. Bruce lived in a lot of different places growing up. He went to grade school in a Catholic School in Austin, Texas; and attended public High Schools in Anchorage, Alaska and Vancouver, Washington.

Fr. Bruce studied music in college at the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon and his undergraduate degree is in Music Performance, majoring in voice. After graduating from the University of Portland he was briefly employed by the Hidden Valley Opera Ensemble in Carmel, California and then moved to the Washington, DC area where he sang with the Wolftrap Summer Opera and at the Kennedy Center with the Washington Opera Chorus. He spent one year in Switzerland singing with the Luzern City Opera and then returned to the U.S. to live and work with his family in Eastern Utah.

Fr. Bruce began his theological education in San Jose, California, where he studied philosophy for a year. He subsequently entered Notre Dame Seminary in New Orleans, studying for his parents' home Diocese of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. After three years at the seminary in New Orleans, Fr. Bruce came to New Jersey, originally for the purpose of studying Biblical Hebrew at the Princeton Theological Seminary. He chose to remain in Princeton where he worked in the Library at Princeton University and completed a Masters in Library Service at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, NJ.

Fr. Bruce's profession as a librarian brought him to Newark, where he was employed for several years in various capacities, including the position of managing the local branch of the public library just up the street from the offices of the Archdiocese of Newark. After several years of discernment, and following a somewhat circuitous route in life, Fr. Bruce was accepted to study for the priesthood at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University, where he completed his theological preparation and was ordained to the priesthood in 2001 at the age of 47.

For the past 16+ years, Fr. Bruce has been working in various parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark. He served for 3 years as the Pastor of St. Nicholas parish in Jersey City and for the last two years he has been assigned as the Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Grace and St. Joseph's in Hoboken.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

January 21st

Sunday Collection

\$5,258.65

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'" – Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes – healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus makes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we find the strength to do what He wishes us to do. Be sure to find time every day to be with God.

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.



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The next meeting of the Confraternity of Christian Women will be on Monday, February 5th at 7:00PM. Please note the change of day for the month of February due to the Presidents' holiday on our regular meeting day.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday is Wednesday, February 14th, a day of fast and abstinence. Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 & 11:30AM Masses, 3:00PM Service and 7:00PM Mass.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

From February 1st going forward, we will continue to have open 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.

FR. KEN'S NEW ADDRESS

If you care to drop Fr. Ken a message, here is his new address: Fr. Ken Evans, St. John Vianney Residence, 60 Home Avenue, Apt. 38, Rutherford, NJ 07070. If you wish to speak to Fr. Ken for whatever reason, you must call the rectory and leave your name and number. We will call him and give him the message.

SHARING GOD'S BLESSING APPEAL

Our 214 parishes are the heart of the Archdiocese of Newark. The Sharing God's Blessings Appeal ensures that our parishes can continue proclaiming the Gospel boldly, particularly in the areas of our Archdiocese that are most in need. Your gift supports ministries and apostolates that evangelize within multi-ethnic communities throughout the Archdiocese. The Archdiocese is deeply committed to minister to Christ in the poor, sick and elderly. Over 80,000 people are served each year through the programs operated by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese. Youth and young adults are the future of the Church. By giving to the Sharing God's Blessings Appeal, you support Campus Ministry at 10 public colleges and universities in Northern New Jersey. This Office is also able to provide year round programming and formational experiences throughout the Archdiocese thanks to your gift. The Appeal will begin in our parish on the weekend of February 10th and 11th. Every dollar counts. If you cannot give a pledge, just give a donation. If every family did that, we would meet our goal quickly. This year our goal is \$32,346. When we exceed our goal, we are the recipients of the overage. This year we received a rebate check of \$1,052.14 which we used to defray the cost of the snow removal. Please be generous as your means permit.

LOOKING FOR ALUMNI OF EPIPHANY SCHOOL

The 1958 graduating class of Epiphany School is planning a 60th 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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson and the Archdiocese of Newark have supportive services for veteran families. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families program is committed to servicing veterans who are currently struggling financially. This help is for the counties of Bergen, Essex, Hudson, Morris, Passaic, Sussex and Union for veterans only. They can help with rental assistance, moving costs, utility payments, childcare expenses, security deposits, supportive services and transportation costs. You can call a confidential hotline at 855-SOS-VETS or 855-767-8387 for help. The Bergen Office is at 973-220-5745.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR ACTIVITY CENTER

The following are activities at the Cliffside Park Senior Center: February 23rd – AARP Safe Driver Course – 9:30AM-3:30PM; 2018 Vacation at Mackinac Island, Michigan – including Frankenmuth and the Upper Peninsula – September 15-21. For reservations and information, call 201-943-3768.

2018 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which, if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2018** to **The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 27, 2018.**

*Canon 920, Sec. 1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

ST. PATRICK'S/ST. JOSEPH'S DINNER DANCE

Welcome our new administrator, Fr. Bruce Harger, at our St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 17th at 6:30PM. We will be having a corned beef and cabbage dinner with all the trimmings and St. Joseph's zeppole, soda, beer, coffee – BYOB. Music will be provided by Shooting Star Entertainment - D J Nick. Cost of the ticket is \$35.00 per person. Tickets are on sale at the rectory. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**

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, George Landeck, Brother Peter Lyne, Rev. Giordano Belanich, Erika Duran, 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, John Hroncich, Dina Mircovich, Joe Lally.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Mary Westervelt.

**"WHAT YOU ARE IS GOD'S GIFT
TO YOU. WHAT YOU BECOME IS
YOUR GIFT TO GOD!"**

