

**SUNDAY, MAY 13, 2018**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

- 5:00PM Agnes & Charles Rossi
- 8:00AM Antoinette Guida & Family
- 10:00AM Libero & Silvestri Families
- 12:00PM Anna Luptin Gobo & Joseph Luptin

**MONDAY, MAY 14**

**ST. MATTHIAS**

- 8:00AM Maria & Tommaso Morin
- 11:30AM Christine & Carmela Pallotta

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**

**ST. ISIDORE**

- 8:00AM Luisa Vlacich
- 11:30AM Eda Bussanich

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**

- 8:00AM Eugenio & Adelina Osso
- 11:30AM Nicolangelo & Filomena Pallotta

**THURSDAY, MAY 17**

- 8:00AM Dobson, Runge & Meuter Families

- 11:30AM Gloria Galfione

**FRIDAY, MAY 18**

**ST. JOHN I**

- 8:00AM John Mattessich – Birth.
- 11:30AM Michael Pallotta

**SATURDAY, MAY 19**

- 11:30PM Maria Hroncich  
Annie Lepis  
Bill Barulic  
Nicolina Mirkovic
- 5:00PM Dec'd Mbrs. Della Bella & Rossi Families

**SUNDAY, MAY 20**

**FEAST OF PENTECOST**

- 8:00AM Barbara Bicocchi
- 10:00AM Antonia Busanich
- 12:00PM Charles, Mildred, Victoria & S. Anthony Martorano



**ALTAR BREAD**

*In Memory of*  
John Mattessich

**ALTAR WINE**

*In Memory of*  
John Mattessich

**EASTER CANDLE**

*In Memory of*  
Manzini & Pettrizzie Families

**MASS CANDLES**

*In Memory of*  
Mary Yun Lee

**PREPARING FOR MASS**

*The readings for next Sunday are:*

**Acts 21-11**

The Spirit empowers the apostles

**Ps 104**

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew  
the face of the earth.

**Gal 5:16-25**

There is unity in the diversity of gifts

**Jn 15:26-27**

As the Father has sent me, so I send you

**Pastor's Message May 13, 2018**

*My dear parishioners and friends,*

Happy Mothers' Day to all of you who have had the tremendous blessing to experience the joys and the challenges of bearing within your body and nurturing the gift of the life of your children!

Somewhat related to this celebration of Mother's Day, I want to tell you all about a new liturgical celebration that has just been added to the Church calendar. Pope Francis, this past month, has decreed that each year, on the Monday following the Feast of Pentecost, the Universal Church will celebrate the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. (This year the feast falls on May 21.)

The title, "Mother of the Church", was first attributed to our Blessed Mother by St. Ambrose in the 4<sup>th</sup> Century. It fell into disuse until it was revived by the German Jesuit theologian Hugo Karl Erich Rahner in 1944. It recognizes Mary's role within the Church at its founding. Saint John Paul II addressed Mary's maternal relationship to all the faithful in his encyclical, *Redemptoris Mater* when he wrote, "Mary is present in the Church as the Mother of Christ, and at the same time as that Mother whom Christ, in the mystery of the Redemption, gave to humanity in the person of the Apostle John. Thus, in her new motherhood in the Spirit, Mary embraces each and every one in the Church, and embraces each and every one through the Church. In this sense Mary, Mother of the Church, is also the Church's model. Indeed, as Paul VI hopes and asks, the Church must draw from the Virgin Mother of God the most authentic form of perfect imitation of Christ."

Pentecost, which commemorates the descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles as they gathered in prayer with Mary, is sometimes referred to as the birthday of the Church. What better gift can we celebrate in the Church than this feast by which we acknowledge Mary as our Mother?

*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*

	<i>May 6<sup>th</sup></i>
<i>Sunday Collection</i>	<b>\$4,862.00</b>
<i>Assessment Collection</i>	<b>\$1,886.00</b>

*"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God." – 1 John 4:15*  
*How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or, do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to share your witness with others.*

**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.**

**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, May 19 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 201-765-7565.

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN WOMEN**

Due to the Communion Supper on May 14<sup>th</sup>, we will not be having a monthly meeting for May. See you at the June 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**SHARING GOD'S BLESSINGS ANNUAL APPEAL**

Did you know that there is still time to support the 2018 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal? Epiphany has received \$30,145.00 in pledges. Thank you to those parishioners who have already shown their support and generosity.

**"BEFORE YOU GO TO BED, GIVE YOUR TROUBLES TO GOD. HE WILL BE UP ALL NIGHT ANYWAY!"**

### 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.

### BUS TRIP TO THE SANDS

There will be a bus trip to the Sands, Bethlehem on Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 29<sup>th</sup>. **ONLY 12 SEATS ARE LEFT FOR THE TRIP.**

### 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, 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.

### 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 30<sup>th</sup>. Bus, luncheon and play ticket is \$130.00 per person. For reservations call Sarah – 201-776-1148 or Marilyn at 201-224-3864.

### 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.

### ACTIVITIES AT CLIFFSIDE PARK SENIOR CENTER

The following are the activities at the Senior Center: May 15-June 26 (Tuesdays) – Take Control of your Health Workshop with HUMC – 9:00-11:30AM; Give & Take Sunday – June 3<sup>rd</sup>; Luncheon Show at Stoney Hill, starring Uncle Floyd & Joe Zisa Band – June 26<sup>th</sup> – 11:00AM-3:00PM - \$50; Cruise to Toms River & Barnegat Bay – August 10<sup>th</sup> - \$44 by July 24<sup>th</sup>. Call 201-943-0928 for reservations.

### FLAPJACK FUNDRAISER

The Cliffside Park Chapter of UNICO will hold a Flapjack Fundraiser on Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00AM-10:00AM at Applebee's in the Walmart Shopping Center, 91<sup>st</sup> 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.

### WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIPS

This year we will be awarding two Scholarships – one for an 8<sup>th</sup> grader going to a Catholic High School and one for an entering or current college student.

### PARENTS OF CHILDREN GRADUATING FROM EIGHTH GRADE

Is your child planning to attend a Catholic High School in the fall? Did you know Epiphany Parish awards a scholarship for parishioners' children graduating and planning to attend a Catholic High School based upon their cumulative GPA? To apply for this Scholarship, contact Cathy at the Rectory at 201-943-7320 by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

### WILLIAM H. CRON SCHOLARSHIP FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS

We have a scholarship for a beginning or current college student who is an active parishioner of Epiphany Church who will be a freshman in the fall of 2018 or is currently enrolled in a four-year college. One \$2,500 scholarship will be awarded annually. New applications will have to be submitted yearly. Applications for the scholarship can be obtained from the parish office. The deadline for applications will be June 1<sup>st</sup>. The scholarship will be awarded on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### A DAY OF COMFORT AND HOPE

The Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark invites all parents who have suffered the loss of a child to attend *A day of Comfort and Hope* on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Notre Dame Church, 359 Central Avenue, North Caldwell. This full-day retreat affords bereaved parents the opportunity to join together in a caring, spiritual setting for prayer, meditation, discussion, presentations, fellowship and Holy Mass. Pre-registration is required by May 29<sup>th</sup> as space is limited. For information, please contact Lauren Egan at 973-497-4327 or [Lauren.Egan@rcan.org](mailto:Lauren.Egan@rcan.org)

### 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., Hilda Borrito, Paul Kiczek.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. Robert Langdon, Maria Lopkovitz.

### A PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

*O God our Creator, pour forth Your blessings on those with whom You have shared the gift of creation. Hear our prayerful pleas for the women who loved us into being. Intercede for all mothers this day, so that they may learn to draw their children to You. Teach them how to remain close to their children, even their sons and daughters who have gone astray. Bless our mothers with good health, long life and the reward of eternal life in Your Divine Presence. Amen.*

