# THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST

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The one who feeds on this bread shall live forever



The Church Of Epiphany Brick Township, New Jersey

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#### ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

615 Thiele Road ~ Brick, New Jersey 08724

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#### Served By

### Rectory Office Hours

Monday – Thursday 8:30am – 4:30pm Office is closed for lunch 12:00pm – 1:15pm Friday 9:00am – 3:00pm (no lunch break on Friday)

#### Religious Education Office

Same as Rectory Office Hours
Kim Lorentzen – Director of Education
kim@churchofepiphany.org
Kelly Curcione – Administrative Assistant
kelly @churchofepiphany.org

#### Welcome to our Parish

Please fill out a registration form to be affiliated with Epiphany Parish. Registration forms can be found on the parish office door or online on our website.

Masses
Saturday Vigil4:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:30 am
Holy Day MassesMass as Announced
Confessions3:00 pm - 3:30pm

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Saturday 11:00 am, 12:30 pm, 2:00 pm. Couples should contact the Parish Office to make preparations at least 1 year before the planned wedding date.

#### Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is ordinarily celebrated the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month at 12:00 pm. To schedule Baptism, please call the Parish Office, at least one month in advance.

#### Sponsor Letters/Requirements

The following is required by Canon Law to be a Catholic Godparent/Sponsor for **Baptism** Confirmation. Be at least 16 years of age. Have completed the Sacraments of Initiation. (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation). If married, have a marriage that is canonically valid and recognized by the Catholic Church. Be a registered and active parishioner living a life of faith. You must be registered with our parish for at least 3 months before we will provide a sponsor letter. Although you may have registered with our parish, if you are not attending Mass regularly and using the envelope system there is no way for the parish office to confirm regular Mass attendance. Please contact the Parish Office to confirm your status with our parish.

#### **Daily Mass Intentions**

Saturday, June 21, 2025

9:00AM Msgr. Nicholas Soares by Joyce & Alex Colon

Intentions in the Grey Book

4:00PM Ryan Caperilla by Sandy & Dave Connelly

Sunday, June 22, 2025

8:00AM Msgr. Joseph Chmelewski by Kim Lorentzen

10:30AM People of the Parish

Monday, June 23, 2025

9:00AM Bob Torelli by Regina

Intentions in the Grey Book

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

9:00AM Kelly Flanagan (Living) by Josephine Sciacca

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

9:00AM John G. Leavey by the Leavey family

Thursday, June 26, 2025

9:00AM Claire DePaul by Louis & Mary Maralla

Friday, June 27, 2025

9:00AM Jim Lennon by Edna Lennon

Saturday, June 28, 2025

9:00AM Pat Driscoll by Mary Kellenberger

4:00PM People of the Parish

Sunday, June 29, 2025

8:00AM Joseph Eipert by June & Red Eipert 10:30AM Ramon Rivera by his wife Eva Sanchez

#### This Week at our Parish

Monday, June 23, 2025

8:45AM Summer RE Grades 1-4 – All Facilities

10:00AM Food Pantry - PH#2

2:00PM Summer RE Grades 5-8 - All Facilities

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8:00PM AA – APR

Saturday, June 28, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH 5:00PM Hospitality - CA

Sunday, June 29, 2025

9 & 11:30AM Hospitality - CA

Legend: APR – All Purpose RoomPH – Parish HallCA – Commons AreaWA – Worship AreaRE – Religious Education RoomOS – Outside

## Sunday Scriptures

Here are next Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading: Acts 12: 1-11

King Herod began to harass some of the members of the Church. James, brother of John, was beheaded. Peter was arrested and imprisoned. Through the power of an angel, light shown in the cell and Peter's chains fell from his wrists. Peter followed the angel to safety and was convinced that the angel was sent by God to save him from Herod.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19

#### Please remember those who have died

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the deceased spouses, relatives, friends, and benefactors of the parish and for the comfort and consolation of their families.

#### Please pray for the sick

Joanne Alberts, Dale Wallace, George Bailey, Mark Widmer, Marianne Moscatiello, Margie Nocera, Velda Castillano, Scotty Duer, Joseph Broderick, Vicki Montmore, Owen Clancy, Brian Baldari, Bess Kelly, Sandy Netkie, Kim Perri, Dee Rebecky, Jim Alexander, Lauren Rodia, Baby Logan, Oney Johnson, Phil Karg, Dolores Masiero, Evan Romano, and those in the sick call book.

"Please Pray for the Sick" list is for those parishioners who are in need of further prayers from our "Prayers of the Faithful". They will remain on the list for 2 months, after which time their names will be moved to the Gray Book. To add someone to the prayer list, call Donna at 732-458-0220 or email <a href="mailto:Donna@churchofepiphany.org">Donna@churchofepiphany.org</a>

#### **JUBILEE PRAYER**

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts
by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth, to you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

#### **VIGIL LIGHT PRAYER**

#### Weekly Remembrance June 22<sup>nd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>

The Tabernacle Lamp will burn in the honor/memory of: **Dan Dantoni** 

The Blessed Mother Devotional Lamp will burn in honor/memory of:

The safety of all who are traveling



The Sacred Heart Devotional Lamp will burn in honor/memory of:

All those battling cancer



The St. Joseph Devotional Lamp will burn in honor/memory of:

An end of violence in our nation



#### **Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wed. 3-6PM**

Pope Paul VI wrote a prophetic encyclical entitled *Mysterium Fidei*. He proclaimed that "Christ is truly the Emmanuel, 'God with us'. Then he emphasized why Christ dwells with us in the Blessed Sacrament & the spiritual benefits which are given to those who come into His eucharistic presence:" He dwells with us full of grace & truth. He restores morality, nourishes virtues, consoles the afflicted, strengthens the weak; that those who come to Him may learn to be like Him, meek & humble of heart. There is nothing more consoling on earth, nothing more efficacious for advancing along the road of holiness." Christ 1st loved us! Let us come in adoration, showing Him our love for Him & thanking Him for all He has already done for us...Amen!

Please note: Adoration is cancelled for Wednesday June 25<sup>th</sup>, due to the summer Religious Education program.

#### Altar Rosary Society

The Society's Mission is "to sustain the beauty and sanctity of our Church and to increase devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary by promoting true Christian Charity, love of God, Neighbor, and Catholic Family Life" and recitation of the Rosary. Meetings last about one hour in the APR. Our membership is open to all Catholic Women and Men of our Parish. Please come to any of our monthly meetings to meet us. We are on hiatus for the summer our meetings will resume in the fall. Remember to keep praying your Rosary!

#### **Wellness for Maturing Adults**

The HOPE – Wellness Ministry invites you to join them every first Wednesday of the month where they will discuss wellness for maturing adults. This program goes far beyond simple "health practices" (diet, exercise, etc.) for better health; it teaches how to harness psychological power, and spiritual strength to achieve optimal health in body, mind and spirit. See you in September!

#### **HOPE For the Homebound Ministry**

We are reaching out to parishioners who may be alone, homebound, and unable to participate in our Church Community. If you are homebound, or know of someone who is homebound, and would like to receive the Eucharist or just a friendly visit or call from one of our parishioners, please call the parish office.

#### **Bethany Bereavement**

The Church of Epiphany Bethany Bereavement Support Group offers peer support for those grieving the death of a loved one. If you have lost a loved one, join others who have also experienced a loss for a series of 6 sessions of information, mutual sharing and peer support in a spiritual, caring, and confidential setting. If you are interested in joining, please call 732-458-0220.

#### Jordan's Roses

Jordan's Roses cordially invites all women to join us for a morning of spirituality and fellowship. The day will begin with Mass at 9:00 a.m. followed by fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in the APR. Please contact jordan'sroses@churchofepiphany.org or contact the Parish office with any questions. Our next meeting will be on **September 20**<sup>th</sup>, **enjoy your summer!** 

#### "Did you ever wonder ...?"

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month we will gather in the APR for a casual gathering to answer your questions about the Faith. Questions can be submitted ahead of time or will be collected as we gather.

Who: Anyone interested in learning more about the faith

What time: 7:00PM – 8:30PM Where: The All Purpose Room When: Tuesday, September 2, 2025

Why: Why not?

#### **Celiac Sprue Parishioners**

The parish provides a low gluten (<0.01% gluten content) host for those who are gluten-intolerant. Parishioners should see the Deacon or Priest prior to the beginning of Mass in order to be included in the reception of the Eucharist.

#### Let's Get Together and Pray

We will be taking a break for summer and will resume on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our prayer group is open to anyone who is searching for answers and looking to pray as a community. Please contact Kim at kim@churchofepiphany.org for more information.

#### myParish App

Enjoy many useful faith-building resources and features to complement our daily faith life, such as, Confessions and prayer time reminders, daily Mass readings, quick access to parish contacts, receive MASSMode reminders to silence your phone before Mass, and much more.



#### \*\*\*Our Current Collection\*\*\*

Your continued generosity is most appreciated!

June 15, 2025
Total weekly collection: \$4963.50
Needed to meet the budget: \$8,363.00



2025 Annual Appeal Progress - \$29,000 Goal Pledges: \$33,839.00 (117% of goal)
Congratulations on making goal!
Payments: \$32,586.00

Thank you for all that you do to support the Annual Catholic Appeal.

#### **Online Giving**

If you prefer to pay bills and manage your finances online, you can set up an account and make your parish offering online via our website. You will be able to specify exactly how much you are giving, how you are giving it (credit card or bank withdrawal), to what fund you are giving, and when/how often you would like to contribute. It's safe and secure, and you can even track your giving history and pledge progress at any time. Just click the Online Giving button (on the home page or the Online Giving page) to get started or access your existing account. *Please note: Special Holidays/days of Holy Obligation Donations may be set up separately.* 

If you have questions about the security of online giving or the processes involved, check out the Online Giving FAQ page on our website: <a href="mailto:churchofepiphany.org">churchofepiphany.org</a>

Why Should I use weekly envelopes? The use of envelopes is important, they document your active participation in the faith life of our parish. This information is needed in order to obtain a Letter of Eligibility to be issued when you are asked to be a baptism or confirmation sponsor. This also facilitates the preparation of a statement of contributions for income tax purpose.

If you do not currently participate in our envelope system and would like to start using them, please contact the Parish Office at 732-458-0220.

#### Ways to Perpetuate a Memory or Commemorate an Event

#### The Tree of Life:

This is a way to perpetuate the memory of a loved one or to memorialize someone. To make a donation of \$500 for an engraved leaf or \$2500 for a stone, please contact the parish office staff at 732-458-0220 or email carol@churchofepiphany.org

#### **Commemorative Bricks:**

This is an ideal way to commemorate a graduation, wedding, special family celebration, or acknowledge a love one. To order one of the two bricks (4X8" or 8X8) and make a donation of \$150 or \$200, please contact the parish office staff at 732-458-0220 or email carol@churchofepiphany.org

#### Bequests

We are a tax-exempt non-profit Organization and gratefully accept donations from last will and testament and/or stock to assist in carrying out our mission. For more information on how to have your wishes known, please talk to your personal banking representative. May God Bless you for your generosity!

#### Vigil Candles

Candles will be in honor or memory of the named individual for one week (Sunday to Saturday) and announced in our bulletin and displayed at candle. Donation is \$10. Please come to the parish office to see dates available dates.

#### **Spiritual Bouquet**

A Spiritual Bouquet is a spiritual blessing that is made for a loved one during the First Friday Mass of the month. In addition, their name will be printed in the bulletin. You can also request a card. Donation is \$10



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#### **Helping Hands**

Our Food Pantry is located in the Parish Hall, the small white church, on the corner of Herbertsville Road and Thiele Road in Brick. Food Pantry hours are Saturday from 10AM – 1PM and Monday from 10AM – Noon.

Below is the list of items needed for the Helping Hands food pantry:

#### Most Needed

- \*Meat/Chicken/Pork/Hamburgers/Hot Dogs
- \*Pancake Mix & Syrup
- \*Cereal/Sweet Cereal
- \*Assorted Dried Beans
- \*Pasta Sauce (Jars)
- \*Whole Wheat Pasta /Spaghetti
- \*Brown Rice
- \*Cheese

#### Needed

Coffee

Frozen Vegetables

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Snacks

Tea

Dairy Free/Nut Free/Gluten Free Foods

In May Helping Hands helped 322 families / 1432 people with Food.

#### **OCIA**

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is the process by which adults who would like to become Catholic, or Catholic adults who would like to receive all of their Sacraments are able to do so. If you would like more information about the process, feel free to reach out to Kim at <a href="Kim@churchofepiphany.org">Kim@churchofepiphany.org</a> or contact the parish office.

#### Children's Liturgy of the Word

Our youngest parishioners are invited to join us every Sunday, at the 10:30 Mass in the APR for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. It's open to ages 4 through Second Grade. No need to pre-register or sign up. If you have any questions, please leave a message with the Church office.

Please note: The summer CCD program will be starting on Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. For the safety of the children, we need everyone's cooperation with entering the building during Religious Education hours. Therefore, the only people who can enter the building must be Virtus trained and also be wearing their Diocesan Badge. We thank you all for your continued cooperation with protecting our children.



#### **Faith Formation Registration:**

- Please visit the church website for the faith formation tab for information and forms.
- Fall Classes begin September 23<sup>rd</sup> and will meet once a month, for 7 sessions.
- Students in Grades 1-8.

# Our Family Faith Formation Full Year Program supports each parent/guardian/grandparent's vocation as the first and best teacher of their

vocation as the first and best teacher of their children in the ways of faith *in a very intentional way* and provides resources for parents to work with their children at home. Please contact the Religious Ed Dept. for more information.

#### **Requirements:**

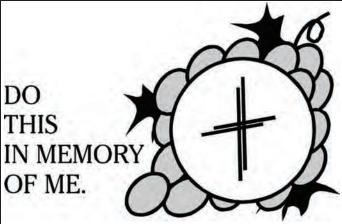
- A family commitment to work on the home lessons with their children.
- Attendance at all parent/student monthly sessions (7 Sessions September-March) as there are no makeup sessions.
- Monthly sessions will meet once a month on a Tuesday from 5:30 - 6:30 PM. Please see the calendar for specific dates.
- Weekly attendance at Mass.
- 14 Homily Reflections with raised seal.
- Please visit the website for a full list of requirements.

#### **RE Students: Homily Reflection Books**

Homily Reflections: Each student must write 14 Homily Reflections as follows: A minimum of 9 Masses throughout the year as well as 3 Mandatory Masses together with Christmas and Easter Masses. (Minimum Total of 14 Homily Reflections.) This is not saying you only have to attend Mass 14 times a year. Sundays are a Holy Day of Obligation and Practicing Catholics are required to attend weekly Mass and all Holy Days.

# KINDERGARTEN ATTENTION KINDERGARTEN PARENTS:

If your child will be going into first grade in September 2025, please note that First Holy Communion is made in 2nd grade and it is a 2 year program beginning in 1st grade. Please register for Religious Education at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office.



Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

Jesus spoke to a large crowd when his disciples asked that he dismiss the people to give them a chance to find food and lodging. Jesus asked the disciples to give the crowd something to eat, but they had only five loaves of bread and two fish. Jesus then blessed and distributed the food, which fed about 5,000 people. Twelve baskets were then collected from what was left over.

"Brothers and sisters: I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus, on the night he was handed over, took bread, and after he had given thanks, broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.'... For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes."

Do you know that these words of Saint Paul were written before the gospel account of the last supper? Paul handed on what was already the 'tradition' of the earliest Christian communities. I need to remember that Jesus gave me this holy sacrament to make me holy, to sustain me on my faith journey and allow me to grow in union with Him. It is the Eucharist which makes us who we are. I ask that I be worthy to receive such a great gift.

I am summoned by the Lord. I need to be fed with this gift which has been reserved and given for me. My faith asks me to meet the Lord in word and sacrament, as I do each Sunday. I ask that this gift not be received as routine but a new meeting with my Savior, my special moment to go 'one on one' with Him.

#### Gift Auction ~ Regift!

We are already working on our 2025 gift auction! Did you receive a gift that you really don't need or want? We will be happy to take it! Out shopping and see a great deal? We would love it! Please consider picking up an item to donate, don't know what to buy we can always use gift cards. Please make sure all items are new with the tags still attached. Donations can be dropped off at the parish office.

#### Church of the Epiphany's



Help support the 2025 Italian Feast by purchasing Super 50/50 tickets at \$20 each. The winner will be chosen on the final evening of the Feast at 10PM. Winner need not be present to win. Raffle tickets can be purchased after Mass each weekend or at the parish office. They can also be obtained in the mailbox in the worship area.

You can also help to support our Feast by becoming a Family Sponsor. Family names will be published in the bulletin as well as on our church website. The Family Sponsor forms can be found in the commons area. Thank you for helping to make this year's Feast a big success!

# Noah - Sight & Sound Theatre

The Church of Epiphany Altar Rosary Society is hosting a bus trip to Sight & Sound Theatre to see Noah. The trip will be on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and cost \$190 per person. The bus will leave the Epiphany parking lot at 7:30-AM to see the 11AM show. Cost of the trip includes bus transportation, Hershey Farm Grand Smorgasbord, and ticket to see Noah. For more information email: <a href="Seasonal615@gmail.com">Seasonal615@gmail.com</a>. Please make check payable to "Church of Epiphany Altar Rosary Society.

#### Bishop's Anniversary Blessings 2025

All couples celebrating their 1st, 25th or 50+ wedding anniversary during 2025 calendar year are invited to share the Eucharist, reaffirm your sacred wedding vows, and receive Bishop O'Connell's Episcopal Blessing. Anniversary Couples from Ocean and Monmouth Counties may attend the Mass and reception at the Co-Cathedral of St. Robert Bellarmine in Freehold on Sunday, October 19, 2025 at 3 pm. For more information and to register for this event online visit us at www.dioceseoftrenton.org/bishops-anniversary-blessing, or call your local parish office. The registration deadline for all anniversary couples is September 15, 2025.

#### **Promise to Protect Pledge to Heal**

The Diocese of Trenton is committed to the initiatives outlined in the US Bishop's Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People and to its own policies and guidelines in regard to the reporting and investigation of sexual abuse allegations involving minors. If you have been sexually abused as a minor by a member of the clergy or anyone representing the Catholic Church or if know of someone who was, you can report the abuse through the diocesan ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-296-2965 or via e-mail at abuseline@diocesoftrenton.org. The Diocese of Trenton reports any allegations of sexual abuse to the appropriate law enforcement agencies. Anyone with an allegation is also encouraged to provide that information to the local enforcement authorities.



## **Gospel Today**

#### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ | Luke 9:11b-17

The Apostles returned from their first mission and met Jesus to explain what they had done. Word spread, and they were followed by a great many people. Jesus preached to the 5,000, then performed the miracle of multiplying the loaves of bread and fish to feed the large crowd.

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"Then taking the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He said the blessing over them, broke them, and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd."

- LUKE 9:16



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April 29, 2025

Dear Parishioners,

This year we are going to try something different. Every year we mail out a letter asking for your support of our Italian Feast with purchasing our Super 50/50 Raffle tickets as well as becoming a family Sponsor. This year we decided not to mail out the tickets due to low returns. Even though we are not mailing out our "Feast" letter, we are still very much in need of your support. The "Feast" can not happen without your help.

You can support our parish by purchasing SUPER 50/50 Tickets at \$20 per ticket. The winner will be chosen on the final evening of the Feast at 10:00 PM and the winner need not be present. We have started selling Super 50/50 raffle tickets after mass. This will continue until the weekend of August 9th & 10th, You can also find raffle tickets to purchase or take to sell in our commons area.

Please also consider a Family Sponsorship for a donation of \$25.00. Family names will be published in the Parish Bulletin as well as on our church website. Kindly complete the form below and return the form together with your donation as soon as possible, but no later than August 9th, 2024.

God bless you and your family. Thank you for your continued support of our parish and I'll see you at "The Feast"!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Mike Santangelo
Pastor

I would like to help Sponsor the "Feast"

(Print Family Name)

\$25 Donation

Check #\_\_\_\_ or Cash \_\_\_\_\_

## MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND

JUNE 28TH & 29TH

# Welcome Bishop of the Barishal Catholic Diocese Bishop Emmanuel Rozario

A Brief History and Basic information of the Barishal Catholic Diocese

The Barishal Catholic Diocese was created on the 13th of December, 2015. Int is comparatively a very new and young diocese. I am the second Bishop of this diocee from August 19, 2022.

The Diocese of Barishal comprises of 7 parishes, 2 Quasi Parishes, 38 sub-centers, and 98 village/wards scattered over a vast area of 20,708 Sq. Kilometers. The Diocese of Barishal comprises of the 11 Civil Districts of Barishal, Barguna, Bhola, Jhalokathi, Patuakhali, Pirojpur, Gopalganj, Madaripur, Shariatpur, Faridpur and Rajbari. The total population of the area is about 15.1 million; the 87% of who are Muslims, 11% Hindus and 2% are Buddhists, Christians, Animists and others. We have traditional Bengali People and Tribal People among which the Tripura and Rakhaine are mentionable. Language Spoken are: Bengali, English, and the Tribal Languages Rakhine and Tripura. The Catholic population of the Diocese is 21,780 It has 24 priests, 63 Religious Sisters and Brothers and 99 Catechists & Prayer Leaders.

The diocese is situated in the coastal area and hence every year we experience a lot of natural calamities, like cyclone, tornedo, flood, and affects our people very severely. The people of our diocese are very poor. Most of them are farmer and fisherman. Some of them work in the cities and have jobs.

The focus of the Mission Appeal this Year will be on the construction of small chapels for the faithful of our villages. Most of our faithful live in villages far from the parish center. We have 38 sub-centers. So far we have managed to build 17 small chapels, and still we need to build 21 Chapels for our devout believers.

These Chapels are dire need. We celebrate mass in the open space and during rainy season it becomes very difficult to gather for the celebration of Mass. As the Bishop, I feel pity for them. They have faith and they need a place for prayer, Sunday liturgy and worship. Therefore, I will urge in this Mission appeal for financial supports to build at least some chapels for our people.

Approximately, the cost for constructing a Semi-pucca Chapel is from 15 to 20 Thousand US Dollars. I hope and Believe, in this Jubilee Year of Hope Your Parishioners will be generous to help our diocese and thus to help our Christian brothers and sisters to practice their faith in God.

We are looking forward to seeing Bishop Emmanuel Rozario. Our second collection next weekend will help to support the Barishal Catholic Diocese with their mission.

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