

# *The Feast of* SAINTS PETER & PAUL



*The Church Of Epiphany  
Brick Township, New Jersey*

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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## 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)

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## 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 Vigil-----4:00 pm

Sunday-----8:00 am & 10:30 am

Holy Day Masses -----Mass as Announced

Confessions-----3:00 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 or 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.

June 29, 2025 • Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

## Daily Mass Intentions

### 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

### Monday, June 30, 2025

9:00AM Sean McGlynn by Edna Lennon

### Tuesday, July 1, 2025

9:00AM Joseph Testa Sr. by Ann & Lou Piezzo  
Intentions in the Grey Book

### Wednesday, July 2, 2025

9:00AM MaryAnn Smith by the Creamer family

### Thursday, July 3, 2025

9:00AM Michael Aloysius Mulshine  
by Debbie & Wayne Pagels

### Friday, July 4, 2025

9:00AM James Crowley by Mary Kellenberger

### Saturday, July 5, 2025

9:00AM David G. Beach by Rosemarie & Jerry  
4:00PM Alice & Frank Troyer by Gail

### Sunday, July 6, 2025

8:00AM People of the Parish  
10:30AM Norb Kosinski by Margaret Geen

## Sunday Scriptures

Here are next Sunday's Scripture Readings

### First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14c

Isaiah instructs the people of Jerusalem to rejoice, because God would restore her prosperity. The people will better understand God's power through their homeland's restoration.

### Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

### Gospel: Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

### *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*

Bill Pratt, Pat Hanbury, Joanne Alberts, Dale Wallace, George Bailey, Mark Widmer, Marianne Moscatiello, Margie Nocera, Velda Castellano, 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 [Donna@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:Donna@churchofepiphany.org)*

## This Week at our Parish

### Monday, June 30, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH#2

### Tuesday, July 1, 2025

7:00PM Finance Committee Meeting – APR

### Wednesday, July 2, 2025

7:30PM Knights of Columbus Meeting - APR

### Thursday, July 3, 2025

### Friday, July 4, 2025

**INDEPENDENCE DAY – OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00PM AA – APR

### Saturday, July 5, 2025

10:00AM Food Pantry – PH

### Sunday, July 6, 2025

**Legend:** APR – All Purpose Room PH – Parish Hall  
CA – Commons Area WA – Worship Area  
RE – Religious Education Room OS – Outside

## 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 29<sup>th</sup> – July 6<sup>th</sup>

The Tabernacle Lamp  
will burn in the honor/memory of:  
**Kevin McCormack**



The Blessed Mother Devotional Lamp  
will burn in honor/memory of:  
**All those battling cancer**



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



The St. Joseph Devotional Lamp  
will burn in honor/memory of:  
**An end of violence in our nation  
Vocations**



## 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!

## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

# STEWARDSHIP



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

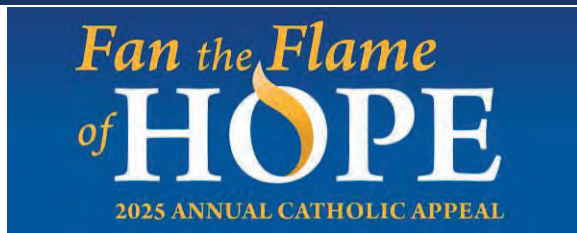
*Your continued generosity is most appreciated!*

**June 22, 2025**

**Total weekly collection: \$4778.00**

**Diocesan Assessment: \$696.00**

**Needed to meet the budget: \$8,363.00**



**2025 Annual Appeal Progress - \$29,000 Goal**

**Pledges: \$34,014.00 (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: [churchofepiphany.org](http://churchofepiphany.org)

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [Kim@churchofepiphany.org](mailto:Kim@churchofepiphany.org) 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.

## 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.



## 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 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.



**KEEP**

**Faith**

**Gospel: Matthew 16:13-19**

When Jesus asks his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter exclaims, "You are the Messiah!" Christ then declares that Peter is the "Rock upon which he will build his Church" promising Peter the power "to bind" and "to loose".

"But Peter looked intently and said, 'Look at us.' He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, 'I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk.' Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, and stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God."

We honor the two great Apostles together, Peter and Paul, the former our first Pope and the second the apostle to the gentiles. The scripture accounts of Peter's commissioning, his triumphs and disasters are well known. The journeys and letters of Paul are fourteen books of the bible teaching and forming us and were written even before the gospel texts which we treasure.

May Peter's words and actions be mirrored as we have something to give those cripples in our lives. May we respond by giving them the Jesus we know as we reflect His person to our world. What we have is ours to give – the person of Jesus by our kindness, caring and willingness to reach out to them. Saint Mother Teresa is the model from our own time and experience. "Look at us."

*Church of the Epiphany's*

**ITALIAN**  
 *Feast*

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!



**SPIRITUAL BOUQUET REQUESTS**  
*For Friday, July 4, 2025 at 9:00 am*

*In memory of:*

*Glen Wilkins  
Patricia Keelan  
Maryanne Landicino  
James MacIntosh  
Konstantine Ploumitsakos*

*Intentions of:*

*Jim Gaffney  
George Bailey  
Judy Petoia  
Chris Tivenan  
Charles Tivenan  
Vicki Montmore  
Kenneth Talini  
Raymond Nickerson  
Mark & Jennifer Ponsiglione*

**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: [Seasonal615@gmail.com](mailto:Seasonal615@gmail.com). Please make check payable to "Church of Epiphany Altar Rosary Society."

**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 you 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](mailto: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.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today | Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles | Mt 16:13-19

Simon, given new knowledge by God, tells Jesus "You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God". Jesus blesses Simon for his understanding of who He is and tells Simon he will now be called Peter, who will be the "rock", or foundation of the church.

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### BIBLE WORD SEARCH

Find all the words... left,  
right, up, down or diagonally.

Simon	Son	Church
Saul	Living	Kingdom
Peter	God	Heaven
Paul	Rock	Revealed
Jesus	Foundation	Blessed
Messiah	Build	



R	E	S	L	I	V	I	N	G	T	M
F	O	U	N	D	A	T	I	O	N	E
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### SIMON & SAUL ARE NOW PETER & PAUL

God changed the hearts and minds of Simon and Saul, and Jesus gave these "new persons", new names.

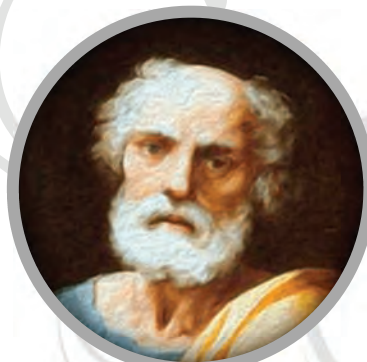
Simon is now called Peter, and Saul is now called Paul. Give Peter the Fisherman and Paul the Missionary, their new names.

PETER



PAUL

Cut out the names above and paste their new names over the old.



SIMON

&lt; and &gt;



SAUL





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 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 9<sup>th</sup>, 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"

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(Print Family Name)

\$25 Donation

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

# MISSION APPEAL WEEKEND

JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup>

*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. It is comparatively a very new and young diocese. I am the second Bishop of this diocese 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, tornado, 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.**

**Our second collection this weekend will help to support the  
Barishal Catholic Diocese with their mission.**



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