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We Gather to Celebrate

Saturday: 8:30am, 5:30pm
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00am & 12:00 Noon
This schedule will remain until further notice.

Weekdays: Monday thru Friday:
8:30am

Holy Days: As announced

Reconciliation

Due to Covid, by appointment only. Please call.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the second Sunday of each month. A Preparation Program is required for first time parents. New parents should register for the Baptism as soon as possible after the child's birth by contacting the Parish Office.

Matrimony

According to the policy of the Archdiocese of Newark arrangements for weddings should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the priest whom you wish to officiate at your wedding, by calling the Parish Office.

Novena

In honor of Our Lady and St. Jude: Monday, (September—June) immediately after 8:30 Mass.

Parish Membership

Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register at the Parish Office. If you move , please let us know. Certificates of Eligibility (Godparent/ Sponsor certificate) will only be given to registered parishioners.

Pray for ...

Mike Scholz
Bob Summers
Maxwell Alexander
Leslie Nigro
Christopher Gruno
Linda Pradke
John Pradke
Maureen Hughes
Stephanie Barrett
Tomasa Raymundo
Mary Lynn
Christine Domenick
Carol Wiedbrauk
Bruce Gaeta
Joann Melillo
Felipe Saboder
Catherine Isnardi
Kevin Clancy
Thomasa Romunda

To have someone included, please call the office.

From Fr. Armand:

As I mentioned last week, our usual sacramental marathon, which we would normally be in the middle of right now, is going to be delayed a few weeks this year. This is due entirely to the ongoing health issues the world is experiencing and the effect that is having on our preparation programs.

However, as I also said last week, the children are receiving preparation, albeit in a new and very different way. This week, I would like to commend them to your prayers. Please remember all our young people, who have had to endure so much this past year, as well as their parents in your ongoing prayers. Both groups certainly need our support and encouragement as they continue to grow together in the love and knowledge of Almighty God.

Please also remember all the sick, poor and homeless each day. As followers of Jesus, we are required to look beyond ourselves and be mindful of all who are in any need. During this pandemic, it has been so very easy to become wrapped up in ourselves that we may have forgotten all those who are in need in our world.

My sincere thanks to all who have continued to fill the food barrels at the church doors. Except for those few months when we were fully closed, the food bins have never been empty. Your ongoing generosity and concern for the hungry is truly inspirational.

Another word of gratitude is also extended to all who helped make the Easter Collection a great success. Thanks to you we have met our budgeted amount for this, and I am indebted to all who made this happen.

Now, if only I could say the same thing about the Annual Appeal…….

Stay safe and stay well,
Fr. Armand

CYO/Youth Ministry News
cyounion@aol.com

Information regarding the resumption of CYO will be posted here as soon as it becomes available.

We thank you for your patience and understanding.

2022 Mass Book

The 2022 Mass Book is now open for intentions.

Please be aware that due to Covid restrictions, **only two people at a time will be allowed into the office** and masks must be worn.

Please stop in the office, or you may call us during normal business hours to make your arrangements.

As of now, the present schedule of 3 Sunday Masses and 1 daily Mass will be maintained. Therefore intentions are not available for either 9:00 Sunday or 7:30 weekday. If future circumstances warrant a return to the full schedule, they will be added back and intentions will then be taken for them. Thank you for your understanding

Save the Date

Start Cleaning Out Your Files!

On Saturday, May 1, 2021 our friends at McCracken Funeral Home will once again be sponsoring a FREE paper shredding event in our parking lot from 11am until 2pm.

They have done this for the past many years, and each year it becomes more and more popular.

Here is your opportunity to safely and securely unload all the needless paper that clutters our lives and homes.

Just as last year, the event will be arranged to be as touchless as possible for you.

There is no limit to how much you may bring to be shredded. Please, paper and magazines only. No bound matter, photographs or x-rays will be accepted.

For more information please call Matthew Marini (908) 686-4700.

Patriotic Rosary
And
Mass for Our Country

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Rosary begins at 7pm
Mass begins at 7:30 pm

Celebrated by Fr. John Gordon
Director of the Office of Evangelization
Archdiocese of Newark

No registration required, but social distancing will be observed.

Mass Intentions for the week

SATURDAY APRIL 24th
8:30 Rose Arminio req. by Family
5:30 The Cicchitto Family req. by Family

SUNDAY APRIL 25th
8:00 George Kovach req. by Eleanor
10:00 Richard Toy req. by The Carpignano Family
Celeste Ilvento req. by The Arminio Family
12:00 Rose and Benny Zuell req. by The Lambiase Family

MONDAY APRIL 26th
7:30 Salud Pineda req. by Cecilia Munoz
8:30 Rose Gerace req. by Family

TUESDAY APRIL 27th
7:30 John and Kathryn Doyle req. by Mary Jane and Family
8:30 The People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY APRIL 28th
7:30 Margaret Kockelmann req. by Children
8:30 Pete Speronza req. by Family

THURSDAY APRIL 29th
8:30 James Moran req. by Family

FRIDAY APRIL 30th
7:30 Madeline Wiggins req. by Family
8:30 John Crowley req. by Jeanette and Andre Duma

SATURDAY MAY 1st
8:30 In Honor of Theresa Fogel req. by Anne Evans
5:30 Beatrice Freeman req. by Ethel Fairweather

SUNDAY MAY 2nd
8:00 George Kovach req. by Barbara
10:00 Agnes Kelly and Anna Moore req. by Rosary Society
Thomas G. and Gloria Ilvento Arminio req. by Family
12:00 Msgr. Vincent Doyle req. by Friends

Please note that all 7:30am intentions are being fulfilled at a concelebrated 8:30 am Mass until further notice.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY AA Spirit of Recovery - Drexler Hall 7:15 pm

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

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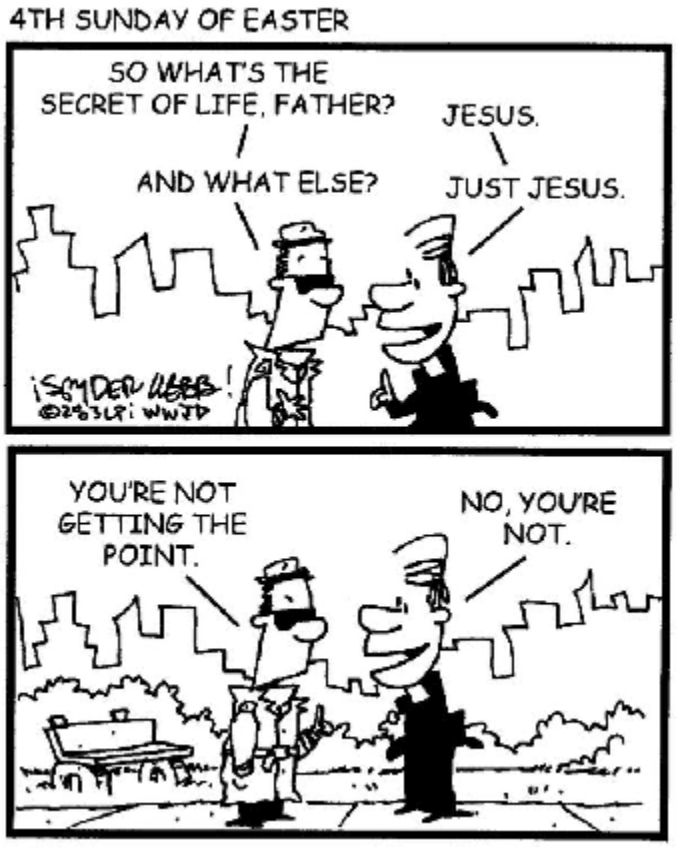
Memorials

The Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Lamp are all offered this week in memory of **George Kovach** at the request of his wife **Eleanor.**



The ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*** is "a gradual process that takes place within the community of the faithful." The length of time of the process varies according to individual need, experience, readiness and commitment. If you, or someone you know is interested in more information, please call Cathy Drake at the **O**ffice of **R**eligious **E**ducation at (908) 964-7533.

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If you are not a Catholic, but attracted to the Catholic Church, or a Catholic needing to complete your Sacraments of Initiation (Eucharist or Confirmation), this is a time set aside for asking questions and exploring God's call in an informal setting. There are no commitments or obligations required, only questions answered and information shared. Again, call Cathy Drake at (908) 964-7533.

Respect Life: The Respect Life Ministry (www.holyspiritunion.org/RespectLife) has been updated to include information for dealing with many life issues – healing from abortion, dealing with infertility, dealing with terminal illness, adoption, crisis pregnancy, ethics, and end of life issues. Information is also available on the Respect Life Table in the entrance to the church.

Crisis Pregnancy Help: Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should never feel that abortion is her only option. Personal and confidential assistance is available at the following numbers.

Archdiocesan Respect Life Office: 1-973-497-4350
Several Sources Foundation: 1-201-818-9033

Post Abortion Healing for men and women. If interested, call the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office 1-973-497-4350. All calls are strictly confidential. Information of Rachel's Vineyard Retreat can be found at**: www.rachelsvineyard.org**

Rosary Society News

The Rosary Society will come together on Tuesday, May 4th at 3:00 pm for a brief meeting in the parish hall. This will be followed immediately by a crowning of the outdoor statue of Mary (weather permitting).

All members of the Society are encouraged to attend. For further information, please call Joanne at the Parish Office, or any officer of the Society.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreats

"Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven." (Pope Francis)

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father."
So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat dates are May 14-16, 2021 (English) and April 23-25, 2021 (Spanish).
Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2)
or e-mail Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English)
elvinedoderaquelinfo@rcan.org (Spanish)

* All Covid-19 Guidelines will be followed

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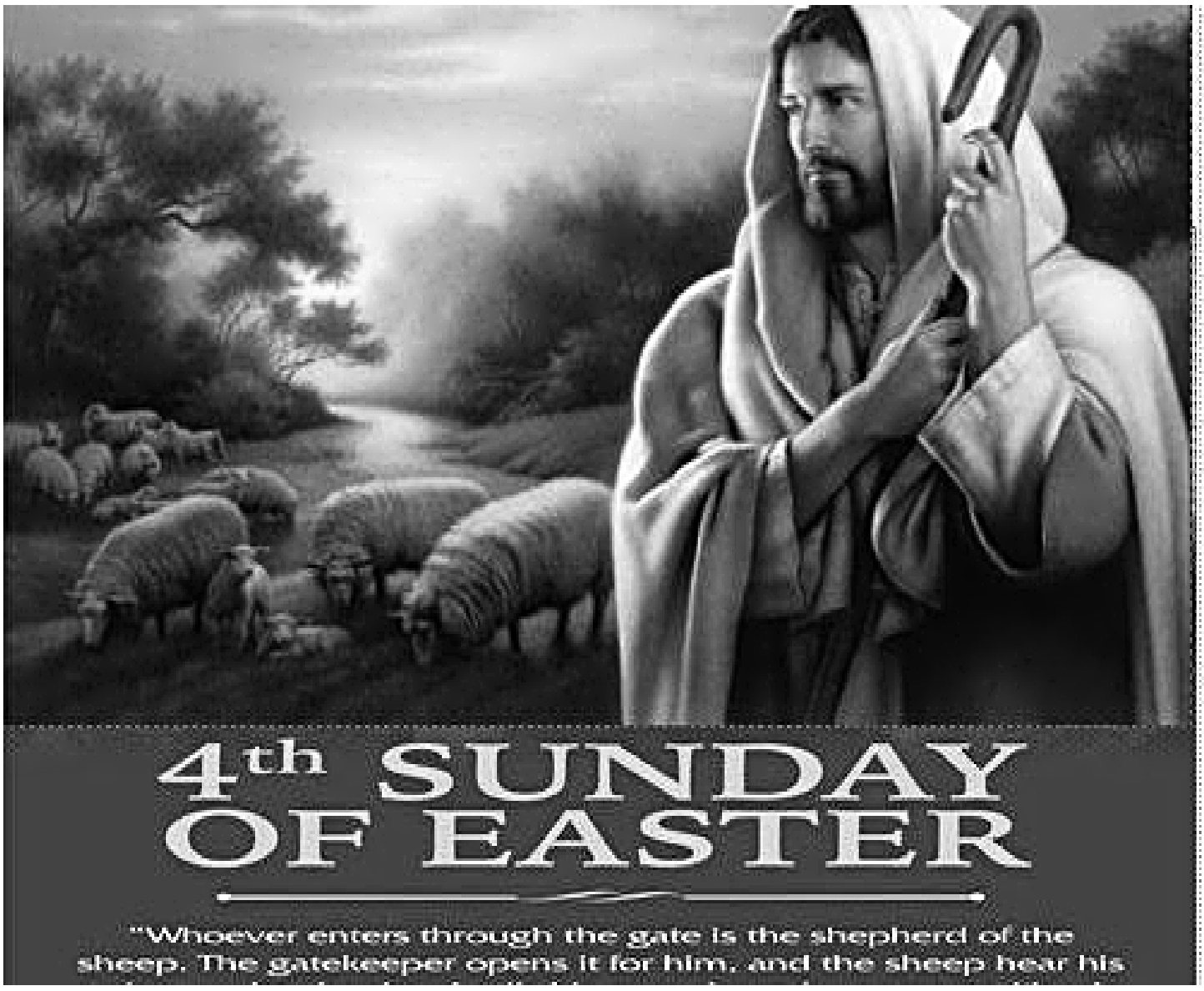
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sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his

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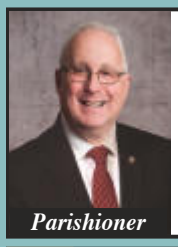
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