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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, Tuesday, and First Friday
9 AM

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Wednesday 9 AM
ST BERNARD CHURCH

SATURDAY VIGIL 4 PM
SAINT BRIDGET CHURCH

SUNDAY 8 AM
SAINT BERNARD CHURCH

SUNDAY 10 AM
SACRED HEART CHURCH

PLEASE CONSULT THE BULLETIN
FOR HOLY DAY MASSES

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Before Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE

Mrs. Sandy Papsin ~ Parish Secretary
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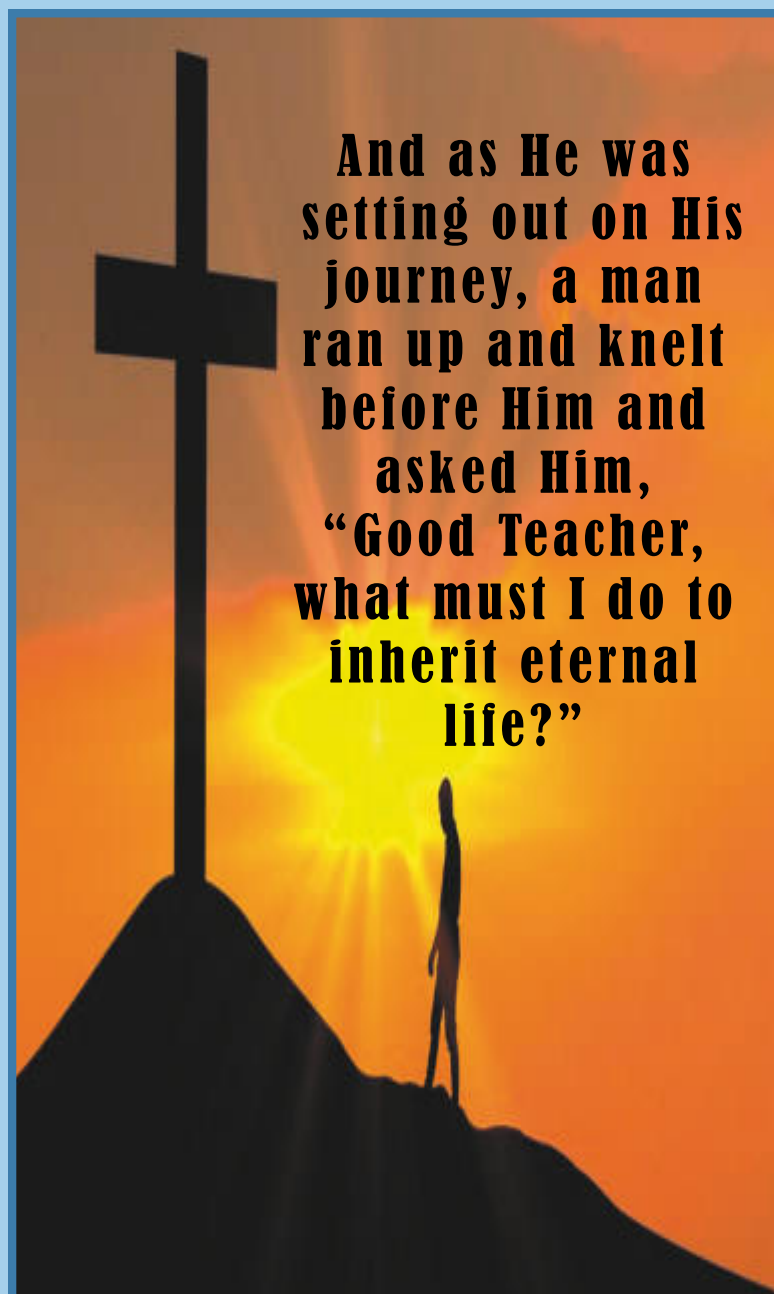
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BAPTISM & MARRIAGE

Registered parishioners are asked
to make arrangements by calling the
Parish office



**ALL THREE PARISH
WORSHIP SITES**



**And as He was
setting out on His
journey, a man
ran up and knelt
before Him and
asked Him,
“Good Teacher,
what must I do to
inherit eternal
life?”**

SUNDAY OCTOBER 10th, 2021

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



SATURDAY OCTOBER 9th
SUNDAY OCTOBER 10th

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Robert Friselle

8 AM ~ SHARON

Anna and Gaetano Bellavia

Requested by Ellen and John Genovese

10 AM ~ KENT

Patricia Verdon

Requested by Peggy and Frank Danek

**MASS WILL NOT BE CELEBRATED ON
COLUMBUS DAY ~ MONDAY OCTOBER 11th.**

TUESDAY OCTOBER 12th ~ 9 AM ~ KENT

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos

Christopher Szczerba ~ Mass for the Living/Birthday

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 13th ~ 9 AM ~ SHARON

Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

John J. O'Connell III ~ Requested by his wife

SATURDAY OCTOBER 16th

SUNDAY OCTOBER 17th

4 PM ~ CORNWALL BRIDGE

Joseph & Lilliana Botte ~ Mass for the Living
Wedding Anniversary

8 AM ~ SHARON

William Morrison

Requested by Betty Morrison

10 AM ~ KENT

Rita and Raymond McCarthy

Requested by Ellen & John Genovese



ONCE YOU ARE OVER THE HILL,
YOU BEGIN TO PICK UP SPEED.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Having possessions is an illusion. In today's gospel Jesus told the young man to give up his need to control and put his trust in God. He couldn't let go! In families our need to control destroys relationships. We can lead, teach and encourage, but we can't control anyone but ourselves.



PRAY THE ROSARY

The Rosary prayed to Mary is a powerful prayer as Mary intercedes for each of us. Her Son never denies His mother. The month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. The practice of dedicating the entire month of October to the Holy Rosary developed toward the end of the last century. Pope Leo XIII (papacy: 1878-1903) strongly promoted the increase of devotion to the Blessed Mother by encouraging the constant use of the Rosary. This Tuesday, the Rosary is prayed at Sacred Heart following the 9 AM Mass. The intention this week is for victims of domestic violence. Spend just twenty minutes praying the rosary. Your prayers will always be heard.



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Please call the parish office if you need assistance.
Thank you!

Mass Intentions

Our Mass Intention Book for 2022 is open for those wishing to schedule Mass Intentions for family members, loved ones, or special intentions. The practice of offering Mass for particular intentions is an ancient one, dating back to the early Church. Inscriptions discovered on tombs in Roman catacombs of the second century give evidence for this practice. When a priest celebrates Mass, he offers each celebration of the Eucharist for a particular person, or intention (living or deceased). By so doing, special graces from the Eucharistic Sacrifice of Our Lord are applied upon that person or intention. Mass offerings are \$20 for a Sunday Mass and \$15 for a weekday Mass.

If you would like to schedule a Mass Intention, please give Sandy a call at the Parish Office.



The Sanctuary Lamp signifies the Eucharistic presence of the Lord Jesus in the Tabernacle and burns for seven days. You may have the Sanctuary Lamp memorialized for a sick person, a deceased family member or friend, or as a special intention. The weekly donation for this is \$25. Sanctuary Lamps can be memorialized in each of the three churches of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. If you would like to reserve a week in any of our churches, please contact Sandy at the parish office.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING FOR THE
27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: \$ 2,087.00.

OCTOBER MONTHLY: \$ 965.00.

ON LINE GIVING: \$ 885.00.

Thank you for your generosity
and steadfast commitment to our Parish.
May God bless you and your families.



HOLY AND SACRED HANDS



In one of Rembrandt's etchings, there is no halo around the Lord's head, but there is one around His hand. Over the years, critics have debated Rembrandt's reason for doing this. But there can be no debate over the meaning of that symbolism for us ... Jesus' hands are holy hands. Jesus' hands

are sacred hands. Jesus used His holy, sacred hands as instruments of loving service. Jesus used His holy, sacred hands to heal the sick, transform death into life, give sight to the blind. Jesus used His holy, sacred hands to bless, break and give to the disciples the five loaves and two fish that fed so many thousands of His hungry followers. Jesus' sacred hands changed the bread and wine into His Precious Body and Blood. Jesus' sacred hands stretched and nailed on the Cross brought us back to God.

THE 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE ROSARY OF THE MOST BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Where does the word come from? It comes from a Latin word Rosaria, which means a crown of roses or a garden of roses. It grew up in the second millennium of Christianity, particularly in Western Christianity around the 14th century. It's attributed to Saint Dominic.

The Rosary is a sequence of prayers. St John Paul II said, it's a compendium of the Gospel and it's intended to help us grow in our faith as we come to understand more and more about the life, the death, the resurrection and the Ascension of Jesus Christ, and about the Church and who we are in the Lord.

That's why the way to view the Rosary is as a time of meditation. We meditate on the great mysteries of the faith.

WHY DO CATHOLICS MARRY IN THE CHURCH?

QUESTION:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

ANSWER:

Because the Sacrament of Marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the Sacrament of Matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.



In observance of
Columbus Day,
The Parish Office
will be Closed
this Monday, October 11th.

The Parish Office will be open on
Thursday & Friday
this week.



PLAY BINGO EVERY FRIDAY AT
THE BITTERMANN CENTER AT
ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
IN CANAAN.

DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM.
MASKS MUST BE WORN.



The rich young man in today's Gospel could not give up his possessions to follow Jesus. We all have "riches" that we hold onto for various reasons. What are the riches you cling to? Can you imagine giving them up? How might they be keeping you from following Jesus? Have you asked God to help you recognize and let go of these riches that keep you from being the disciple you are meant to be? Do you believe that with God's help anything is possible? With God all things are possible.—Mark 10:27

A GOSPEL REFLECTION



If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for "love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self." Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the Commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person's story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Some scholars believe that Jesus' reference to the eye of a needle referred to the portal of a city which one could not get through if one was weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God's work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.

VOTIVE CANDLES



Each of our worship sites has a votive candle stand for those wishing to light a candle for a personal intention.

In Judaism, a perpetual light was kept burning in the Temple and the synagogues in order to light other candles or oil lamps in the evening, but also to show the presence of God (cf. Exodus 27:20-21 and Leviticus 24:2-4). Later, the Talmud prescribed a lit lamp at the Ark, where the Torah and other writings of Sacred Scripture were kept, to show reverence to the Word of God.

In our Catholic tradition, light reminds us of Christ. Recall Jesus said: "I am the light of the world. No follower of mine shall ever walk in darkness; no, he shall possess the light of life" (John 8:12).

With this background, we can appreciate the usage of votive candles. As in the early days of Christianity, we light a candle before a statue or sacred image of Our Lord or saint. We do not honor the statue or the image itself, but whom that statue or image represents. With the light of faith, we petition Our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint to pray with and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer (for the duration of the lit candle) even though we may depart and go about our daily activities.



SAINT JOHN XXIII'S STORY

Although few people had as great an impact on the 20th century as Pope John XXIII, he avoided the limelight as much as possible. Indeed, one writer has noted that his "ordinariness" seems one of his most remarkable qualities.

The firstborn son of a farming family in Sotto il Monte, near Bergamo in northern Italy, Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli was always proud of his down-to-earth roots. In Bergamo's diocesan seminary, he joined the Secular Franciscan Order.

After his ordination in 1904, Fr. Roncalli returned to Rome for canon law studies. He soon worked as his bishop's secretary, Church history teacher in the seminary, and as publisher of the diocesan paper.

His service as a stretcher-bearer for the Italian army during World War I gave him a firsthand knowledge of war. In 1921, Fr. Roncalli was made national director in Italy of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. He also found time to teach patristics at a seminary in the Eternal City.

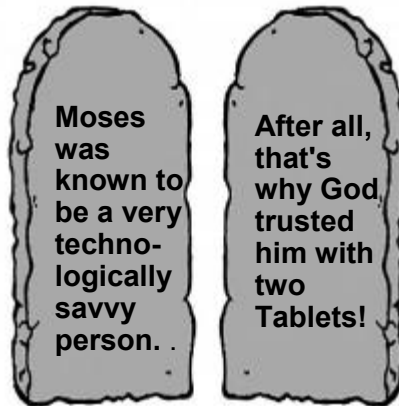
In 1925, he became a papal diplomat, serving first in Bulgaria, then in Turkey, and finally in France. During World War II, he became well acquainted with Orthodox Church leaders. With the help of Germany's ambassador to Turkey, Archbishop Roncalli helped save an estimated 24,000 Jewish people.

Named a cardinal and appointed patriarch of Venice in 1953, he was finally a residential bishop. A month short of entering his 78th year, Cardinal Roncalli was elected pope, taking the name John after his father and the two patrons of Rome's cathedral, St. John Lateran. Pope John took his work very seriously but not himself. His wit soon became proverbial, and he began meeting with political and religious leaders from around the world. In 1962, he was deeply involved in efforts to resolve the Cuban missile crisis.

His most famous encyclicals were (*Mater et Magistra*) (1961) and (*Pacem in Terris*) (1963). Pope John XXIII enlarged the membership in the College of Cardinals and made it more international. At his address at the opening of the Second Vatican Council, he criticized the "prophets of doom" who "in these modern times see nothing but prevarication and ruin." Pope John XXIII set a tone for the Council when he said, "The Church has always opposed... errors. Nowadays, however, the Spouse of Christ prefers to make use of the medicine of mercy rather than that of severity."

On his deathbed, Pope John said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better. Those who have lived as long as I have...were enabled to compare different cultures and traditions, and know that the moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead."

"Good Pope John" died on June 3, 1963. St. John Paul II beatified him in 2000, and Pope Francis canonized him in 2014.



READINGS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12



Faith Formation

CLASSES MEET NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th
BEGINNING WITH THE 10 AM MASS AT
SACRED HEART.

CONFIRMATION

CLASS TAKES PLACE NEXT SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17th
BEGINNING AT 8:30 AM IN SACRED HEART
CHURCH HALL FOR ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.



Our parish SOCKTOBER NEW sock drive is underway to benefit St. Francis of Assisi Church; Father Joe Cavoto's Parish in New York. Each worship site will have collection boxes in the vestibule for the NEW socks to be donated. Socks for children and adults are needed in all sizes, and cold weather socks would especially be appreciated. If you have any questions, please call the parish office. Socks will be collected beginning next weekend and until October 31st. Thank you for your participation.

Take my hand, O Blessed Mother.
Hold me firmly lest I fall.
If I'm nervous while I'm walking,
Quickly heed my humble call.

Guide me over every crossing.
Watch me when I'm on the stairs.
Let me know that you're beside me,
Listen to my fervent prayers.

Bring me to my destination.
Keep me safe along the way.
Bless my every undertaking,
And my duties for the day.

When the evening draws upon me,
I do not fear to be alone.
Once again, O Blessed Mother,
Take my hand and lead me home.



DECORATED EVERGREEN CHRISTMAS BOXES

Karla Roder from our Parish Craft Group will be making Christmas boxes for those wishing to place one on a grave of a loved one. Small boxes are \$10 and larger ones are \$15. Orders must be placed by Nov. 7th, and pick up will be at Sacred Heart Church following Mass on November 28th. Orders may be placed on the sign up sheets in the vestibule or by

contacting Karla at: ***karlaroder130@yahoo.com***

Saint Peter addresses this cool guy, "Who are you, so that I may know whether or not to admit you to the Kingdom of Heaven?" The guy replies, "I'm Jack, retired airline pilot from Houston." Saint Peter consults his list. He smiles and says to the pilot, "Take this silken robe and golden staff and enter the Kingdom." The pilot goes into Heaven with his robe and staff. Next, it's the priest's turn. He stands confidently and declares, "I am Father Bob, pastor of Saint Mary's for the last 43 years." Saint Peter consults his list. He says to the priest, "Take this cotton robe and wooden staff and enter the Kingdom." "Just a minute," says the good father. "That man was a pilot and he gets a silken robe and golden staff, and I get only cotton and wood. How can this be?" "Up here - we go by results," says Saint Peter. "When you preached - people slept. When he flew, people prayed."



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