

Mass Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 9:00 AM
11:00 AM—Bilingual

Weekdays
Monday through Friday
9:00 AM
No Tuesday Mass

Holy Days
7:00 PM Vigil, 9:00 AM, 7:00 PM

Confessions
Saturday from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
at the Parish Offices.

Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Closed Fridays



4th SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." - **Mk 1:27**

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I *Dt 18:15-20*

Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the LORD, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin; to him you shall listen. This is exactly what you requested of the LORD, your God, at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let us not again hear the voice of the LORD, our God, nor see this great fire any more, lest we die.' And the LORD said to me, 'This was well said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their kin, and will put my words into his mouth; he shall tell them all that I command him. Whoever will not listen to my words which he speaks in my name, I myself will make him answer for it. But if a prophet presumes to speak in my name an oracle that I have not commanded him to speak, or speaks in the name of other gods, he shall die.'"

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9*

R. (8) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;

let us acclaim the rock of our salvation.

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us joyfully sing psalms to him. R.

Come, let us bow down in worship;

let us kneel before the LORD who made us.

For he is our God, and we are the

people he shepherds, the flock he guides. R.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice:

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,

as in the day of Massah in the desert,

Where your fathers tempted me;

they tested me though they had seen my works." R.

Reading II *1 Cor 7:32-35*

Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties. An unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord. But a married man is anxious about the things of the world, how he may please his wife, and he is divided. An unmarried woman or a virgin is anxious about the things of the Lord, so that she may be holy in both body and spirit. A married woman, on the other hand, is anxious about the things of the world, how she may please her husband. I am telling you this for your own benefit, not to impose a restraint upon you, but for the sake of propriety and adherence to the Lord without distraction.

Alleluia *Mt 4:16*

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel *Mk 1:21-28*

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes.

In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another,

"What is this? A new teaching with authority.

He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

Gospel Meditation

Most of us are quiet people who desire to live a good and holy life, promote the values and mission of the Gospel as best we can and desire to one day inherit the surprise of life eternal God promises to us. We are not trail blazers. We are simple people who want to do the simple things of life well. But there are others who left a more profound impact along the way of the paths they walked. Folks like Dorothy Day, Martin Luther King, Thomas Merton, Gandhi, St. Teresa of Calcutta, and many others left lasting impacts and legacies. Like Moses, they show us by word and deed who God is and what integrity and a purpose driven life look like. They show us how to be holy. We need Moses people like these to give us inspiration, hope and an example of holy living.

We do not need to do what they did or even mirror their relationship with God. Each one of us is God's special creation, with a purpose and soul known only to us. We need to learn how to open up and bring, without compromise, our soul-ness to life. We know when someone is authentic and centered because they always point to truth, even though they struggle and sin themselves, and they embody an unspoken timeless wisdom that just sounds and feels right. Jesus taught with this same type of authority and it astonished many who listened. We do not need to move mountains, advance a cause, write books or become notable. All we have to do is become credible witnesses of the faith we profess. Moses people can teach us how to do this.

St. Oscar Romero was an amazing man and a Moses figure for sure. He saw God in the burning bush and brought the flame of Gospel faith to the poorest of the poor, challenging the evils of the society in which he lived. He was tireless and persistent. He must have gotten very close to the problem because it cost him his life. He suspected it would. St. Romero said, "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties." We can learn from this wisdom. If we allow the power of the Mass to truly transform us, we will leave that holy encounter changed. Our face will shine, and we will have courage. We can then bring what we have received to life's challenges. That sounds doable, doesn't it? Because of the example of our simple holiness, people will be amazed.

IV Domingo Ordinario

Primera Lectura Dt 18, 15-20

En aquellos días, habló Moisés al pueblo, diciendo: “El Señor Dios hará surgir en medio de ustedes, entre sus hermanos, un profeta como yo. A él lo escucharán. Eso es lo que pidieron al Señor, su Dios, cuando estaban reunidos en el monte Horeb: ‘No queremos volver a oír la voz del Señor nuestro Dios, ni volver a ver otra vez ese gran fuego; pues no queremos morir’.

El Señor me respondió: ‘Está bien lo que han dicho. Yo haré surgir en medio de sus hermanos un profeta como tú. Pondré mis palabras en su boca y él dirá lo que le mande yo. A quien no escuche las palabras que él pronuncie en mi nombre, yo le pediré cuentas. Pero el profeta que se atreva a decir en mi nombre lo que yo no le haya mandado, o hable en nombre de otros dioses, será reo de muerte’ ”.

Salmo Responsorial 94, 1-2. 6-7. 8-9

R. (8) Señor, que no seamos sordos a tu voz.

Vengan, lancemos vivas al Señor, aclamemos al Dios que nos salva. Acerquémonos a él, llenos de júbilo, y démosle gracias. R.

Vengan, y puestos de rodillas, adoremos y bendigamos al Señor, que nos hizo, pues él es nuestro Dios y nosotros, su pueblo; él es nuestro pastor y nosotros, sus ovejas. R.

Hagámosle casa al Señor, que nos dice: "No endurezcan su corazón, como el día de la rebelión en el desierto, cuando sus padres dudaron de mí, aunque habían visto mis obras". R.

Segunda Lectura 1 Cor 7, 32-35

Hermanos: Yo quisiera que ustedes vivieran sin preocupaciones. El hombre soltero se preocupa de las cosas del Señor y de cómo agradarle; en cambio, el hombre casado se preocupa de las cosas de esta vida y de cómo agradarle a su esposa, y por eso tiene dividido el corazón. En la misma forma, la mujer que ya no tiene marido y la soltera se preocupan de las cosas del Señor y se pueden dedicar a él en cuerpo y alma. Por el contrario, la mujer casada se preocupa de las cosas de esta vida y de cómo agradarle a su esposo. Les digo todo esto para bien de ustedes. Se lo digo, no para ponerles una trampa, sino para que puedan vivir constantemente y sin distracciones en presencia del Señor, tal como conviene.

Aclamación antes del Evangelio Mt 4, 16

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

El pueblo que caminaba en tinieblas vio una gran luz. Sobre los que vivían en tierra de sombras una luz resplandeció. R.

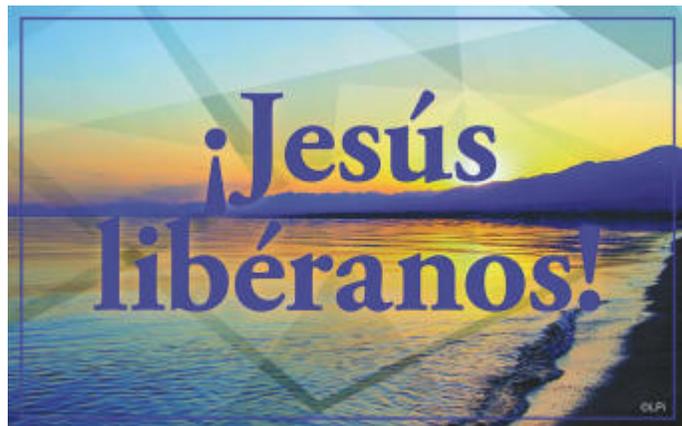
Evangelio Mc 1, 21-28

En aquel tiempo, se hallaba Jesús a Cafarnaúm y el sábado siguiente fue a la sinagoga y se puso a enseñar. Los oyentes quedaron asombrados de sus palabras, pues enseñaba como quien tiene autoridad y no como los escribas. Había en la sinagoga un hombre poseído por un espíritu inmundo, que se puso a gritar: “¿Qué quieres tú con nosotros, Jesús de Nazaret? ¿Has venido a acabar con nosotros? Ya sé quién eres: el Santo de Dios”. Jesús le ordenó: “¡Cállate y sal de él!” El espíritu inmundo, sacudiendo al hombre con violencia y dando un alarido, salió de él. Todos quedaron estupefactos y se preguntaban: “¿Qué es esto? ¿Qué nueva doctrina es ésta? Este hombre tiene autoridad para mandar hasta a los espíritus inmundos y lo obedecen”. Y muy pronto se extendió su fama por toda Galilea.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

En el Evangelio de este domingo, Marcos presenta algo como la jornada de Jesús. Primero, él está en la sinagoga enseñando con autoridad, no como los maestros de la ley que repiten e interpretan la misma. Su autoridad se presenta al ordenar salir al espíritu impuro del hombre que entró a la sinagoga, y comienza a gritar a Jesús. “Yo sé que tú eres el Santo de Dios”. Jesús le ordena: “¡Cállate y sal de ese hombre! (Marcos 1:26). Nos dice el Evangelio que a causa de ese milagro su fama se extendía por todo el territorio de Galilea.

Jesús tenía autoridad porque hablaba con la verdad, lo que proclamaba de justicia, lo hacía él mismo, no tenía doblez, era la bondad misma de Dios en el mundo. La autoridad de Jesús es más fuerte que el mal. Lo decimos al final del Padrenuestro: “No nos dejes caer en tentación y líbranos del mal”. Sí, Señor, líbranos como al hombre endemoniado de tu tiempo, de los males que nos aquejan hoy día, enfermedad, hambre, e injusticia. Además, danos una ayudadita, con los líderes del mundo con respecto a la autoridad. Que sean respetuosos, leales al pueblo, que hagan leyes justas que protejan a todos. La sociedad de hoy necesita palabras con autoridad que erradiquen el mal. ¿Crees tú que Jesús puede liberar en este tiempo? ¿En quién está la autoridad que libera? No tenemos que pensarlo mucho. La autoridad está en cada uno de nosotros. Se nota en la justicia y el trabajo por la paz que llevemos a cabo en la familia, la sociedad y en el mundo.



Mass Intentions, Prayers & Sacraments

Saturday January 30

4:30 PM Sandy Carnuccio r/b Joe & Anna Marie
D'Alessandro and nephews

Sunday January 31

9:00 AM Sr. M. Raimonda Mistrih
r/b The Franciscan Sisters
11:00 AM Arthur Camiolo on his 99th Birthday
r/b his daughter Diane
Evelyn King r/b John & Kathleen Capitanio

Monday February 1

9:00 AM Vince Labascio

Tuesday February 2

9:00 AM **No Mass**

Wednesday February 3

9:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

Thursday February 4

9:00 AM Robert Nestor r/b Claudette DeLaurentis

Friday February 5

9:00 AM Joan Viola r/b husband Joe & children

Saturday February 6

4:30 PM Joseph Barca r/b the Mitcho Cousins

Sunday February 7

9:00 AM For the People of Our Parish
11:00 AM Joseph Barca r/b Sr. Bianca & Pen Pal Club
Julia Soto r/b Deacon Joe & Peg Loungo

PRAYER LIST

Lynda Bancroft, JoAnne Carothers,
Julia Rivera, Maria Genovese,
Louis Hill and Bill Van Dusen

We are starting a new prayer list, which will be updated every three months. Please call the Parish Center at 856-881-2753 to have your name put on the prayer list. Thank You.

If you wish, you may receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Contact the Parish Center at 856-881-2753 to make an appointment with the priest.

We pray for the safety and the Lord's protection of our men and women in the military, especially Colonel Eric Baus; Anthony R. Brown, Jr., USANG, Major Matthew Lisa, USAF; Ensign William Stephens, USCG; Sean Patrick Stailey, USN and Luke Wible, USMC.

PRAYER CHAIN: Do you or someone you know need the blessing of prayer? That's why the St. Bridget Prayer Chain is here for you. Please contact Annadora Shipley, Coordinator, at 856-589-0334, and prayers will begin for you.

ATTENTION VETERANS!

Having problems? Need help?

The NJ Veterans Helpline might be your answer. This is a 24-hour service manned by veterans who counsel callers and direct them to a wide range of services. Call 1-866-838-7654.



Welcome to our Church

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop by the Welcome Center and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in our celebration of the

Eucharist. We invite you to become part of our parish family. Please fill out a parish registration form, which can be found at the Welcome Center or on our website, www.StBridgetUP.org and press submit on the page.

If you are having any difficulty registering online, please call the Parish Center and we'll mail one out. We're so glad you're here, and we hope that you will come back again.

Sanctuary Candle

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns
In Memory of Bonnie Petroni
r/b Sal & Kathy Alibrando



Mary "Vicky" Petroni has returned to God our Creator. We pray for her and her family.

Stewards Pray

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties."
- 1 CORINTHIANS 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God won't necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. **Stewards** pray for things instead of worrying about them.

	This Year	Last Year
Offertory Collection	\$4,432	\$5,879
On-line Collection	\$1,430	\$ 554

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Samaritan Center

Did you know that most of the food and donations we collect on the first Sunday of the month go to support the Samaritan Center, located on High Street in Glassboro?

They *really* need donations of **tuna, jelly, juice, sandwich bread and snacks for children.**



The Samaritan Center of Glassboro is in need of donations of gently used (or new) winter clothing for both children and adults.

If you would like to volunteer to help, you can call Stacy at (856)863-9030.

Poor Box

If you cannot donate food, please consider dropping a food gift card or cash in the poor box in back of the church. As always, thank you for your generosity.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers

Right now we are not scheduling Eucharistic Ministers for every Mass. But if you do come to Mass and are willing to serve, please let Fr. John know before Mass.

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Does our Church database have YOUR family membership record correct?

It is time for us to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in YOUR family over the past year.

Have you changed your phone number? Have you moved? Are all of your children still at home and are they all included in your membership record? Remember, once your child reaches 21, even if still living at home, they should complete their own registration form as an adult.

If you have not already informed the Parish Center about changes to your record, please let us know now. **Please call the Parish Center at (856) 881-2753 to update your information.**



2020 Tax Statements

If you would like a copy of your 2020 tax deductible contributions, please contact the parish office at 856-881-2753. They are not sent automatically.

Celebrate National Catholic Schools Week January 31- February 6



There is much to celebrate! Catholic schools in the Diocese of Camden have been open full-time for in-person and remote learning since September 2020. With the health and safety of students, faculty, administrators and staff as a top priority, South Jersey Catholic Schools continue to:

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Pro Life Corner

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ProLife Ministry of St. Bridget University Parish, Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish and Catholic Campus

Ministry at Newman House

Contact Kay Aliberti @ bellanonna3@gmail.com



Prayer for Priestly Vocations

Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless the Diocese of Camden with an increase in vocations to the priesthood. We pray that young men from our parishes and families will hear your call and be both generous and courageous in their response. May more young men serve you as priests who teach the faith, preach the Gospel, celebrate the sacraments and make you present among us through their ministry. Encourage them to embrace the joy-filled and fulfilling life of a diocesan priest. May parents support priestly vocations in their families by prayer and good example. We entrust these prayers through Mary Immaculate, our patroness, hopeful that you will bless our diocese with more priests in the near future, who live and reign forever and ever.
AMEN.

Music

Save Us, O Lord

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Refrain: Save us, O Lord; carry us back. Rouse your power and come.
Rescue your people; show us your face. Bring us back.

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us. Return and we shall be saved. Arise, O Lord; hear our cries, O Lord: bring us back.
2. How long will you hide from your people? We long to see your face. Give ear to us. Draw near to us, Lord God of hosts!



Lead Me, Lord

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1. Blessed are the poor in spirit, longing for their Lord, for God's coming kingdom shall be theirs. Blessed are the sorrowing, for they shall be consoled, and the meek shall come to rule the world.

Refrain: Lead me, Lord, lead me, Lord, by the light of truth to seek and to find the narrow way. Be my way; be my truth; be my life, my Lord, and lead me, Lord, today.

2. Blessed are the merciful, for mercy shall be theirs, and the pure in heart shall see their God.
3. Blest are they whose hunger only holiness can fill, for I say they shall be satisfied.

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Diocese of Camden Engaged Encounter Ministry

Good things are happening on Engaged Encounter retreat weekends! Comments from recent weekends include: "Re-affirmation of Catholic faith re-enforcing the strength of marriage." Couples are reporting a much needed weekend of spiritual connection and opportunity for improved couple communication in preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage. Encourage your engaged couple to consider attending a weekend! Consider sponsoring them for this retreat.

Contact: Mary Lou Hughes 856-583- 2903.

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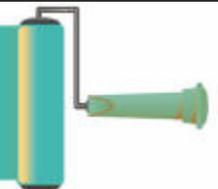
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