

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
3:30-4:00 PM in church

Office Hours
Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM



30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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Mass Intentions Prayers & Sacraments

Saturday October 23
4:30 PM Bonnie Petroni r/b Diane Larzelere & family

Sunday October 24
9:00 AM Sr. Veronica Nageb
r/b the Franciscan Missionary Sisters
11:00 AM Steve, Fred & Tom Kalapos r/b family
Mercedes González r/b Rey & Carmen
Angel Reyes r/b Rey & Carmen
Joseph DiRaddo r/b Virginia Barger

Monday October 25
9:00 AM Thomas Sheerin r/b Frank & Karen Malinowski

Tuesday October 26
9:00 AM **No Mass**

Wednesday October 27
9:00 AM For the People of Our Parish

Thursday October 28
9:00 AM Mario Arnone r/b Mike & Maria Kurmlavage

Friday October 29
9:00 AM Rev. Neal Carlin r/b Cherie & family

Saturday October 30
4:30 PM Bonnie Petroni r/b Dan & Suzanne Dalton

Sunday October 31
9:00 AM Felix & Ruth Pomponi r/b Claudia & John Batten
11:00 AM 15th Anniversary Gene Wiemer by wife
Lauren Ann Krieger
r/b Joe & Anna Marie D'Alessandro
Francis "Bo" Flynn r/b Virginia Barger

Sanctuary Candle

This week the Sanctuary Candle burns
In Memory of Steve, Frank & Tom Kalapos
r/b family

Bereavement Group

The Bereavement Group of Mary, Mother of Mercy Parish, Our Lady's Hall, Morris Avenue, Pitman, NJ is meeting on Mondays at 7:00 PM. Anyone grieving the loss of a loved one is invited to participate.

If interested, just attend a meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Loretta Della Vecchia at 856-881-0659 or Nancy Smith at 856-371-4613.

PRAYER LIST

Lynda Bancroft, JoAnne Carothers, Maria
Genovese, Louis Hill, toddler Sloane
Heart, Sr. Janice Novak, Sam Raffa,
Julia Rivera, Kathleen Santelli and
toddler Jackson Thummel

Please call the parish office 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 office 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; A1C Airman Melissa Enders, USAF; 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.



Sophia Cruz Flores was
baptized October 16, 2021 at
St. Bridget.

We congratulate her, her
parents and godparents. May
the Lord bless them.

Mary Courtney has returned to God our Creator. We pray for her and her family.



Poor Box

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.



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading I Jer 31:7-9

Thus says the LORD:

Shout with joy for Jacob, exult at the head of the nations; proclaim your praise and say: The LORD has delivered his people, the remnant of Israel. Behold, I will bring them back from the land of the north; I will gather them from the ends of the world, with the blind and the lame in their midst, the mothers and those with child; they shall return as an immense throng. They departed in tears, but I will console them and guide them; I will lead them to brooks of water, on a level road, so that none shall stumble. For I am a father to Israel, Ephraim is my first-born.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing. R.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed. R.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing. R.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves. R.

Reading II Heb 5:1-6

Brothers and sisters:

Every high priest is taken from among men and made their representative before God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal patiently with the ignorant and erring, for he himself is beset by weakness and so, for this reason, must make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honor upon himself but only when called by God, just as Aaron was. In the same way, it was not Christ who glorified himself in becoming high priest, but rather the one who said to him:

You are my son:

this day I have begotten you;

just as he says in another place:

You are a priest forever

according to the order of Melchizedek.

Alleluia Cf. 2 Tm 1:10

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Our Savior Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life to light through the Gospel.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Mk 10:46-52

As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a sizable crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging. On hearing that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me." And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he kept calling out all the more, "Son of David, have pity on me." Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." He threw aside his cloak, sprang up, and came to Jesus. Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

Gospel Meditation

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

XXX Domingo ordinario

Primera Lectura Jer 31, 7-9

Esto dice el Señor:

“Griten de alegría por Jacob, regocijense por el mejor de los pueblos; proclamen, alaben y digan: ‘El Señor ha salvado a su pueblo, al grupo de los sobrevivientes de Israel’.

He aquí que yo los hago volver del país del norte y los congrego desde los confines de la tierra. Entre ellos vienen el ciego y el cojo, la mujer encinta y la que acaba de dar a luz.

Retorna una gran multitud; vienen llorando, pero yo los consolaré y los guiaré; los llevaré a torrentes de agua por un camino llano en el que no tropezarán. Porque yo soy para Israel un padre y Efraín es mi primogénito”.

Salmo Responsorial Salmo 125, 1-2ab. 2cd-3. 4-5. 6

R. Grandes cosas has hecho por nosotros, Señor.

Cuando el Señor nos hizo volver del cautiverio, creíamos soñar; entonces no cesaba de reír nuestra boca ni se cansaba entonces la lengua de cantar.

R.

Aun los mismos paganos con asombro decían: “¡Grandes cosas ha hecho por ellos el Señor!” Y estábamos alegres, pues ha hecho grandes cosas por su pueblo el Señor.

R.

Como cambian los ríos la suerte del desierto, cambia también ahora nuestra suerte, Señor, y entre gritos de júbilo cosecharán aquellos que siembran con dolor.

R.

Al ir, iba llorando, cargando la semilla; al regresar, cantando vendrán con sus gavillas.

R.

Segunda Lectura Heb 5, 1-6

Hermanos: Todo sumo sacerdote es un hombre escogido entre los hombres y está constituido para intervenir en favor de ellos ante Dios, para ofrecer dones y sacrificios por los pecados. Él puede comprender a los ignorantes y extraviados, ya que él mismo está envuelto en debilidades. Por eso, así como debe ofrecer sacrificios por los pecados del pueblo, debe ofrecerlos también por los suyos propios.

Nadie puede apropiarse ese honor, sino sólo aquel que es llamado por Dios, como lo fue Aarón. De igual manera, Cristo no se confirió a sí mismo la dignidad de sumo sacerdote; se la otorgó quien le había dicho: Tú eres mi Hijo, yo te he engendrado hoy. O como dice otro pasaje de la Escritura: *Tú eres sacerdote eterno, como Melquisedec.*

Aclamación antes del Evangelio Cfr 2 Tim 1, 10

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Jesucristo, nuestro salvador, ha vencido la muerte y ha hecho resplandecer la vida por medio del Evangelio.

R. Aleluya.

Evangelio Mc 10, 46-52

En aquel tiempo, al salir Jesús de Jericó en compañía de sus discípulos y de mucha gente, un ciego, llamado Bartimeo, se hallaba sentado al borde del camino pidiendo limosna. Al oír que el que pasaba era Jesús Nazareno, comenzó a gritar: “¡Jesús, hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!” Muchos lo reprendían para que se callara, pero él seguía gritando todavía más fuerte: “¡Hijo de David, ten compasión de mí!”.

Jesús se detuvo entonces y dijo: “Llámenlo”. Y llamaron al ciego, diciéndole: “¡Ánimo! Levántate, porque él te llama”. El ciego tiró su manto; de un salto se puso en pie y se acercó a Jesús. Entonces le dijo Jesús: “¿Qué quieres que haga por ti?” El ciego le contestó: “Maestro, que pueda ver”. Jesús le dijo: “Vete; tu fe te ha salvado”. Al momento recobró la vista y comenzó a seguirlo por el camino.

MEDITACIÓN DEL EVANGELIO

El mundo ha llorado mucho en estos dos años de pandemia. Después de tanto sufrimiento, Dios nos sigue invitando al cambio en nuestro corazón. La hemos pasado mal, muchas familias lloran aún a sus familiares que perdieron la batalla, otros miles siguen buscando trabajo. La lucha no termina y la esperanza en medio de todo es que volvamos a Dios, tal como el pueblo de Israel en la primera Lectura: “Partieron en medio de lágrimas, pero los hago regresar contentos” (Jeremías 31:9). Ya es tiempo de gozar del amor y la misericordia eterna de Dios. Fijémonos, en todo lo bueno y noble que hemos aprendido en este tiempo y trabajemos por una sociedad más justa.

El Evangelio también nos presenta el amor y la compasión de Dios por medio del ciego de Jericó que grita a la orilla del camino. “¡Hijo de David ten compasión de mí!” El ciego es símbolo de todas las personas que sufren en el mundo. Jesús, le pregunta: ¿Qué quieres que haga por ti? La respuesta del ciego: “Maestro, que pueda ver”. Eso es lo que seguimos pidiendo: que podamos ver todas las injusticias de la sociedad, que podamos dialogar y buscar soluciones juntos, para poder vivir con paz y tranquilidad y así simbólicamente tirar el manto y escuchar su invitación: ánimo, ten fe, levántate. Jesús sigue llamando a cada uno, porque a todos nos toca ahora ver qué podemos hacer por los que nos rodean. El papa Francisco lo resume así: “Fijarnos en Bartimeo y su grito de búsqueda de Jesús. Hacerse prójimos en el camino de fe para acompañar. Testimoniar, fijándonos en los discípulos que le dirigen a Bartimeo solo tres



Music

Lead Me, Guide Me

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Refrain: Lead me, guide me, along the way, for if you lead me, I cannot stray. Lord, let me walk each day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to help me over my weakest hour. Help me through the darkness thy face to see, lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
2. Help me tread in the paths of righteousness, be my aid when Satan and sin oppress. I am putting all y trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

We Walk by Faith

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1. We walk by faith, and not by sight; no gracious words we hear of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice and cry "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.
4. That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.



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Stewardship Gratitude

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (MARK 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop a **stewardship** attitude of gratitude.

Parish Weekly Offering

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24 / 7 Crisis Pregnancy Helpline

Good Counsel has a national 24 / 7 helpline (800-723-8331) assisting pregnant women, along with a follow-up Exodus Program for mothers and children leaving the Good Counsel residences, and an outreach assisting those single-parent families who need assistance but not in a home.

Volunteers Needed for Altar and Rosary

St. Bridget's Altar & Rosary Group is always looking for more volunteers. This group is in charge of taking care of cleaning the sanctuary and the sacristy. If anyone is interested in joining this very important ministry please call either Gerri Belsito (215) 285-004 belsitogerri@outlook.com; or Donna David (856) 316-9035 donnadavid15@gmail.com

Pastoral Installation



We rejoice that the Lord has led our new pastor to lead our congregation and we are looking forward to celebrating this occasion as the family of God.

Please join us as Bishop Dennis Sullivan formally installs Fr. John Rossi as pastor on Saturday, November 13 at the 4:30 PM Mass.

All are invited to celebrate with Fr. John. After the Mass we will have a reception in the hall. If you are planning on attending the reception, we would like to know. Please fill out the form below and either drop it in the collection basket or call the parish office at 856-881-2753. We need a count of those attending no later than Sunday, November 7.

Fr. John Rossi Installation Reception RSVP Form

Name: _____

_____ Yes, we will be attending the reception. _____ Adults _____ Children

You may drop off at office, mail, email, call or place in the collection basket



All Saints is Monday, November 1
This is not a Holy Day of Obligation
We will have our 9:00 AM Mass

All Souls Mass of Remembrance

Our Remembrance Mass for the souls of our dearly departed parishioners, relatives and friends is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 at 7:00 PM in the Church.



All Souls Envelopes

We ask everyone to put the name of their loved ones who have passed on back of their All Souls envelope. If you do not have an envelope, there are some in back of the church.

These envelopes will remain on the Altar through the month of November.

Pro Life Ministry

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

Contact for further info:

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Respect Life Month

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.

Choices of the Heart Women's Resource Center

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[856.374.2445]
All services are free and confidential
choicesoftheheart.com

1st Way Life Center

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[800.848.5683]
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Christmas Giving Tree

Once again during the Christmas season, the Compassionate Care Ministry is sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree to help families celebrate the holidays.



If you know of a family in need, please contact the Parish Center at 856-881-2753. Deadline for names taken is Saturday, **November 20, 2021**.

Donation Drive for KofC Camden Food Blitz November 14th

The Knights of Columbus Council 3397 ask for your help to support their annual food blitz. Each year the Knights go to Camden for a Food Blitz to hand out food and other supplies to those experiencing homelessness. Your money will be used to buy food and socks, an essential clothing for those who are experiencing homelessness. Please consider supporting our ministry by seeing a KofC representative in the back of the church after Mass on the 14th of November. The Knights will be creating blessing bags and meals and distribute them on November 20th, to those in need.

If you would like to join the Knights in our Food Blitz or learn more about the council contact Neal Cullen at neal_cullen@msn.com.

Samaritan House

We are Samaritan House is collecting for their Thanksgiving handout on 11/22/21.

Items needed are Canned veggies, stuffing, Instant potatoes, gravy and cranberry sauce.

They would need the items by 11/15/21.

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