



The Parish of Good Shepherd & St. Joseph

January 17th, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Church of the Good Shepherd - Rhinebeck

Weekend Mass: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. and Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30am. & 11:15am

Daily Mass: Monday through Saturday (Except Tuesday): 9:00 a.m.

Good Shepherd Church is fully accessible for the disabled.

St. Joseph Church - Rhinecliff

Sunday: Temporarily transferred to Good Shepherd

CONFESSIONS

Monday through Friday: 8:30a.m.—8:55a.m. (except Tuesday)

Saturday: 4:00p.m.- 4:55p.m.

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

(September through June)

Miraculous Medal Novena immediately following 9:00 a.m. Mass on Monday

St. Joseph Litany and Prayer immediately following 9:00a.m. Mass on Wednesday

Daily Rosary at 8:30 a.m. (except Tuesday)

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are conducted on weekends. Parents who have not previously attended instruction in the sacrament must do so prior to the child's Baptism.

MARRIAGES

Those seeking to marry must meet with the Pastor at least 6 months prior to the proposed wedding date to allow time for pre-marriage program attendance, gathering of appropriate documents, and securing any dispensation from ecclesial authorities.

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Change of Address Moving out of Parish

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Please fill out and cut form. Return it through the Collection Basket or by mail to the Rectory Office. New registrants are invited to visit the Rectory during office hours to receive the registration form and information on parish activities.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9:00 A.M.	January 16 Weekday Annamarie Enright † req by Kerri Martin
5:00 P.M.	Julia Bautovich † req by Helen & Lew Gardner
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	January 17 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Patricia & Chuck Lewis † req by The Clegg Family
11:15 A.M.	Sylvia Lopez † req by Tom & Jean Florio
9:30 A.M.	John Antonell † req by Marty & Mary Theresa Soyka
Monday 9:00 A.M.	January 18 Weekday Ann Marie Enright † req by Eileen & Frank Weber
Tuesday	January 19 Weekday No Mass
Wednesday 9:00 A.M.	January 20 Weekday Miriam Baskin † req by Barbara Ruger
Thursday 9:00 A.M.	January 21 St. Agnes Virgin Mark McGann † req by Bill & Donna McGann
Friday 9:00 A.M.	January 22 USA Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children John Grady † req by Joan Grady
Saturday 9:00 A.M.	January 23 Weekday Pro Populo
5:00 P.M.	Elaine Hughes † req by Laurie Walters
Sunday 8:00 A.M.	January 24 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Mary C. Kelly † req by Fr. Crawford
11:15 A.M.	Raymond, Gary & Barry Lutz † req by Betty Lutz
9:30 A.M.	Louise Schuster † req by Adam & Angela Suits

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requested by Eileen Kelleher

A Catholic Moment

by Stephen P. White

For the first time in American history, no branch of our federal government will be led by a Protestant. The president will be Catholic. The Speaker of the House is Catholic. The Senate Majority Leader will be Jewish. The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is Catholic (and the Court as a whole is majority Catholic). These curious facts are, in one sense, just that – curiosities of little political or religious significance. They are coincidental. Trivial. Political accidents, especially given the weak attachments – at times downright opposition – of prominent politicians to the teachings of the faith they claim to follow.

But in another sense, these facts are emblematic of a major shift in American public life, which has been evident for several decades. Mainline Protestantism once acted as the primary ballast in American public life – helping to steady us amidst the choppy waters that attend life in a democratic republic. That ballast is gone, and the long-term effects on American life can be felt all around.

We see the effects in our political life, of course: not primarily in the denominational composition of our government (most of Congress, like a majority of Americans, remains Protestant), nor even in the incessant political skirmishes over moral-political questions – abortion, marriage, various social-justice issues, etc. – that we know as the “culture wars.” The intractability of those disputes belies the loss of a more fundamental consensus about the lens through which we ought to interpret politics.

Certain basic religious convictions once transcended our partisan political divides and formed a shared framework for interpreting and adjudicating our political disputes. Our politics played out under the aegis of these shared, fundamental commitments – moral commitments, yes, but more importantly, metaphysical commitments. Politics was not what bound us together most deeply, so our political disputes – even at their most violent – could be judged against some higher, shared point of reference.

So it was that, even after four years of civil war, Lincoln could say of both North and South, “Both read the same Bible and pray to the same God, and each invokes His



aid against the other.” Even at a moment when so much blood was shed in dispute over what was right, there was a near-unanimous acknowledgment of something greater than even blood or tribe or state or country. More than that, there was widespread agreement about many particulars of that Something. . .that it was not just a Something, but a Someone: the God of the Bible.

That shared devotion did not prevent the Civil War, of course. But even when politics devolved to bloodshed, there remained something more fundamental, something accepted as prior to politics. And that foundation – Christianity broadly, and Protestant Christianity in particular – was sufficiently strong to support the great efforts at national reconciliation, which followed the war and continued up through the Civil Rights Movement.

As I said, the ballast once provided by Mainline Protestantism is largely gone, and our current predicament is partly the result of the inadequacy of “mere politics” to function well in a metaphysical vacuum. (Not that such a vacuum ever really exists.)

There was a time when some hoped that the Catholic Church could step into the space once occupied by the Mainline Protestant churches. This was the hope articulated by a then-Lutheran pastor, Richard John Neuhaus, later a convert to Rome: a Church universal enough to counter the entropy of American pluralism and with sufficient doctrinal durability to avoid the fate of the Mainline Churches, could provide a new “religiously informed, public moral philosophy.” Such a Church could provide the ballast for our public, political life. Such a Church could help define and expound the fundamental things we agree upon, which are prior to the political things we don’t agree on.

That vision of a Catholic Moment has, I think, manifestly failed. At the very least, it has failed thus far and there are few who still see much hope for its revival. Why this vision failed, and if it was ever a viable (however unlikely) project, are both fascinating questions about which a great deal has been said and remains to be said. Political success, of course, is not the fundamental mission of the Church. Reducing religion to its political utility is *cont’d*

diabolical. At the same time, the Church can no more trivialize politics than she can trivialize human nature.

Unfortunately, that Catholics today have achieved an unprecedented degree of governing power at the federal level means next to nothing. As I have written before, these days, the fact that someone "is Catholic" tells us next to nothing about their political or even religious beliefs. American Catholics, even at this high-water mark of our political heft, lack the substantive unity to use our collective weight in a meaningful, or at least politically stabilizing, way. We have achieved something of the appearance of the Catholic Moment Neuhaus hoped for, but none of the substance.

If Protestantism no longer provides the ballast for this republic, and if Catholicism is not – at least, not presently – up to the task, then one of two options remains. Either our politics will continue to careen towards disaster or something else will, if it has not already, fill the void.

Yesterday's events at the United States Capitol underscore the urgency and gravity of the situation. What will happen in the coming days and weeks and years is impossible to tell. I believe our nation is far from the state it was in 1860. I pray that I am right about that – and it remains true.

But even if I am right, I worry. For our nation to flourish, it must first begin to heal; for it to heal, we will have to find some deep source of unity which is stronger than the politics that divide us. The list of deep commitments that can bind us that way is not large. And few of those are well-suited to human flourishing or the common good.

***Image:** *Charles Carroll* by Chester Harding, c. 1828 [National Gallery of Art, Washington, D.C.]. Mr. Carroll (1737-1832) of Maryland was the only Catholic signatory to the Declaration of Independence.

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Argentine boy saved from stray bullet by crucifix

San Miguel de Tucumán, Argentina, Jan 4, 2021 / 03:46 pm MT ([CNA](#)).- Several hours before the beginning of 2021, a 9-year-old Argentine boy was saved from a stray bullet by a small metal crucifix on his chest, an event that local media have called "a New Year's Miracle."

According to a report from the police office of San Miguel de Tucumán, capital of the northwestern province of Tucumán, "the event took place around 10:00 pm on December 31 2020: a 9-year-old boy named Tiziano, from the neighborhood of Las Talitas, checked in with his father into the ER of the Baby Jesus Hospital in the southern part of the capital city with a superficial wound in the thorax, produced by a firearm."

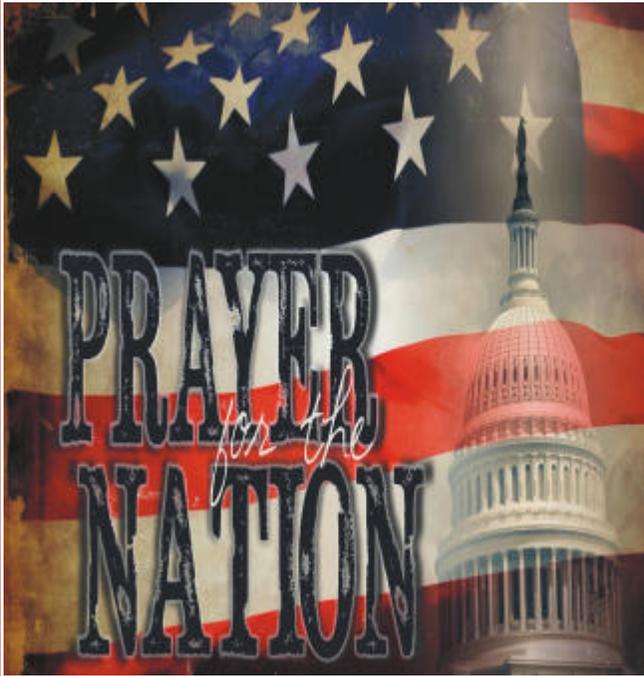
"After being checked thoroughly by several doctors on staff for 48 minutes, the boy was released," the report says.

Tiziano's family contacted José Romero Silva, a journalist from *Telefé*, Jan. 1 to explain how the boy's life was saved: the bullet hit in the middle of the small metal crucifix that the boy received as a gift from his father. Tiziano's aunt sent Silva a picture of how the bullet damaged the crucifix, which prevented the bullet from causing any real damage, except for a minor superficial wound.

Silva shared the picture in his Twitter account, writing: "New Year's Miracle: yesterday, minutes before 00 hours a stray bullet hit the chest of a boy from Las Talitas. But it hit in a crucifix the minor was wearing."

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Prayer for Grace for our Country

Dear Father united to Jesus in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, The Sacrifice of Calvary sacramentally made present, celebrated around the world, in the Holy Spirit. We offer up all we do united to the Mass. We united in one mind and one heart as members of the mystical body of Christ, with Christ our head in the pure and holy Hearts of Jesus and Mary, through the powerful intercession of Mary with the angels and saints and souls in purgatory, and we beg for the saving grace, for our country, the United States. Please help us. We further pray for unity to always do the will of God in love. We spread the Blood of Jesus on the leaders and people of the United States and cast the devil into hell. We consecrate our country to the Sacred Heart and Immaculate Heart and all our dioceses, and beg for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. God help us. We pray for our families, the priests, the Church and the world. In the Name of Jesus please hear us, we pray. We pray for our president and leaders. We pray that we are united as one nation under God to work together in love as God wants.

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Important Announcement:

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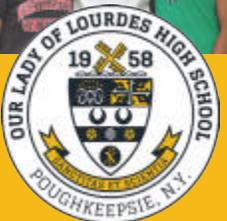
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