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MASSES:

Sundays 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon
Saturdays 7:00AM, 8AM 5:30 PM
Monday 7:00AM, 8AM - 7:00 PM
Tuesday-Friday 7:00AM, 8AM

CONFESSIONS:

Monday 7:30 PM
Saturday 1:00 PM until all are heard

MARRIAGES:

Should be arranged one year in advance, or at engagement, whichever comes first.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

May be received by anyone who is ill. Don't delay the sacrament until the person is dying. The strengthening and healing is important to experience when a person can encounter the Lord with conscious faith, and often with the support of family around the bedside. Far from being "scared" by the visit of the priest, the sick person is usually greatly consoled and grateful for your thoughtfulness in calling us. Please don't take it for granted that we know about people who are ill.

BAPTISMS should be arranged before baby is born (preferably 7th Month). Call Rectory for information.



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www.stgensrcc.com.

DAILY MASS IS ON LINE

January 17, 2021
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

COLLECTION

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to our parish. In order to receive credit for your weekly contributions, please use your envelopes and write the amount of your contribution on the envelope.

January 10 \$6,520.
God's Word \$543.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

Due to the Archbishop's Appeal today, Sanctity of Life Sunday has been moved to next weekend.

This Friday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children with a special mass for their intention. This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion.

2021 Annual Appeal

This weekend will be Collection Weekend at our parish. Thank you to those parishioners who have already made their gift to the 2021 Annual Appeal.

Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and Ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark?

Our goal can only be achieved through YOUR generosity! If you have not yet made a gift, there are pledge forms available in the pew and in the back of church, or you can visit

www.rcan.org/sharing.

Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Religious Education Reminder

Monthly testing is on January 24th, 2021 at the times listed below for K to 8th

K to 4th - 9:30am to 10:30am

5th to 8th - 11am to 12 noon

****Please make sure your child is caught up with all monthly lessons given by their teacher since September 2020.**

Our CCD staff would like to wish all of you and your families many blessings, health and love this new year. Be safe!

SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
MICHAEL QUAGLIANO
FROM: PETER & JOYCE PUGLESE



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

We're about to dive headlong into week two of Ordinary Time, and we need to admit, after the hustle and bustle of the holidays, things are indeed looking more ... ordinary, at least in our spiritual lives.

The transcendent highs of the Christmas season are flatlining a bit and the vivid imagery of the Nativity scene has faded. The solemn anticipation of the Advent season is by now a distant memory.

Are you bored yet?

Here's a secret: I think that Ordinary Time can actually be quite extraordinary, if we're really living out our baptismal call.

In today's Gospel, Jesus point-blank asks Andrew, who is following him after hearing John the Baptist's testimony: "What are you looking for?" He's asking us the same question.

What are you looking for? Why are you following me? Is it for the Christmas cookies and the Advent carols? Is it for the King's Cake on the Epiphany? Is it for the feeling we get on Christmas when we just know God has done a wondrous thing?

None of those things are bad, but they are not what Andrew was looking for, and they were not what Christ promised him when he said, "Come, and you will see." Andrew was looking for the Messiah — the One who makes even Ordinary Time extraordinary. The One who can sanctify the longest and dullest of to-do lists, on the longest and dullest of days. The One whose peace can reign in our homes on January 25, not just December 25.

Remember what you are looking for. Come, and you will see.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why do parishes have the Blessed Sacrament in a separate room?

Answer:

While many Catholics of a certain age have memories of the Blessed Sacrament being housed in the tabernacle on the high altar of the church, many parishes in the decades since the Second Vatican Council have chosen to build a separate space — a reservation chapel — where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. Although this practice is not universal, it is in keeping with the guidance offered by the US Bishops in their document *Built of Living Stones* (see nos 77-78). The goal is to create a space that is separated from the nave and sanctuary, but which is "integrally connected with the church" which can foster "reverence and can provide the quiet and focus needed for personal prayer." This can be especially important for communities that have continuous eucharistic adoration, allowing people to come and pray in a space separate from the normal activities of parish life.

The practice of reserving the Eucharist in a separate space — or in a dignified location away from the altar where Mass is celebrated — is that it emphasizes the importance of the liturgy itself, which is the "source and summit" of the life of the Church.

As with many things in the Church, the practice of placing the tabernacle in the sanctuary or in a separate chapel is not universal (as can be seen in visits to historic churches in Rome and other places). The important thing is that as communities question where to place the tabernacle, they listen to the voice of the Church, explore the ancient and varied liturgical tradition of the Church, consider the needs and life of the community, and also take into account the architecture and limits of the spaces they might already have.



Mass Intentions for the Week

- SATURDAY, JANUARY 16, 2021**
 5:30pm Anne Russell req. Bockskoph Family
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 17, 2021**
 7:30 Andrea Camps req. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parenti
 9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta
 10:30 Lucy Eckenrode req. Family
 12:00 Josefina Fernandez & Manuel Muinos req. Family
 Daniel Sullivan req. Joan Santos
- MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021**
 7:00 Susan Kovacs req. Gyelink Family
 8:00 Angelo Gomes req. The Homem Family
 7pm John Tighe req. The Sheridan Family
- TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**
 7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue,
 Dr. Bob & Jane Messier
 8:00 Gregory Escandell, Sr. req. Family
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2021**
 7:00 Darius Fonseca req. Gyelnik Family
 8:00 Maria Cotton req. Bockskopf Family
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021**
 7:00 Jennie Bavaro req. Jack & Helen Verdon
 8:00 Carmella Caruso Abbate req. Dennis & Ceil Cassidy
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 2021**
 7:00 Anna & Carmen Cicalese req. Audrey & Carmine
 Cicalese
 8:00 Jorge Ramirez req. Maria Borsellino
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 23, 2021**
 7:00 People of the Parish
 8:00 Jean Banchi req. John & Bob
 5:30pm Anna & Carmen Cicalese req. Nick & Mary Ann
 Marino
- SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021**
 7:30 Joe Herring req. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parenti
 9:00 Frank & Maria La Vecchia req. Family
 10:30 Rosemarie Ward req. The Wesley Family
 12:00 Rosalie Cook req. Theresa Bockskopf

SPECIAL DONATION

If you wish to make a special donation for the following items please fill out form and return to the Rectory.

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

We have often heard it said that God is always calling but we are not always listening. It is not only that we are not listening, but that we are not familiar enough with God to even recognize that it is God who is calling! We can easily mistake God's voice for someone or something else and miss some profound opportunities for connection. We have to train our minds, hearts, and souls to specifically listen for the voice of God. It is a voice that draws us to deeper places, leading us to moments of grace and more profound God awareness. To look at Jesus and be able to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God," means that I know something special about this person whom others know as simply a man. I will become more attentive and receptive when he says, "Come, and you will see." I may even be more willing to set aside what I am doing and actually go.



**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE
 AND AN END TO TERRORISM**

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~
 Brian Da Silva, Joseph Gillen, Mary Bernier, Frank D'Amato, Matilda Hennessy, Debra & Kenneth Hojnowski, S. Holland, Joseph Torre, Mark Cowen, Kathy Healy, Jan Sovinee, Barbara Roessle, Zoe Cardaci, Michael Butler, Lynda Misyak, Frank Sovinee, Vincent Veneruso, Marge Davis, Celestino & Maria Torres, Olivia Costello, Francisco Ortiz, John Matthews, Ed Jones, Eleanor Erhl, Barbara Walcheski, Thomas Rapuano, Billy Price, Michael O'Connor, Lisa Cianciulli, Theresa Russell, Elizabeth Wallace, Ann Marie Bolin, Lorraine Grill, Lyuba Labunsky, Maria Cereira, Alice Bexiga, Antonio Jose Coca, Michael McGowan, Tom Brennan, Bill Rush, Gabriella Spano, Joanne Foster, Anthony Cavallo, MaryEllen Golda, David Hawthorne, Aston Lofton, Alice Kelly, Rachael Craig, James Chambarry, Janice Pennell

Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.



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