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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.

February 21, 2021
1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, "Aspire not to have more, but to be more." These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the "idol of the self," keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It's not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn't just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. "Being more" means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the "quality" of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God's unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of "life in the good old days." Lent isn't about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It's about becoming something new. It's about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.

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.

February 14 \$4,946

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UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION:
www.stgensrcc.com.**

DAILY MASS IS ON LINE

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7PM**

Our 2nd collection this weekend is for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. When you participate in the collection, you help to make education and life opportunities a reality for at-risk youth, such as the young women in Tale, and you provide a witness of the faith to a recovering region. For more information about the collection and the projects it supports can be found at www.usccb.org/ceec.

FISH FRY The Elizabeth Knights of Columbus, Council 253, will host two fish fry's during lent. The first will be on Friday, February 26 and the second on Friday, March 19. Both will be from 5:30 PM to 8 PM. Fish dinners will be available to eat in, or take out. We will be complying with all COVID protocols. Eat in diners will be limited to 90 minutes. The cost is \$15 per adult, \$5 children - children under 5 free. Please Call the Council with any questions or to place a take-out order at 908 355 2253

SUNDAY'S READINGS - First Reading:

I will establish my covenant with you,
that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed
by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to
devastate the earth. (Gn 9:11)

Psalm:

Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those
who keep your covenant. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

Christ suffered for sins once,
the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous,
that he might lead you to God. (1 Pt 3:18)

Gospel:

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for 40 days,
tempted by Satan. (Mk 1:12-13)



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Update for Confirmation Mass

Date: March 6th, 2021

Time: 11am Mass (sponsor and candidate must arrive at 10:30 in the auditorium)

Place: St. Genevieve's Church

Dress as you would for Church.

Boys: dress pants and a nice shirt (you don't have to wear a suit and tie)

Girls: dress, skirt or pants with a nice top

Note: The photographer that we use at St. Genevieve's will be in the auditorium by 9:30am on 3-6-21 if you would like to arrive early to take pictures. He will also be there after Mass and will be taking pictures of all candidates receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

****VERY IMPORTANT****

Since we are still restricted as to how many people are allowed in the church, only parents of the child receiving Confirmation, the child and their sponsor will be allowed to attend. Parents can go up to church when they arrive. No siblings, other family or friends will be allowed to attend this mass. NO EXCEPTIONS

Please sit in the pews behind the reserved seats. Child and sponsor will need to arrive at 10:30am in the auditorium. Social distancing will be practiced and everyone MUST wear a mask.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

First Reading:

God promises Noah to use a "bow in the clouds" (a rainbow) as a sign and symbol of His divine pledge to never again allow a world-wide flood to devastate the earth. This is the Bible's first recorded covenant between God and humanity. What do you think of when you see a rainbow?

Second Reading:

Peter teaches that Jesus preached to both the living and the dead — those dead dating back to the days of Noah — and connecting us through baptism. What do you find intriguing about this idea?

Gospel:

We hear about Jesus' temptation in the desert and his inaugural gospel message to those living in Galilee. Jesus saw repentance as necessary to believe his good news. As we begin the Lenten journey, what aspects of your life require repentance?

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: Does it matter what leg you kneel on when genuflecting?

Answer:

Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting, becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. In our tradition, although many have been taught or prefer to genuflect by placing their right knee on the ground, there is no prescribed way to genuflect. This is especially important to keep in mind if physical limitations or age make certain movements difficult for us.

Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

HELP WANTED

Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth are seeking 2 nurses aides to work part-time days or evenings in their Infirmary caring for their 7 sisters. If interested please contact Sister Sharon (908)352-4278x313.

2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to request a copy of your 2020 contributions to the Church, kindly call (908)351-4444 or e-mail—stgens@optonline.net. We will be happy to mail it to you. Please note if you made a donation to the "Tree of Life" that donation has a posting date of 12/31/20 and is listed under the fund of "Special Donation". Thank you.

SPECIAL DONATION FOR WINE & HOSTS

SPECIAL INTENTION: FOR GRANDCHILD AND DAUGHTER—JULIAN SOFIA LUCAS

FROM: MR & MRS. RIBEIRO

Mass Intentions for the Week

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2021**
 5:30pm Anna Baumbach req. Daughter– Mariann
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021**
 7:30 Robert Kowalski req. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parenti
 9:00 Frank Baumbach req. Daughter Mariann
 10:30 Michael O'Donnell req. O'Connor Family
 12:00 Marcos Victor Miranda req. Lydia William Deegan req. Pender Family
- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2021**
 7:00 Carmen Cicalese req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese
 8:00 Daniel Hogan req. Richard & Virginia Griffith
 7pm Tom Lee req. Parenti Family
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021**
 7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier
 8:00 Edvarda Vachino 1st Anniv. req. Alice Gigl
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2021**
 7:00 For the Parishioners who passed away during Covid-19 req. A Parishioner
 8:00 Joseph LaSpata req. Family
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021**
 7:00 Robert Benkovick req. Helen & Jack Verdon
 8:00 John Tighe req. Mary Tighe
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2021**
 7:00 Savia Homem Abreu req. Lotita, Savannah, Tatiana & Nathalia
 8:00 Edvarda Vachino req. Alice Gigl
- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021**
 7:00 People of the Parish
 8:00 Joan Nisch req. Myron & Mary Anna Kleban
 5:30pm Sadie & Joe Marino req. Nick & Mary Ann Marino
- SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021**
 7:30 Michael Polly req. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parenti
 9:00 Lois Lodzinski Rivera req. Lodzinski Family
 10:30 James O'Brien req. Eileen Brady
 12:00 Joanne Arena req. Pasquale Arena

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~
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Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.

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

Throughout history God has given His people signs. Our season of Lent offers us God's sign that it is time to stop the ordinary routines of our lives, create some desert space, and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. We are asked to unplug from our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness to clear the slate and take stock in who we have become. We are asked to remember the ancient sign of God's covenant with humanity in which He vowed to nurture, sustain, and protect the relationship He has with His people. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God's love and how we can better imitate God's loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. Even though some good solid self-denial is the order of the day, greater happiness and wholeness will be the fruit of our labors. Pleasant journey through the desert!



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