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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.



PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR ANY UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION: www.stgensrcc.com.

DAILY MASS IS ON LINE

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS DURING LENT AT 7PM



The Elizabeth Knights of Columbus, Council 253, will host a fish fry during lent. The next fish fry will be on Friday, March 19. Time 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.

February 28, 2021

2nd Sunday of Lent

"Here I am!" he answered."- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, "Here I am, Lord," when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say "Here I am, Lord," when a neighbor needs our help, when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it's not convenient for us. Discipleship is not always easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

Be a Sweetheart



What better way to share your heart with someone than to help a person in time of need? Would you be willing to take a few moments and look in your closet today? We accept clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels and children's books in our Donation Bin. Thank you with all our heart.

THIS WEEKEND IS OUR RED ENVELOPE MAINTENANCE COLLECTION. Thank you for your continued support.



Dear Friends,

As I am sure everyone knows by now, last weekend I announced at all the Masses that I would be retiring on June 30th. I want to thank everyone for the tremendous support you gave me after each of the Masses. I was very nervous about sharing such news because it was such a difficult decision to make for me after so many years with you and how it would affect you as well.

I arrived at St. Genevieve's as a newly ordained priest in June 1971 at the age of 27 and will retire June 30, 2021, 50 years later at the age of 77.

Many of you were a part of that 50 year journey. As I said on Sunday, we have laughed together and cried together and have grown in faith through it all. Your support and love for me has been a tremendous gift especially during the difficult times.

I am not retiring from being a priest by retiring, so I know we will continue the journey in some way. The role of a retired pastor in the parish is determined by the new pastor, so I will leave that in God's hands.

In the meantime we have so much to celebrate together, Lent, Holy Week, Divine Mercy Sunday and a 50th Anniversary Day in May.

I will keep you abreast of what the plans are. Keep me in your prayers, as I will keep you in mine.

As Always,

Fr. George

2022 MASS BOOK INFORMATION

Our 2022 Mass book will open in early April. We will take appointments and have only 1 person in the rectory at a time. We will take these precautions so hopefully anyone coming in to book masses will feel safe. Thank you for your understanding and more information will follow.

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 21 \$6,316

Eastern Europe \$561

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's request of Abraham to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac seems cruel from our modern perspective. Yet Abraham's obedience rendered divine blessings. Do you think you have such depth of faith?

Second Reading:

Paul tries to reassure the Christians in Rome of God's divine providence in our lives. As we continue the Lenten journey, can you recall when have you felt God's protection and comfort?

Gospel:

We hear Mark's account of the apostles' witness of the transfiguration of Jesus. How difficult do you think it was for them not to share this event with anyone until after Jesus rose from the dead?



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 we use incense at Mass?

Answer:

The use of incense in religious ceremonies and worship is a practice that predates Christianity, and which is also found in many other religious traditions today.

Incense, which is made from resin infused with aromatic pieces and oils, is one of those fundamentally human symbols that incorporates more than one of our senses, helping us to reflect on realities that transcend the everyday details of our lives.

The use of incense in the Church's liturgy — in the Mass, as well as in devotions to the Eucharist and the Liturgy of the Hours — is inspired by the use of incense in the Jewish tradition. In the writings of the Old Testament, we hear about incense being used in the worship of the temple, and Psalm 141 asks, "Let my prayer be incense before you; my uplifted hands an evening offering" (vs. 2). The image here is that, as the incense gently rises to heaven, our prayers also rise to God as something sweet and pleasant.

Another ancient use of incense that has also become part of our Catholic tradition is the idea that when we incense something, it's because it is something special or sacred. This is why the Book of the Gospel is incensed during the Liturgy of the Word and the bread, wine, priest celebrant, and congregation are incensed at the presentation of the gifts. To this, we can also add the incensing of the Blessed Sacrament during eucharistic adoration and benediction, and the body of the deceased at the end of the Mass of the Resurrection (the Funeral Mass).

SPECIAL DONATION FOR WINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: SUSAN SHEEHAN

FROM: JOANNE CONRAD

SPECIAL DONATION FOR CANDLES

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FROM: ANGELA ROCCO GEER

SECOND WEEK OF LENT

Mass Intentions for the Week

SPECIAL DONATION

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

WINE ___ or HOSTS ___ FOR COMMUNION

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The donation may be made for the following:

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How is your Lent going so far? In changing the circumstances and order of our lives a bit, perhaps we can hear God's voice more clearly and drink more deeply of graced moments we experience. Having God as a friend always involves several things. First, there is God's call. We become attuned to the echo of God's voice in the depth of our souls calling and beckoning us to listen. Second, there is a request. We begin to see that God asks us to do certain things, to order our lives a particular way, and become more intentional in the choices we make. Third, there is trust. Do we trust this call and request? Trust commits us to the relationship and makes a claim on who we are. Finally, we are asked to act. We find ourselves acting, not in the way we used to, but in a transformed, more enlightened way. Things seem clearer and all that is around us shines with the brilliance of God's presence. God's call came through a cloud, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him," This is the call and the request. Can we give God our trust and do as God asks?



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2021

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

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2021

7:00 Sylvia Dickinson req. Isabel Thompson

8:00 Thomas Skelton req. Joyce Sauer

7pm Salvatore Parenti req. Parenti Family

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2021

7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier

8:00 Souls in Purgatory req. Homem Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2021

7:00 Vincent Gnielka req. Family

8:00 Tadeusz Wiczorkowski req. Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2021

7:00 Joseph Homem req. Family

8:00 Maria DeMarco req. Richard & Virginia Griffith

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem Abreu req. Helen & Jack Verdon

8:00 Joanne Arena req. Pasquale Arena

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Agnes Barone req. Pietz Family

5:30pm Anna Cicalese req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2021

7:30 Mary McHale req. Mr. & Mrs. M. Parenti

9:00 Carol Cascio req. Walter & Lynda Lodzinski

10:30 Larry Tango req. Peggi & Jenna Tango

12:00 Elizabeth Maruschak req. Mary, Michael & Martin

Kathleen Hunter req. The Corbo Family



Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Osfir & Juli Valverde, Carol Chiari, 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 Cereira, 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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