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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.



March 21, 2021
5th Sunday of Lent

Any good teacher or parent will tell you that once a lesson is really learned it doesn't need to be taught again. When we internalize things we have learned, they become a part of who we are and influence how we perceive and interact with our world. The same is true for the law God has written upon our hearts. Once humanity learns this lesson, we will simply know it to be true and act accordingly. Sometimes, it is hard to get people to learn the lessons they need to learn. They are often distracted, disinterested, conflicted, misdirected, or just too stubborn and unable or unwilling to see what is right before their eyes. Understanding that God is in a loving and committed relationship with those fashioned and formed in God's own image, seems like such a simple lesson to learn. But history and experience has proven that it is not.

We struggle with faith, especially when that faith asks us to learn something very particular about ourselves. We must, like a grain of wheat, fall to the ground and die. Because God's DNA is at the very core of who we are, there are specific pearls of wisdom that must be acquired before we can live a full life. One very powerful lesson is that it is not the task of the world to tell us who we are and what has meaning, but God. For many, death is not an opportunity for greater life but a permanent ending to the life they have known. Jesus knew every dimension to what it means to be fully human because he was! He knows the joys, limitations, sorrows, frustrations, wonders, suffering, opportunities, and joys of the human experience. Jesus can teach us a wealth of knowledge and life's lessons from his example, especially obedience.

When we accept the law God has placed in our hearts and gain wisdom from it, then when we suffer we learn to listen more attentively to the Voice behind that law. We naturally flee to our Creator for inspiration, consolation, hope, direction, and comfort as we navigate through this time of darkness. We will not need to run from it, subdue it, fight it, or be overcome by it because we will know, having internalized this profound lesson before, that God will bring new life. God's law is love and love never fails. Even in the moments of Jesus' deepest despair, he glorified the name of his Father. What he learned allowed him to put everything in perspective and be obedient to the tender, loving Voice that echoed within. As Lent quickly winds down, may we learn the same! Then, may we gain the fortitude and wisdom to help others see what is right before their eyes.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

EASTER CONFESSIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 29 AT 7:30PM (after Novena Mass)

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 1

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 2

3:00pm Commemoration of the Passion
And Death of our Lord & Communion

7:00pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 3

(No Confessions)

11:30am Blessing of Food

8:00pm Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY MASSES, APRIL 4

7:30, 9:00, 10:30, 12:00 Noon

2022 MASS BOOK INFORMATION

Our 2022 Mass book will open on Wednesday, April 7. Because of Covid we want to keep everyone safe while booking Masses. On April 7th the booking of masses will be by appointment only. We will start taking appointments on Tuesday March 23rd at 10am. Also we ask that everyone please wear a mask and only come at your appointed time. This will help keep everyone safe. You may also call in your masses starting April 8th or drop them in either the front or back mailbox or also mail them in. Please understand that April 7th will be for in person bookings only. Mass intentions are \$10. each and we ask that everyone please be considerate while booking the weekend Masses. The 7am Masses on Saturdays and Holy Days are for the People of the Parish. Thank you for your understanding and for any questions please call 908-351-4444 between 9 and 4.



2nd COLLECTIONS FOR MARCH

March 20-21– Campaign for Human Development

March 27-28– Red Envelope Maintenance

We thank you for your continued generosity.

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.

March 14 \$4482

Easter Flowers \$ 592

March 21, 2021

5th Sunday of Lent

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbors and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When Our Own Hour Comes

We parents know that it's tricky, tackling the topic of fear with our kids. We want them to know that it's okay to be scared, that it's something we all feel from time to time. We want them to understand that bravery isn't the absence of fear, but the choices we make in persevering despite that feeling.

Most of all, we want to model the right kind of behavior for our kids. Whatever our scary situation is — illness, a job loss, life changes — we want them to see us make a choice to face that fear head-on.

Jesus seems to be the parent who is gently broaching the topic of fear with his children. A great sense of foreboding hangs over these readings. Jesus knew what was coming. He knew it was going to be hard, both for him and for his followers, who did not have his courage. Even he admits to being "troubled" and he speaks of "the time of judgment." There is the dramatic raising of Lazarus, the talk of how a grain of wheat must die in order to bear fruit, the depiction of Christ as an obedient student of his own suffering.

"Yet what should I say?" he asks them. "Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour."

This week, Christ gives us a very parental gift: He shows us his fear, and he shows us how to conquer it. He challenges us to embrace the purpose for which we came to this hour — whatever that hour may hold.



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.

BOY SCOUTS TO SELL PALM CROSSES

The Boy Scouts of St. Genevieve's Troop 23 will be selling Palm Crosses this year. Crosses sell for \$10 each and will be on sale outside the Church after all Masses on the weekends of March 20-21 and March 27-28. Though traditionally used to decorate graves in the Easter season, palm crosses are now also being used to proclaim the joy of Easter inside and outside of homes as well. Put one on your lawn, hang it on your front door, or place it on your mantel.

Lent - Sacrifice - Donation Bins - Any Connection?



Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we move closer to Christ, we become more charitable. Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closet and donate any unwanted items to the Catholic Charities Donation Bin located on the property?

If you do, you have made the connection.

SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF: VINCENT SANTILLO
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FROM: JOANNE CONRAD

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FROM: ANGELA ROCCO GEER

FIFTH 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

CANDLES ___ FOR THE ALTAR

The donation may be made for the following:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

IN THANKSGIVING _____

SPECIAL INTENTION _____

NAME _____

DONATION _____



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

How do we convince people that God’s law is written upon their hearts? God is wedded to God’s people. This is a simple and fundamental fact of life. Yet, many ignore this truth and carry on as if they, or humanity as a whole, are the center of the universe. As a grain of wheat has to fall to the ground and die in order to become what it really is, we too must die to our secular images and ideas of ourselves so that we can become who God really made us to be. If all of us kept our focus on God’s deep bonded love with human beings, indeed with our very self, then there would be no need to teach others this fundamental life lesson. They would simply know this truth, as Jeremiah tells us. Somehow, perhaps through original and personal sin, we have lost sight of this reality. We have lost our way and our axis. It is time to find our way back, to learn the virtue of obedience, to pay attention to what God is saying and become aware of the Divine Love that is the reason for all creation. Then, even in our darkest hour when all may seem to be lost, we can say as did Jesus, the model of obedience, “Father, glorify your name,” By this perseverance, people can come to know the Lord and what God has done.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 2021

5:30pm Merv Baxter req. Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 21, 2021

7:30 Raymond J. Purkis, Jr. req. Your Loving Family

9:00 Dorothea & John Pierce, Elizabeth & Ellis Gould

10:30 Margaret McGrath Trotter & Family req. John & Mary Ann Trotter

12:00 William Eckenrode req. Family

Antonio Aceituno req. Hernandez Family

MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021

7:00 Mary McCabe req. Family

8:00 Gloria Guerra req. Smith Family

7pm Joe Leonard req. Wife Pat

TUESDAY, MARCH 23, 2021

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

8:00 Dr. Thomas F. Bejgrowicz req. The Smith Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24, 2021

7:00 Rose DiGiorgio req. John & JoAnn Malone

8:00 Lois Mac Namara req. Jackie Kelleher

THURSDAY, MARCH 25, 2021

7:00 Matthew Arthur Coyle req. Family

8:00 Joe Leonard req. The Green Family

FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2021

7:00 For the Parishioners who Passed away during Covid-19 req. A Parishioner

8:00 Nulkeen Bill req. The Shannon Family

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Margaret A. Trigo req. Donna Pietz & Family

5:30pm Deceased Members of the Fernandez-Gutierrez Family req. Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2021

7:30 Dan & Margurite Quinn req. Family

9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

10:30 Lucy Eckenrode req. Family

12:00 Lew Serrano req. Almeida Family
Joanne Arena req. Fowler Family

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Judy Leonardi, 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 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



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