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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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Because of the overwhelmingly positive response, St. Genevieve's will again celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday **TODAY**, April 11th at 3:00pm.

All are invited and encouraged to participate. Service includes—Confession 2:30pm, Divine Mercy prayers Chaplet, Reflections, Adoration and Benediction.



In Your Easter Bonnet



“In your Easter bonnet with all the frills upon it” are some of the lyrics to a very popular song which reflects the joys of the Easter season. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life. Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing and other items to the Donation Bin(s) located on the property. May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you.

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.

Holy Land	\$ 887
Easter	\$19,331
Assessment	\$ 1,167

April 11, 2021

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. “Mercy is the heart of God,” Pope Francis tells us. The image of a heart has been used to point to the very life source of a person as it is the organ that allows life to flow through our veins and sustain us. Mercy is the heart of God. Imagine this dynamic, powerful, compassionate, piercing, embracing, loving, propelling, penetrating, absorbing, and enveloping, transforming presence of God flowing into the very depth of our souls. It is God’s mercy that allows blood to flow through our veins. It is God’s mercy that forms every atom of our being and leads us to what is true. God’s mercy reveals all superficiality and falsehood, and lays bare all distortions, empty promises, weakness, and sin.

“Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope,” Pope Francis continues. God’s all forgiving, compassionate love is with us. When we finally believe and accept that Christ’s resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life’s imperfections and disappointments and move on. Every day is a new adventure in new life. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn’t matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way. It is so easy to remain tethered and mired in the past, but there is no need to do so. God is all about tomorrow and the work God has yet to do in our lives.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do and nothing God cannot fashion. After all, everything we know and treasure was once nothing, and look what God did with the nothing God had! The resurrected Christ stands before us with nail marks in his wrists and wounds on his body as a testament that not even injustice, suffering and death can trample over and destroy God’s mercy. What have we to fear? Why do we keep ourselves from peace? Our lack of faith prevents us from going forward and fully receiving the holiness God desires to breathe upon us. Breathe in God’s mercy, allow the wind of God’s presence to kiss all of your sins and caress all of your fears. Exhale peace.

April 11, 2021

Divine Mercy Sunday

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - ACTS 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Eye Has Not Seen

They say seeing is believing. But if you've ever ordered a pair of pants online, you know that's not always the case. Whatever the photos promise us, what looked like a perfectly nice shade of navy blue on our computer screens comes in the mail as an unusual shade of blue green that only appears in the giant box of Crayola crayons.

The Apostle Thomas, who couldn't bring himself to accept that Jesus had risen from the dead without seeing him, is such an utterly relatable figure in the Gospels. Thomas is still reeling from a loss — not only of his good friend but his Lord, who was taken prisoner and crucified before his eyes. Thomas is guarding himself. He's not believing the hype. He's going to be the only judge of what is real and what is fiction.

Would any of us be any different? We've all had those thoughts. Can we believe it all — Jesus, salvation history, the Eucharist — when we haven't seen it with our own two eyes?

That's when we need to remember that those two eyes were absolutely positive they had ordered a pair of navy blue pants.

It's easy for us to sit back stroking our chins in judgment at Thomas, "you didn't believe the testimony of your friends!" But do we accept the testimony of our friends? The saints, the popes, the Church fathers themselves?

Sometimes the things that are most worthy of believing can't be seen with the naked eye.

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.

In honor of Mothers Day, Council 253, the Cryan Association, and the Nugent Association are honoring Mothers everywhere by collecting supplies for young moms and babies who are struggling. We need NEW items like diapers, wipes, baby gear, formula, baby food, clothing and/or gift cards (Target, Walmart, Amazon, Visa, MC, Shoprite, etc). The collection will be Mothers Day weekend - May 6-9. Your donations can be dropped off at the K of C #253, 328 Union Ave, Elizabeth NJ on Thursday, May 6 between 5PM and 9pm, or at Dowling's Irish Pub, 117 Chestnut St, Roselle Park NJ from Friday, May 7 to Sunday, May 9. For any questions, or to arrange pick-up, please call Meghan (908 868 4434), Kathy (908 906 4622), or Allison (908 377 6782)

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WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Why are priests transferred from one parish to another? How is that decided?

Answer:

Bishops take the appointment of pastors to parishes very seriously and the decision to assign or transfer priests is one of the most important decisions bishops can make, effecting the lives of everyone in the parish community.

In 1984, the bishops of the United States implemented a six-year term limit for pastors (which can be renewed by bishop); term limits for associate pastors vary from diocese to diocese. Sometimes a particular priest is assigned to a parish or chaplaincy to respond to specific issues (such as a parish merger, a fundraising campaign, or because he has special qualifications that make him a good fit for the community). In the case of new or recently ordained priests, the vibrancy and diversity, the presence of a school, or certain social programs offer invaluable training and ongoing formation.

In making their decisions regarding the placement of priests, most bishops rely on a priest personnel committee or a council of priests. There is also a period of dialogue with the priest(s) who will be moved, sometimes even including an extended period of discernment and self-assessment, helping to be as sure as possible that the assignment of a priest to a particular community will truly benefit the people and be a healthy one for the priest himself.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021

5:30pm Francisco & Eulalia Feita req. Francisco Feito Lopez

SUNDAY, APRIL 11, 2021

7:30 Anna Senatore req. Family

9:00 Arlene Lodzinski 26th Anniv req. Lodzinski Family

10:30 Elvira Imbriaco req. Linda & Frank Malta

12:00 Fr. John Netta req. Tillotson Family

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021

7:00 Reynaldo Garcia req. Isabel Thompson

8:00 Bill Zajaczkowski req. Donna Ricciardi

7pm Nicholas Carnet req. Parenti Family

TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 2021

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

8:00 Frank Baumbach 13th Anniv. req. Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem Abreu req. Lotita, Savannah, Tatiana & Nathalia

8:00 Eddie Hopkins req. Hopkins Family

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2021

7:00 Joe Homem req. Wanda Kremaska

8:00 Bill Barry req. The Green Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. Wanda Kremaska

8:00 Frank D'Amato req. St. Gens Choir

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Diane Friscia req. Donna Pietz & Family

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2021

7:30 Genevieve Dougherty req. St. Gen's Helping Hands

9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

10:30 Jan Gnielka req. Family

12:00 Ida Sisto req. Mr. & Mrs. Gabriel Bouillon

Cuca Pastoriza req. Hernandez Family

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

Alleluia! Forgiveness has risen from the grave! What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God. When experienced, we are moved to do all in our power to avoid sin and embrace the loving presence of our risen God. God stands ever ready to receive us and wants nothing more than for us to come home. How reluctant we are to believe this truth! We want proof, tangible evidence and absolute assurance that what we have been told is true. Jesus has risen from the dead and brings us peace. It is the gift of wholeness and holiness that is breathed upon us by God's life-giving and healing mercy. May the rays of love that flow from the heart of Christ pierce ours!



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