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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.



April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.



MOTHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCE

This Mother's Day you may have your Mother, or any other special woman, living or deceased remembered in all the Masses said in St. Genevieve's Church on May 9. These envelopes will remain on the altar and remembered in all mass intentions for 9 days.

Kindly take one of the envelopes and write the names you would like remembered on the Mother's Day envelope and return it to the rectory or in the collection basket at mass.

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 on Thursday, May 6 between 5PM and 9pm, or at Dowling's Irish Pub, 117 Chestnut St, Roselle Park 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)

April 18, 2021
3rd Sunday of Easter

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

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.

Easter	\$1,730
April 11	\$3,319

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FREE SOCIAL DISTANCED PAPER SHRED EVENT! Do you have old taxes, paperwork, documents and files that have important and/or confidential information that CAN'T be thrown away without the risk of it falling into the wrong hands?

Please join Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home for our 2021 FREE Paper Shredding Event in the Krowicki McCracken Parking Lot (2124 East St. George Ave, Linden, from 12:00 to 3:00pm on Saturday April 24, 2021. Bring a small stack, or garbage bags worth of documents that you need to dispose of properly for no cost and risk free! For more information please contact *Matthew V. Marini* at Krowicki McCracken Funeral Home 908-352-9190.



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

How to Fail Your Way to Heaven

You know what are some of my favorite moments in Scripture? The little "Easter eggs" of Jesus' humanity, things like Jesus falling asleep, Jesus drawing in the sand, Jesus playing with kids. And how about Jesus rising from the dead, appearing to his disciples and saying, "So, have you got anything to eat?"

It's right for us to always keep in mind that Jesus is God. But we also have to remember that he was man. He got hungry. He cried when he felt sad and laughed when he felt happy. He got tired. He got bored.

Because he was God, none of those feelings ever led him into sin, like they do us. He never spent a car ride trying to pass the hours by seeing how annoyed he could make his older sister. He never smacked Peter over the head for saying something really stupid. But he did unleash some Biblically righteous anger on those traders in the temple, didn't he? And he wasn't shy about calling Peter "a Satan" when his friend tempted him to take the easy way out.

It's the tightrope walk we all try to balance every day, honoring our human emotions while still answering God's call to be better. Being perfect isn't the domain of the

Christian — that's the domain of Christ only. Trying and failing, then trying again (and failing again) and again and again? That's the domain of the Christian.

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer:

For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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:

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LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When the greeting “Peace be with you” is sincerely offered to a person, it can resonate very deep within, bringing comfort and reassurance. When someone possesses the power to bring peace, it brings us to a place of safety and fills us with joy. The resurrected Christ has this power. God can open our minds so that we can more fully understand the meaning of Sacred Scripture and God’s compassionate, loving, tender, and untiring embrace constantly present and offered to people throughout history. Without the anchor of truth that only God can provide, we can easily become startled and terrified at the sight of what life brings us. Being open to God’s offer of peace, we can turn away from old habits and short-sighted vision and experience the gladness and joy of God’s gift. Only then can what is wounded and broken be mended and reconciliation achieved. We are the resurrection witnesses called to proclaim the Good News.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2021

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

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

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

8:00 Msgr. William Harms req. Anjanette Valiante

7pm Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2021

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

8:00 Graciela Usman-Beron req. Donna Ricciardi

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2021

7:00 Pedro Alibudbud req. Miranda Family

8:00 Joanne Arena req. Pasquale Arena

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. Geraldine

8:00 Jack Andersen req. Richard & Ann Green

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2021

7:00 (Living) Christine D’Costa—Special Intention
req. Homem Family

8:00 Frank Triolo req. Richard & Virginia Griffith

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Carlos M. Caraballo req. Donna Pietz

5:30pm Robert Curry req. Mr. & Mrs. F. Fieto

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

7:30 Savia Abreu req. Geraldine Shannon

9:00 Harry Atkinson 17th Anniv. req. Lynda Lodzinski &
Family

10:30 Segundo Valderrama req. Family

12:00 Barbara Faccone req. Irene & Jim Henkes

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

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