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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

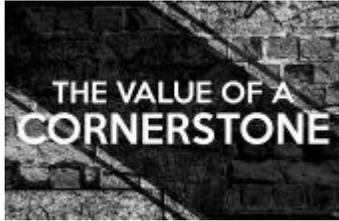
## MARRIAGES:

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 25, 2021  
Fourth Sunday of Easter

Any builder worth his or her salt knows the value and importance of a cornerstone. Properly laying and securing this primary unit determines how the rest of the project unfolds and its success. Cornerstones are necessary elements not only of buildings but of lives as well. Many human beings conduct the business of their lives paying little attention to a grounding reference or starting point. Hence, what unfolds is a tapestry of relativism, with few anchors or guideposts and many impulsive choices. Some consider love to be their cornerstone. While this may sound attractive and useful, the pursuit of love without a simultaneous pursuit of its source can be shallow and self-focused. Just because a person chooses to do no harm and love others does not mean that they are living in truth and properly anchored to the real cornerstone.

Jesus is the true and authentic cornerstone and shepherd. It is only in following the Risen One as the way, the truth, and the life that we can move from being well grounded ethical people to properly focused moral ones. Proper conduct, a true sense of justice, wisdom, virtue, moral principles, faith, hope, and love will be difficult to find unless we listen to the right Voice. It is when we learn to listen to the voice of God that we begin our journey on the road to salvation. It is only the Good Shepherd, the authentic and solid cornerstone, who can guide us through life's questions and challenges and bring us to the safe and proper pasture.

A person's life only has meaning when the cornerstone is properly selected and set. Understanding themselves only as random acts of creation, existing without intent or purpose, will color their choices and influence their decisions. The foundation of their lives will be simply a matter of preference and choice, leaving benchmarks of growth and higher ideals optional to pursue. Whereas people who believe that they are fashioned and loved into existence by a God who purposely made them, have this incredible unconditional relationship at their source which has tremendous significance. Their allegiance is not to themselves but to their Creator. Life, then, is an adventure in search of this Creator God and a journey of self-discovery that seeks to unite their will to His. There is a cost. We have to give up our life in order to gain our life. As ironic as that sounds, it is true. It is only when we finally figure this out that the true cornerstone of our lives will be properly laid and we can, with God's help, get about the business of properly constructing a temple that endures.



**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 25, 2021  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

*"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice."*

- JOHN 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Him what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.

**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	\$720.
April 18	\$5,153

## ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL UPDATE

Our Parish is currently at 60% of goal with \$25,150. pledged from 72 families. Will you join your fellow parishioners in supporting this effort that strengthens many important programs and ministries across the Archdiocese of Newark?

If you have not yet made a gift, there are pledge envelopes available at the entrances of church and in the pews. Or you can visit [www.rcan.org/sharing](http://www.rcan.org/sharing) and select our parish. Your gift will truly make a difference. Thank you for your prayers and support.

ROSELLE CATHOLIC HS will hold a Virtual Tricky Tray on May 22. There will be hundreds of baskets and prizes and a Grand Prize valued at \$1,500 and a 50/50 Raffle. To purchase tickets and for more info please go to <https://www.rosellecatholic.org/upcoming-events/tricky-tray>.

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

### Confidence in Princes

Have you ever confided your problems to a friend, only to get the answer, "have you prayed about it as much as you've talked about it?"

Like all good advice, it can really irritate the recipient at first. Here I am, vulnerable and wounded, unloading my problems, and this joker tries to load them right back up and ship them off to someone with a higher pay grade.

But again, like all good and irritating advice, it rings true if you sit and think about it.

Sure, venting is helpful. We all need that friend or family member who can listen to our problems. But if we ever start to think that person can solve them, it's a good sign that we're losing perspective.

Are you looking to the world for an answer? Are you looking in the mirror, expecting to find a solution to your problems? Are you expecting happiness, peace, contentment or justice to come from any place other than God?

"It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to put confidence in princes," the Psalms tell us. Well, I've never put much confidence in princes. But when it comes to problems, I often find myself telling God to take a step back — "I've got this."

It's tough to pray about any problem as much as you talk about it. We want so badly to tackle the issue ourselves. But I'll let you in on a secret: it doesn't matter what the question is, we don't have the answer. Take it to the One who does.

## FREE SOCIALLY DISTANCED PAPER SHREDDING EVENT

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 McCracken Funeral Home for our 2021 FREE Paper Shredding Event in the Holy Spirit Church Parking Lot (971 Suburban Rd, Union, NJ 07083) from 11:00 to 2:00pm on Saturday May 1, 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 McCracken Funeral Home 908-686-4700.



## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What are the requirements for being a confirmation sponsor?

### Answer:

Although many dioceses have specific requirements for who can be a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Code of Canon Law identifies certain requirements that are true for all dioceses and parishes. First, the sponsor should be chosen by the one to be confirmed (or, in some cases, by the parents or even the pastor). Second, a sponsor must be at least sixteen years old (unless the local bishop has chosen another age, or a special exception has been made). Third, the sponsor must be a Catholic who has been confirmed and who has already received the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Beyond this, they must lead "a life of faith in keeping with the function to be taken on." Fourth, they can have no sort of canonical penalty or impediment. Finally, they cannot be either the father or mother of the one to be confirmed (See Canons 893, §1 and 874, §1).

In some cultures, it is customary for one of the confirmand's godparents to act as sponsor, although this is not required by Church law.

To learn about the requirements for your parish or diocese, you can consult your pastor or your parish or diocesan director of religious education or the diocese's office liturgy and worship.

## **THIS WEEKEND IS OUR RED ENVELOPE MAINTENANCE COLLECTION.**

Thank you for your continued support.

*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.

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**LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK**

The cornerstone is the first stone that is laid and the stone that not only determines how the other stones are placed but the position of the entire structure. As human beings, we need a cornerstone or reference point so that our lives can be properly placed and positioned. Our cornerstone determines not only how we see ourselves but who we will become. Without a cornerstone or reference point, we will be disconnected, disoriented, and poorly positioned for effective action in our world. In order to be the children of God we are, Jesus Christ needs to be our cornerstone and the reference point for all that we do. He alone is the Good Shepherd who can guide us through life's questions and challenges, bringing us to proper pasture. Without this proper base, we can easily fall into the trap of self-aggrandizement and quickly lose our way. If that happens, then moral principles, proper conduct, justice, wisdom, and virtue will be difficult to find. We need to listen to the right voices and allow God to show us how to build our house well. Salvation only comes from God and only God will protect us, no matter the cost.

***REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM***

**SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2021**

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

**MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2021**

7:00 Virginia & Danny Ferry req. the Ferry Family

8:00 Msgr. Philip T. McCabe 50th Anniv.

7pm Alex Azor req. Anthony Parenti

**TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2021**

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

8:00 James DeSalvo req. John & Joanne Malone

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2021**

7:00 Purkis/Gil Families req. Mary Ellen Purkis

8:00 Joanne Arena req. The Fowler Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2021**

7:00 Ann Russell req. Tom & Cathy Deckert

8:00 Rolando Castillo req. Carman & Francisco Feito

**FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2021**

7:00 Anthony Homem req. Homem Family

8:00 Kathleen Rattigan req. Richard & Virginia Griffith

**SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021**

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 For the Parishioners who passed away during Covid-19 req. A Parishioner

5:30pm Anna Baumbach 10th Anniv. req. Family

**SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2021**

7:30 Margaret Knapp req. Tom & Cathy Deckert

9:00 Ruth Dowling req. Lynes Family

10:30 O'Connor & O'Donnell Families req. Family

12:00 Henrietta Cerullo req. Dr. Cerullo

*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, Rachael Craig, James Chambarry, Janice Pennell

Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.



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