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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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON SATURDAY. PLEASE KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

- BRIANNA ARIAS**
- ANNABELLE ARROYO**
- CLARK ARROYO**
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- MASON SANTANA**
- MASON SUAGUA**
- SCOTT TIZON**
- MIA TORRES**
- KATHERINE VILELA**
- JACOB WENZEL**

IMPORTANT MESSAGE PLEASE TAKE NOTE

Because of Covid-19, Cardinal Tobin has transferred the Holy Day of the Ascension of the Lord (originally Thursday, May 13) to The weekend of May 15-16. Masses on May 13 will be only the 7 and 8am. The intentions for the 12Noon Mass on May 13 will be said on Saturday May 15th at 7am and the intentions for the 7pm Mass on May 13 will be said on Saturday May 22 at 7am.



CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD

On May 29 I will be ordained 50 years, 26 of those years here at St. Genevieve's, as a newly ordained priest from 1971 to 1981 and as pastor the last 16 plus years. To celebrate such an occasion we will have special liturgies the weekend of May 22/23. Because of the pandemic and the Churches being closed, Fr. Ronnie was not able to celebrate his 25th Anniversary last Spring, so I invited him to come back and together we will celebrate our priesthood. We will both speak at all the Masses (briefly) and then go to the front lawn of the Church to tell the stories, laugh, eat light refreshments and enjoy being with you. I hope you will be able to join us. I will also share with you my thoughts about retiring on July 1. For me it has been a tremendous journey with wonderful support from my 3 assignments, St. Gen's, Union Catholic High School 1981-1993 and St. Joseph's Roselle 1993-2004. Looking forward to seeing you on May 22/23. Fr. George

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.

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.

April 25	\$5,600
Maintenance	\$1,700

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 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.rosellocatholic.org/upcoming-events/tricky-tray>.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Branching Out Isn't Always What It's Cracked Up to Be

“That’s a really beautiful tree branch. Man, would you look at the bark on that thing? The others are real duds, but that low-hanging branch has really got it all together.”

I’ve never heard anyone say this. Maybe I just need to hang out with more arborists, but I can’t recall ever hearing someone admire the particular beauty of a single branch. When someone comments on a tree, it’s usually the whole tree — perhaps a visual element of it, like the color of the leaves or its height. But people don’t usually zero in on one branch.

Maybe that’s because usually, if one branch is looking a little weak, chances are every other branch is, too.

The Bible tells us that when we bear fruit as good everyday stewards, it is for the Father’s glory. We are the branch on His magnificent tree. What we have is from Him, and what we do likewise points back to Him. We also tend to reflect how well the other branches around us are incorporating the nutrients coming their way. That’s all fine and good in theory. In practice, it can be an arduous exercise in humility.

When I do something virtuous or charitable or kind, there is a part of me that wants to stand out for it. I think that’s true for all of us. We’ve given of ourselves in some way or overcome some human temptation to accomplish a little bit of good in this world, and even though we know God sees us, we’d really love for everyone else to see it, too.

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)

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: Is gossip a mortal sin?

Answer:

To really ask this question, we must consider the Eighth Commandment: “You shall not bear false witness.”

In its reflections on this commandment, The Catechism of the Catholic Church invites us to not only think about what bearing “false witness” means, but to also consider how we understand the truth and how we communicate more broadly. This is why so much of this section of the Catechism has to do with the gift of language. With this in mind, we will notice that the word “gossip” isn’t used by the Catechism. Instead, we find the words “detraction” and “calumny,” which are actually two forms that gossip can take, and both can be quite serious.

First, detraction is the of revealing “another’s faults and failings to persons who did not know them,” without morally valid reasons. Calumny, by extension, is saying something about another person that is untrue, and it is sinful because it “harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgements” (see no. 2477).

In all of our communication, we have to always recognize that we have a moral obligation to the truth and to always work to protect the reputation and honor of our neighbors (see no. 2479).

Gossip can, in fact, prove to be a very serious sin. After all, the Catechism reminds us: “No one is bound to reveal the truth to someone who does not have the right to know it” (no. 2489). When we have gossiped, especially if we are aware we have damaged another person’s good name or reputation, we want to make every effort to undo the damage we have done, including seeking the grace and forgiveness offered in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

Anyone familiar with gardening knows that proper and timely pruning is essential. The health of the plant depends upon it. An unpruned tree can quickly produce suckers that zap many of the essential nutrients from its body. Pruning requires patience and vision. Studies reveal that plants often respond defensively to being pruned, displaying reactions that are similar to hurt or discomfort. Pruning is not easy but necessary. A hard lesson for us to learn is that we also need to be pruned. We become far healthier when we allow God to stretch, refine, and form us into the best version of ourselves. The fruit that then comes from our vines will be more abundant, nutritious, and robust. Left to our own devices we can easily find ourselves running amuck and spiraling out of control. Without a proper vision and trust in the Master Pruner, we will never find the contentment we desperately desire. Nor will the work of the Gospel stand a chance of succeeding.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2021

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

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2021

7:00 Souls in Purgatory req. Homem Family

8:00 Thomas Curran req. Kathleen Tillotson

7pm Aceituno Family req. Hernandez Family

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2021

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

8:00 Joseph Homem req. Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021

7:00 Lena & Patrick Graffeo req. Nick & MaryAnne Marino

8:00 Theophilus & Splitt Family req. Family

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021

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

8:00 Rose Cautillo Netta & Family req. John & Mary Ann Trotter

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2021

7:00 Mr. & Mrs. Caetano Lobo req. Cleta Lobo

8:00 Mike Nagel req. Hopkins Family

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 William Eckenrode req. Family

5:30pm Mother's Day Envelope Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2021

7:30 ALL MASSES ARE OFFERED

9:00 FOR ALL MOTHER'S DAY

10:30 ENVELOPE INTENTIONS

12:00 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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 Roessele, 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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