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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.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

“Remain in my love,” and, “I call you friends,” are powerful words that are found in John’s Gospel. Most of us probably have them committed to memory or have at least heard them proclaimed dozens of times. They are words that can easily become trite and quickly glossed over without fully pondering and digesting their profound beauty. When we take the time to immerse ourselves in them, they can radically change our lives and our relationships. They can open up new doors of adventure and hold countless possibilities for meaning. The essence of love and friendship are things that can easily be taken for granted. They have always been there and are a significant part of our lives. Many would say that they could not live without love and friendship, and they put a great deal of care into preserving, deepening and sustaining them. Love and friendship share a mutual relationship with each other that deserves more reflection.

Where does love come from? We can consider relationships that have not succeeded and conclude that they were somehow due to our “failures in love.” In doing so, we assume that human beings are the ones responsible for love, its success and also its failure. While our weakness, emotional composition and sinfulness can easily impact our ability to love, its origin is not human. God is love. God is love’s author and origin. When we love, it is God who loves in and through us. It is because of this divine closeness that Jesus is able to call us friends! It is not because of anything we have done but simply because of who we are. Realizing and contemplating this awesome reality becomes a game changer across the board. It gives us reason to clear the table of anything that can adversely affect the way we love so that we can open the door for its author to shine forth.

Coming upon this truth is what leads folks like St. Francis of Assisi to leave that which is comfortable and worldly and live a radical life. They relate with the love of God that radiates in and through all living things and appreciate their sacredness. It was having an intimate experience of God’s love and friendship that propelled St. Francis and others to embrace simplicity, act nonviolently, pursue humility, love enemies, care for the earth and open up avenues for true justice. Understanding this profound truth will also help us find peaceful solutions to world’s problems, restore relationships with our sisters and brothers, bring the grace of loving stewardship to creation and heal many wounds. Once we begin to see how wonderfully holy all of life really is, we discover joy. We lose our need for fear, develop a fierce fortitude, act prudently and seek justice. There is great power in love because it comes from God. It will never fail. It also enjoys the company of two other friends who are eager to become our friends as well: faith and hope. These are just as important to have and to share.

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.



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR PRIESTS!

Please join with your fellow parishioners in celebrating Father Gillen’s 50th Anniversary of Ordination and Father Ronnie’s 25th Anniversary, as well as to wish Father Gillen best wishes as he retires on June 30. The celebration will be held after every Mass on the weekend of May 22-23, on the front lawn of the church. After both priests say each Mass, they will be on the lawn to socialize and reminisce with you, with adequate social distancing and masks, until the next Mass starts. Sit under the big tent and enjoy some refreshments – sandwiches from Pinho’s on Saturday; Pinho’s pastries Sunday morning until noon; Filipino finger foods after 11:00 am; and hamburgers, hot dogs, soda, beer and wine from 12:30 to 3:00 pm. Volunteers are needed to prepare and serve food and beverages – contact Eloise Corbo at eberc@optonline.net or 908-875-5615 to sign up.

Mary, The Mother of Compassion



Mary has a special love and sensitivity for all God’s children. This was manifested on many occasions but was most pronounced at the wedding feast of Cana in which she interceded for the bride and groom when the supply of wine was depleted at their celebration. We can imitate a sensitivity to the needs of others by donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, stuffed animals, novels, and children’s books. The bin is located on the Church’s property. 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.

May 2	\$6,550
Assessment	\$592



SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF:
VINCENT SANTILLO
FROM: DENISE SANTILLO***

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Choosing to Love One Another

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment — and if you’ve ever loved anyone, you know it’s also the hardest.

I’m man enough to admit it. I’ve seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship — they’re coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes-unbelievable storylines — is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I’m not sure if it’s accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you’ve ever forgiven someone who’s hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant’s night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It’s something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice he is asking us to make?

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 at Dowling's Irish Pub, 117 Chestnut St, Roselle Park 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)

SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS

***IN LOVING MEMORY OF: GRACE ADAMO
FROM: JACKIE KELLEHER***

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question: What is the difference between a “Saint” and a “Blessed”?

Answer:

The process of proclaiming someone as a saint in the Catholic Church has evolved over the course of many centuries. In the beginning, those honored as saints were almost exclusively biblical figures or martyrs. However, after the legalization of Christianity in the fourth century, new holy women and men came to be honored as saints, and this was often done by popular acclaim or by the local bishop or abbot. It was Pope Gregory IX (who was pope from 1227 to 1241) who officially proclaimed that only the pope had the authority to add someone to the official list (the “canon”) of saints. This is the meaning of the word “canonization.” Today, the saint-making process includes several steps, including detailed studies of the person’s life and a recognition that they died as a martyr or lived a life of “heroic virtue.” Once someone is recognized as a martyr or if a miracle is attributed to their intercession, they will be beatified and honored as “Blessed.” This means that they can be celebrated by Catholics in a particular country or region or by the members of certain religious community. If another miracle occurs and is approved, then the “Blessed” is canonized and honored with the title “Saint,” meaning that they are now officially recognized as a universal model of holiness and an intercessor.

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

God is love. These three simple words deserve a great deal of attention. They have the power to transform our relationship with God from something that is static and distant to one that is personal and real. We all know the power of love and how important it is to completing all of the human and divine circuits of our lives. But we do not often consider the awesome fact that it is given to us as a gift and is not simply part and parcel of the human package. God is the author of love and love itself. When we truly love another human being, it is really God being God in and through us. The love to which we are called and the love of which the Gospel speaks is a selfless love that seeks the wellbeing of not only our significant others but of all of our brothers and sisters. This love, which is of God, is a love that will endure all things and bring immeasurable joy when experienced. It is the most sincere form of friendship.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

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

MONDAY MAY 10, 2021

7:00 Rolando Castillo req. The Berglund Family

8:00 Ray Purkis req. Tom & Cathy Deckert

7pm Tina Adams req. The Parenti Family

TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021

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

8:00 Frank Triolo req. Juleanne Trumbull

WEDNESDAY, MAY 12, 2021

7:00 Charles Collard req. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Parenti

8:00 Rita Cahill req. John & JoAnne Malone

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Fallon McGough req. Rattigan Family

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021

7:00 Msgr. John H. McManus

8:00 Ray Purkis req. Mary Ellen

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021

7:00 Julia & Richard Mansfield req. Juleanne Trumbull

8:00 Rose Del Pizzo req. Jackie Kelleher

5:30pm Veronica Ford req. Maryann & Nick Marino

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 2021

7:30 Anne Quinn req. Family

9:00 Nicholas Carnet 8th Anniv. Req. Lodzinski Family

10:30 Ann M. O'Connor req. Peggi Tango

12:00 Genevieve Dougherty req. Her Family

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

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Raymond Saluccio, Jane Saluccio, 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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