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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 are held the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please call Rectory for information.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

July 4, 2021
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

It's all so ordinary that we can easily miss it. The seagulls hunting and diving for mollusks at the beach offer a display of determination and precision as they gather their food for the day. It's simply what these creatures do. Yet, there's a magical artfulness and skill to their work that speaks volumes about the One who breathed life into their being. This is pretty much the way it is with God's presence. God comes in common ways through common things and ordinary people. Sadly, we are so engulfed in our little worlds of order and ideas to notice the beauty and wonder of it all. Many have numbed themselves to the Divine spark at the essence of all life because that's just the way it is. What's so special about it? A sunset is a sunset and a seagull is a seagull. That's precisely what they thought about Jesus too. After all, isn't he just the carpenter's son? What merit can his words possibly have?

If we're looking for God to come in an event that is so dramatic and intense that it knocks our socks off, then think again. When pondering God's relationship with His people and God's action in our lives, we have to go back to the stable and the recurring, creative, unending power of God's presence. It was a quiet, run of the mill kind of night. There was nothing spectacular or extraordinary. To the naked eye, a woman gave birth to a child and there wasn't anything extraordinary to see. We have a hard time understanding God's ordinary-ness. Jesus grew up in an ordinary town, had neighbors and did normal human things. Perhaps that's why we don't always like the Gospel. It doesn't dazzle us with extraordinary things but simply challenges us to take a different look at our ordinary stuff. That makes us uncomfortable. We prefer things as they are. Our lack of faith can even cause us to take offense at what Jesus says and does, dismissing it as folly.

God's life-giving presence continues to sustain that seagull in flight and keep all things in being regardless of whether we have the faith to see and understand this. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be hardened and blinded to what God is doing or desiring to do. While God continues to do what he has done for all eternity, faith is needed for God's presence to bear fruit. The blinders we wear and the expectations we bring to life can often prevent us from seeing graced moments that radiate with God's graceful presence. They also prevent God's transforming, healing, and hope filled vision for our world from being realized. Without faith, God won't be able to do much for us either.



Dear Parishioners of St. Genevieve's,

When I was growing up as a child at St. Mary's parish here in Elizabeth, never did I imagine that at one point later in my life I would be returning home to serve the people of the city. Yet, through the invitation of the Cardinal, and God's sense of humor, this is exactly what is happening, as I begin my time among you.

It is with great joy, and some nervousness, that today we embark together upon the next chapter in the glorious history of our parish. Over the decades, you have been served magnificently by a long line of holy and dedicated priests, many of whom I have had the honor of knowing personally. The indestructible Msgr. O'Donnell has been a long-time friend of my family. I have had the great pleasure of knowing and living with Msgr. Price after his retirement and I have been friends with Fr. George for many years. I hope and pray that I may be a worthy successor to these fine men. With your faith, help and patience, this can happen.

This is my seventh parish in 35 years of priesthood, and I can still attest to the fact that change is never easy. Starting over is just not a part of life anyone ever gets used to. Yet without change we would never have new experiences, never have the opportunity to grow. Please pray for me as we begin this new step in our journey together, and I promise to pray for all of you each day.

As our country comes together to celebrate our Independence Day, let us also give thanks for all those countless men and women who have formed this country to be the beacon of freedom it is. We have had our good days, we have had our bad days, and we have had some very bad days. Our country is still very much a work in progress, but there is still no place else on earth like it. Shortly before the adoption of the Declaration of Independence, Benjamin Franklin remarked that they were embarking upon an endeavor "against greater odds than a less generous God would have allowed." The gamble paid off, and here we are. God bless America.

Sincerely,
Fr. Armand

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.

June 27	\$4,638
Peter's Pence	\$826.



The Rectory will be closed on Monday, July 5th.

There is only one Mass at 9am. We hope you will join us with your family. In case of an emergency please call (908)351-4444 and follow the directions.

OUR SUMMER LIST OF 2ND COLLECTIONS

- July 3-4—Parish Assessment
- July 10-11—Retired Priests
- July 17-18—None
- July 24-25—Maintenance
- July 31-Aug 1—Parish Missionary Appeal (Please use mission envelope dated Aug 29 in your envelope package)
- Aug 7-8—Church in Africa
- Aug 14-15—Parish Assessment
- Aug 21-22—None
- Aug 28-29—Maintenance



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Catholic Charities received \$3,341 as a result of the Donation Bins from December 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021. These funds combined with monies from other parishes in the same program throughout the Archdiocese enable us to provide light and hope through the darkness of poverty, sickness, and rejection. Our food program alone distributed 242,748 pounds of food to 40,459 households (FY 2019/2020). Thank you for being our partner and enabling us to bring Christ's love to the most vulnerable in our society.

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.

“Let the Church always be a place of mercy and hope, where everyone is welcomed, loved, and forgiven.” (Pope Francis)

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to “be merciful like the Father.”

So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office will be hosting two upcoming Rachel’s Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

Retreat dates are September 10-12, 2021 (English) and October 22-24, 2021 (Spanish).

Contact the Respect Life Office for more details by calling 973-497-4350 (Spanish option 2)

or e-mail Cheryl.riley@rcan.org (English) or elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org (Spanish)

“He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3)

WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

Question:

Our Catholic grade school is doing a penance service this Lent. Do young children really need to go to Confession? How much sin can they really have?

Answer:

Ask any mom about her children and see how many would say she has a brood of perfect angels! Parents know that kids do things that are wrong ... and they often know they’re doing it! Even toddlers have a sense of right and wrong. The Church recognizes that their minds and consciences are not yet fully developed, however, and typically waits until age seven to offer the sacrament of Confession. Around that age and beyond, most young people, when asked, can easily explain why something is wrong.

Confession for children is an excellent way to help them reflect on their actions and accept responsibility for their behavior. It helps them to grow in their understanding of sin and how it affects others. This helps them to form their consciences and make better choices in the future. Most importantly, they learn the value of forgiveness, both given and received. Rather than singling out what’s wrong, Confession offers hope and a new start! Children can grow in understanding God’s unconditional love and develop a sense of inner dignity that transcends their failings. Not bad for five minutes and an “Our Father” or two!

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 never ceases to proclaim His Word. His life-giving presence continues to sustain all things and keep them in being regardless of whether there is the faith to receive or perceive Him. Our personal agendas, preconceived ideas, misconceptions, and expectations can often cause us to be so hard of heart and obstinate that we fail to see what God is trying to do. While God remains ever present, faith is necessary for God's power to bear fruit. As we celebrate our country's independence, let us not forget the difference between liberties and freedom. While the liberties we have are most welcome treasures, only freedom from what blinds, deceives, and weighs us down can bring happiness. God is all about healing, transformation, and hope. In order for God to do what God does best, we have to invite Him in and see Him for who he is. Otherwise, God's will for humanity will be something at which we simply take offense, a common reaction when something challenges or unsettles us.



REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS WORLD PEACE AND AN END TO TERRORISM

SATURDAY, JULY 3, 2021

5:30pm Trevor Finamore req. Donna Pietz

SUNDAY, JULY 4, 2021

7:30 Joseph Homem req. Family

9:00 Tommy Dimino req. Sally & Danny Ferry

10:30 Michael O'Donnell req. Family

12:00 Henrietta Cerullo req. Dr. Cerullo

MONDAY, JULY 5, 2021

9:00 For the Veterans req. Nick & Mary Ann Marino

TUESDAY, JULY 6, 2021

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

8:00 Damain Lobo req. Homem Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7, 2021

7:00 Joe Homem req. A Friend

8:00 Mary Brown & Family req. Steve Sisco

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 2021

7:00 Purkis/Gil Families req. Mary Ellen

8:00 Antonio DiPaola req. Lisa Taub

FRIDAY, JULY 9, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem Abreu req. The Homem Family

8:00 Bob Largey req. Hopkins Family

SATURDAY, JULY 10, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Jane Laskowski req. Gloria Leitao

5:30pm For the Parishioners who passed away during Covid-19 req. A Parishioner

SUNDAY, JULY 11, 2021

7:30 Dora Elsa Alvarado req. Josephine & Efrain Rivera

9:00 Carlos Guevara req. Family

10:30 Larry Tango req. Peggi & Jenna Tango

12:00 Manny Almeida req. Almeida Family



Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Vince Wall, Michael Perrino, Michael Alexander, Raymond Saluccio, Jane Saluccio, Judy Leonard, Osfir & Juli Valverde, Carol Chiari, Brian Da Silva, 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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