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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 the Rectory for information to register for a Baptism.

August 1, 2021-18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You cannot see the forest for the trees" is a widely known saying that can bring wisdom to our understanding of our journey. Often, our sight becomes limited to what is immediately before us. We lose touch with lessons and experiences from the past and promises and hope for the future. As human beings, we have the privilege of being able to choose things. What I like and don't like, want, and don't want can be major preoccupations of our minds and hearts. Our preferences and desires begin to define us more than the simple fact of our being. Who we are matters more than what we are or what we have. If we don't move beyond the external and superficial stuff to what really is of essence, we risk becoming very unsettled, disorientated, angry, and unhappy. We fail to see the bigger picture of hope and promise that lies ahead and the Divine Presence that has sustained and carried us before.

We like it when the "now" time of our lives satisfy us. Even the people who witnessed Jesus feed the five thousand got confused and distracted. It felt good when thousands of people were able to eat. They wanted to know what they could do to get this to happen again! But Jesus quickly reminds them that this is not the point of this sign. As much as the now time of our lives is of concern, it is not what is ultimately important. We need to learn the difference between being and doing, drawing more strength from who we are and who God is rather than what is happening around us and the choices we can make. Jesus is the true bread that came down from heaven. Jesus is the very incarnate presence of God who sustains life and assures us that we will not perish. This is not easy to understand and feel. We have to practice being in the presence of ourselves, others, creation, and God. We are brought to a holy place when we encounter the sacredness of being. This is real prayer.

Then, we learn to trust. It is when we cease trusting that we start to become afraid, uncertain, apprehensive, and doubtful, and overly self-concerned. We even start to grumble. God has our back. That is the essential powerful message of the living bread come down from heaven. God, who is alpha is also omega, the beginning and the end, and has everything in between in his care as well. A woman once remarked that her most powerful God moment happened when she and her husband cuddled with their new baby for a time. Without exchanging words and using only the affection communicated through sight and touch, they rested in being with each other. This brought them to the sacred, where they realized that a greater Being was with them. It was real. They knew that they were part of something bigger, intimate, and profound. When we rest in the Living Source of life, we will find that our souls are no longer hungry or thirsty.

Dear Parishioners,

For those of us old enough to remember what a broken record was, I suspect that I am about to sound like one.

As you know, the Covid-19 numbers in New Jersey, as with many other states, are rising again at an alarming rate. Because of this I wanted to remind you that there are still Covid restrictions in place for when we gather in the church. I want to bring them again to your attention, and hope that we all follow them.

The mask requirement for vaccinated people is technically lifted. However, given the state of things, you many certainly wish to choose to resume wearing one in church. If you are unvaccinated, (and again I ask why?) you are required to continue wearing one.

Even though all seating is available to you, please continue to social distance. Our church is so big, and we have so few coming, that this should not be a problem.

Holy Communion should still be received in the hand only. I know this annoys some, but it is for the priests' and Eucharistic Ministers safety as much as it is for yours. If we ask you to extend your hands, please do so without hesitation.

Given the direction that numbers are going, it is possible that further direction may be forthcoming from the Archdiocese. If so, I will make sure that you are all made aware of what they entail.

Until then, I pray that all of you remain safe and healthy.

Be safe and well,
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.

July 25	\$4,515
Maintenance	\$1,625

Religious Education Update for 2021 – 22 School Year

Registration for Sunday morning CCD classes from K to 8 and our Confirmation Program will be on the following dates, time and locations only.

Day	Date	Time	Place
Sunday	8-1 / 8-8 / 8-15	9am to 11am	Religious Education Office in St. Genevieve's School
Sunday	8-29 / 9-12	9am to 12 noon	Auditorium

You can pick up registration forms for either CCD or our Confirmation Program from the rectory, but you will have to turn them in on 1 of the registration dates listed.

Registrations **WILL NOT** be accepted at the rectory.

Your child should be registered before the first day of class, which will be 9-19-21.

Classes for K to 8 will be in St. Genevieve's School on Sundays from 9:15am to 10:15am.

Registration fees need to be handed in by 9-30-21 no later.

Absolutely NO registrations will be accepted on the first day of class!

As it becomes closer to September additional updates will be in the bulletin.

Thank you and looking forward to seeing everyone in September. Have a great summer and be safe!

ALSO—We are in need of a 7th grade Religious Education teacher. If you're interested, please call the rectory and leave your name and phone # and I'll get back to you within 24 hours.

Thank you, Donna Pietz

OUR SUMMER LIST OF 2ND COLLECTIONS

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

The garden at St. Genevieve's behind the convent is now open. Please take only what you need. There are many parishioners who are in need of this garden. Bags are supplied by the Knights of Columbus Post 253.

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.

COVID-19 can't stop the Boy Scouts!

Boy Scout Troop 23 just completed a very successful week of camping at Winnebago Scout Reservation in Rockaway, NJ. The pandemic kept camps closed last summer, so our fifteen Scouts and three adult leaders were ecstatic to be back in our beloved campsite.

Although Covid restrictions prevented some of the usual camp wide activities, such as campfires and the Water Carnival, there was still a full week of activities. The Scouts went fishing, swimming and boating; made leatherwork and woodcarving projects; did rifle, shotgun and archery shooting; and rode a 1/4-mile long zip line back and forth across Durham Pond. The Scouts learned Scoutcraft skills, completed rank requirements and earned merit badges.

If you know a child who is anywhere between a Kindergartener and a high school senior, please encourage them to get in on the fun of Scouting. The Scouting program instills character, good citizenship and physical fitness in youth through outdoor activities such as campouts and hikes, involvement in community activities, and just plain FUN!

Cub Scouting provides activities and training for boys in the first through fifth grades. Boy Scouting is for boys who are at least 11 years old or graduated from the fifth grade. New members are welcome at any time, all year round.

Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 have served the youth of St. Genevieve's parish and the surrounding area for over 55 years. These units have earned hundreds of awards, and have produced 77 Eagle Scouts, and have leaders who are well-known and widely respected. For more details, please contact Dan Bernier, Scoutmaster, at (908) 451-1948 or homeinthepark1@comcast.net.

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 _____

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SPECIAL INTENTION _____

NAME _____



LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

When we lose our ability to trust, we become afraid. When we are afraid, we may begin to grumble and question whether where we are is where we need to be. For us who have faith, we even question whether God is who God says He is. Trust is so important to our success on our journey. Often, the road of our lives can become a bit treacherous. We may find ourselves feeling more unsettled than comfortable and less fulfilled than we would like to be. As much as we try, the pieces of our puzzle don't quite fit together as they ought. We wonder if we will ever experience happiness again. Then, something reminds us that God is very much present in this mess we call life. God is still bringing hope out of despair and life out of death. After all, God is the true bread that comes down from heaven to give life. All that is necessary is for us to trust in this truth, even when we may be lacking in some of life's essentials. The God who gives life is the same God who sustains it. He is also the same God who assures us that we will not perish.

SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2021

5:30pm Deceased Members of the Leisure Group

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2021

7:30 Mary Columbrita Capece req. Paul Myska

9:00 Roberto & Rosa Hernandez req. Truncala Family

10:30 Julia & Richard Mansfield req. Juleanne Trumbull

12:00 Lois & Thomas MacNamara req. Family

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021

7:00 Souls in Purgatory req. Homem Family

8:00 Richie Burke req. Mary Ellen Purkis

7pm Mary Foran req. The MacNamara Family

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021

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

8:00 Carmina & Giuseppe Del Buono req. Daughter-in-law Ann Del Buono

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021

7:00 Joseph Homem req. Family

8:00 Iraida Bustillo req. Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021

7:00 Joe Homem req. Gi Shannon

8:00 Brigid O'Donnell req. Family

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6, 2021

7:00 Edward Hopkins req. Family

8:00 Jack Anderson req. Richard & Ann Green

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Purkis/Gil Families req. Mary Ellen

5:30pm Carmen Hernandez req. Hernandez Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 2021

7:30 Jose Francisco & Maria Purificacion Almeda req. Family

9:00 Herb & Jane Boutot req. Mary Pat & Vincent La Vecchia

10:30 Lois Mac Namara req. Pam Sisco Family

12:00 Fred Hicks req. Richard & Ann Green

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Herminia Murphy, Michael Perrino, Michael Alexander, Raymond Saluccio, Jane Saluccio, Judy Leonardi, 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, 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

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