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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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

Dear Parishioners,

I wish to begin this week by again thanking all those who attended and helped to make possible the installation liturgy and reception last Sunday. It was a truly lovely affair and my family and friends were quite impressed with our parish and they all look forward to visiting us again.

Today, the Church throughout the United States celebrates Catechetical Sunday. For some, this simply means the resumption of parish Religious Education Classes, for others, it is another sign that the summer has quickly come to an end.

However, it is far more than both of those. Catechetical Sunday is a powerful reminder to each of us of the vital work that needs to be done to hand on the gift of faith to those who come after us. Some are called to do this in a formal way via the classroom, and we will honor them and commission them during one of the Masses this weekend. But ALL of us are called to be catechists, handers-on of faith. We do this at home, in our jobs, in the marketplaces. Parents, at your child(rens) Baptisms you publicly agreed to be primary and best teacher of your child in the way of faith.. I hope you are taking that promise seriously. We are here to assist you, not replace you.

I encourage everyone to think seriously about how we are fulfilling this mission. What have I been doing to teach someone else about Jesus? Do my words, actions and attitudes show my faith in action and thereby draw others to the Lord? Or am I content to let others do all the work?

Among Jesus last recorded words prior the the Ascension, was the command to "Go and teach all nations." That means us, that means now.

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.

September 12 \$5,806.

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Religious Education Update for 2021 – 22 School Year

9-23-21 - Meeting for parents of all children receiving **Reconciliation and First Holy Communion** this school year

****At least 1 parent must attend – please do not bring your child****



The Office of the Superintendent of Schools invites all interested families to learn about our Catholic high schools by attending a High School Expo. The events are scheduled for 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on the dates below:

- Tuesday, 9/21 at Visitation Academy in Paramus:
222 Farview Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652
- Wednesday, 9/22 at St. Peter's Prep in Jersey City
144 Grand Street, Jersey City, NJ 07302
- Thursday, 9/23 at St. Michael School in Newark
27 Crittenden Street, Newark, NJ 07104

Masks will be required at all locations. For additional event information and a list of the schools attending on each night, please visit:

www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-expo

For a printable guide to the Cooperative Admissions Program (HSPT), please

visit: www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-guide

To register for the COOP Exam, please

visit: www.njcoopexam.org

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

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

Coming October 10th: Annual Baby Shower to benefit Archway Pregnancy Center right here in Elizabeth. Collecting new baby items and good used baby furniture. Look for more details in the weeks ahead.

If you crochet or knit and would like to donate homemade pairs of booties for the baby shower it would be very much appreciated. Gateway gives one pair of homemade booties to each client that comes to them for help. This personal touch helps the person know that they are cared for and special. You can add a message to each pair of booties as follows: Made for you by (and your first name). Please make as many pairs as you are able and drop them off after any of the masses on that Saturday or Sunday.

PET Blessing

SAVE THE DATE!!

On Saturday, October 2 at 11:00 am we will gather to celebrate the **Blessing of Pets** in honor of the Feast of St. Francis. Weather permitting we will gather at the front steps of the church. Watch this column for further information. All pets with properly leashed owners are welcome to attend..

LIVING OUR FAITH

WHY DO WE DO THAT? -

Question: Why are Catholics required to fast before Communion?

Answer:

How we prepare for an important event helps us with the intentionality of our actions and raises our awareness. We prepare our house for guests. We wash our car before an important trip. We create a nursery for a newborn child. All of these actions heighten our senses for what is about to come.

The fast required by canon law before holy Communion has its roots in Jewish spiritual practices. We fast for cleansing and to demonstrate our reliance on God. Catholics used to fast for much longer periods of time, but it was Pope Paul VI in 1964 who set the time at one hour in an attempt to encourage people to receive the holy Eucharist more frequently. That one-hour observance allows us to pause and reflect on what we will participate in in the very near future. We deny our bodies so that we can focus more clearly on the Body of Christ that we will consume.

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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WE'RE SCOUTING FOR UNIFORMS

Do you have unused Cub Scout or Boy Scout uniform parts hiding in the back of a drawer or closet? Cub Scout Pack 23 and Boy Scout Troop 23 operate a uniform exchange, to help save parents from the high cost of uniform parts. If you have unused Scout uniforms, regardless of age or size, including pants, shirts, belts, hats and neckerchiefs, please put them in a plastic bag and leave them in the American Flag Disposal box next to Webby's Woodshed, behind the Rectory. Thank you for your donation!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2021

5:30pm Henrietta Cerullo req. Dr. Cerullo

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

7:30 Joseph Sauer req. John & Joanne Burke & Family

9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

10:30 Genevieve Dougherty req. Family

12:00 Jose Almeida, Sr. req. Almeida Family

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

7:00 Nancy Smith-Olszewski req. Danuta Steglinski

8:00 Wanda Krzyston req. P.L.A.V. Ladies Auxiliary

7pm Alex Gomez req. The Brennan Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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

8:00 Raymond J. Purkis, Jr. , Margaret & Raymond Purkis, Sr. req. Janet, Mary & Richard

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

7:00 Raymond Bobish req. Family

8:00 Richard Lomuscio req. Tom & Cathy Deckert

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. Homem Family

8:00 Richard Simpson req. Tom & Cathy Deckert

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2021

7:00 Concetta Valanzola req. The Nash Family

8:00 Iraida Bustillo req. Family

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Al Nitche req. Mary Ellen Purkis

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

7:30 Aida Padro Olivehecia req. Aida M. Ortiz

9:00 John & Dorothea Pierce , Elizabeth & Ellis Gould req. Family

10:30 Miranda Nicole Dougard req. Miranda Family

12:00 Jose Almeida, Sr. req. Almeida Family

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

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Their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.



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