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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 -  
October 10, 2021—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to be expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing, and in following a voice other than our own. St. Teresa of Calcutta rightly instructs us that for “love to be real, it must cost, it must hurt, it must empty us of self.” Being in love with God requires more than just checking the boxes of the commandments. It requires a sincere and unconditional self-investment. Desiring God with our whole heart, mind, and soul means that I must also desire a relationship with my neighbor with that same degree of fervor.

Biases and prejudices usually occur when people are kept at a distance and treated as objects. We cannot truly know our neighbors, especially if they are different than us, if we keep them in boxes and do not listen to their stories. When we open ourselves to listen to another person’s story, we begin to realize more how similar we are than dissimilar. Being overly attached to our possessions, ideologies, agendas, lifestyles, and personal needs are absolute barriers to achieving the type of personal investment love demands. This is why following Christ can be difficult. It is less a matter of intellect and more a matter of heart and soul. It requires that we transfer our treasure from an investment in tangible secular things and move it into the Kingdom of God. It is only the gift of wisdom and discernment that can help us decide what to do and how to do it.

Contemporaries of Jesus would know that a camel could not enter through the portal of a city weighed down with the baggage it was carrying. In order to enter, the baggage must be removed so that the animal could fit through the entry way. The same is true for us. We carry a lot of excessive baggage around with us that keeps us tethered to our past histories, wounds, myopic world views, prejudices, fears, and suspicions. To invest ourselves in the Kingdom of God, do God’s work and live out our love relationship with God, we need to shed the extra weight. While it may seem that a lot of that stuff is necessary, it really is not. We are much more than the things that we think define us and more secure than we think. The more there is to hold on to and the more that we carry with us, the harder it will be to leave it all behind. Many choose not to and walk away sad because they are not ready to trust.



Dear Parishioners,

As you certainly know by now, the Archdiocese of Newark has implemented many new policies specifically concerning the protection of children and young people. These are all very good things, and I agree with and embrace them wholeheartedly. Sometimes, they require us to do things which may seem strange, but each of these policies are designed for everyone’s protection, not just children.

With this in mind, I have noticed something that I must bring to your attention. With the resumption of Religious Education, we now, thankfully, have a larger number of young people coming to Sunday Mass. Often, I see them needing to use the bathroom during the celebration. This is only natural and understandable. May I please ask all parents to direct your children to the rest room on the Tabernacle side of the church only. The one in the priest sacristy (the Blessed Mother side) is reserved for adults. If it is imperative that they use this one, please do not send them unaccompanied. I’m sorry to have to ask this, but I think you can see that it is important for everyone’s safety and protection. If you have any questions about this, please just ask me.

On a completely different topic, my sincere thanks are extended to all who attended the Blessing of Pets last Saturday. We had a beautiful day, and about 35 pets of every kind attended with their owners. The amount of love and pride I witnessed between them was truly inspirational. The pets were all very well behaved, and they obviously had their owners trained perfectly, my own dog included.

**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.**

October 3	\$5,094.
Assessment	\$1,483.

## PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

October is **Respect Life Month**: Let us take this opportunity to pray fervently that the gospel of life will prevail in our country and in our hearts. Let us not choose to value some lives – the unborn, the disabled, the aged -- as lower than others; let us choose to love passionately, defend the defenseless enthusiastically, and choose life always!

Thanks to all who brought gifts for today's **Baby Shower!** A little bit of kindness goes a long way in alleviating the fears and anxieties that trouble many young parents-to-be. Forgot your gift? You may still participate by leaving a monetary donation at the special collection box in the rear of the church; or you may mail your donation to:

Gateway Pregnancy Center  
PO Box 1793  
Union, NJ 07083

## ALL SOULS DAY

All Souls Day is Tuesday, November 2nd and Masses for that day will be 7:00, 8:00 and 7:00pm. We will remember all those whose Funeral Mass was held in St. Genevieve's Church this past year at the 7pm Mass.

Envelopes for you to remember your deceased loved ones may be found in your envelope package or in the back of church. These envelopes will remain on the altar for the month of November. Kindly fill out the envelope and drop it off at the rectory or in the collection basket at Mass.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

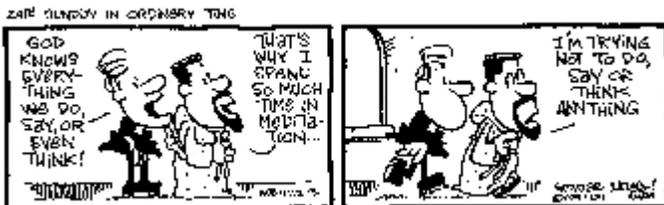
The Knights of Columbus is a fraternal organization for Catholic men. All men of the parish are invited to join. For information please contact : Council 253 at (908)355-2253 or Chris at (908)351-4444

## OUR 2ND COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 16/17—World Mission Sunday-  
Propagation of the Faith  
Oct 23/24—Red Envelope Maintenance.



Thank you for your continued support



## CAFÉ GENEVIEVE RESUMES TODAY!

After a long break necessitated by the pandemic, we are happy to announce that Café Genevieve will resume TODAY!

The communal experience of Mass is continued downstairs in the church hall at Café Genevieve. Please come down after the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses to enjoy coffee, tea or juice and a bagel, roll or pastry with your family, friends, and future friends.

Children of all ages are invited to enjoy games, puzzles, coloring pages, craft projects and other activities during Café Genevieve in Karen's Corner. These supervised activities are provided after the 10:30 Mass until noon each week. Please join us! We are looking for any organization, family or group of friends who would be willing to host Café Genevieve two or three times each year. Please contact Dan Bernier at 908-451-1948 and he will fit you into the schedule.

## SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF: JOHN J. MURRAY

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

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FROM: JACKIE KELLEHER

## WHY DO WE DO THAT? - CATHOLIC LIFE EXPLAINED

### Question:

Why are Catholics required to get married in a church, and not outside or at a different venue?

### Answer:

Because the sacrament of marriage is a sacred covenant between the husband and wife, the celebration of the sacrament of matrimony is much more than simply a social or family event. So, the rule that the sacrament be celebrated in a church is a way to help reinforce the deeper meaning of Christian marriage. To help make this clearer, the Church's tradition also normally includes the celebration of the Mass when the marriage is being celebrated between two Catholics, and so a church or chapel is the ideal setting. For special reasons — which vary from diocese to diocese — the local bishop can give permission for the marriage to be celebrated in another suitable place.

### 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:

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### STOCK UP NOW ON FIREWOOD

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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, OCTOBER 9, 2021

5:30pm Maria Pastoriza req. Hernandez Family

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2021

7:30 Estelle Agnes McConnell req. Natalie Da Silva

9:00 Roberto & Rosa Hernandez req. Truncala Family

10:30 Perna Lipke req. Sueli Roche

12:00 Theresa Anton req. Mac Namara Family

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2021

7:00 Justino Cedeño req. Bob & Maria Dyke

8:00 Jose Garcia req. A. & M. Lopez

7pm Iraida Bustillo req. Family

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2021

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

8:00 Marion Pantoni req. Mr. & Mrs. Jose Vincent  
Mahinay

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2021

7:00 Nancy Smith Olszewski req. Nancy Gersick

8:00 Hopkins Family req. Family

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021

7:00 Nancy Smith-Olszewski req. Liz & Peter Alfano

8:00 Homer Zamora, Sr. req. Family

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021

7:00 Frances Chionchio req. Nash Family

8:00 Purkis/Gil Families req. Mary Ellen

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Alicia Santillo req. Family

5:30pm Mr. & Mrs. Farrell req. Susan

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2021

7:30 Estelle Agnes McConnell req. Natalie DaSilva

9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

10:30 Holy Souls in Purgatory req. Sueli Rocha

12:00 Raymond Purkis req. Juleanne Trumbull



*Our prayers are with you as you recover ~*

Licinia Dossantos, Maria Joe Godinho, Mary Paul, Maureen Harris, Mary Bell, 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, Mark Cowen, Lynda Misyak, Frank Sovinee, Vincent Veneruso, Marge Davis, Celestino & Maria Torres, Olivia Costello, Francisco Ortiz, John Matthews, Ed Jones, Barbara Walcheski, Thomas Rapuano, Michael O'Connor, Theresa Russell, Elizabeth Wallace, Ann Marie Bolin, 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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