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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 17, 2021

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“What do you wish me to do for you?” Whether we realize it, this is a question God is always asking. It’s an important question because the answer we provide will reveal a great deal about where our hearts lie. Our requests of God can often appear very noble and altruistic. They consist of requests for healing for someone in need of prayers, successful resolution of a personal conflict, assistance in overcoming a disease and myriad other desires for both ourselves and others. We are especially concerned about those we love and can easily find ourselves bringing their struggles to God for a hearing in our prayer.

Is that really all that prayer is about? The woman in today’s Gospel, having been put in her place by Jesus, was only looking out for the wellbeing of her sons. She was doing what mothers do, protecting and securing the livelihood of her children. But she was sadly mistaken, her request was not granted. We all make this same misguided mistake from time to time. The goal of prayer is not to convince God of the worthiness of our agenda or to gain a hearing. Sometimes we believe that the more we multiply our prayers or discover the right combination of supplications that we will receive more of God’s attention. That’s not how it works. Even though God desires to hear, know, and be an intimate part of what is on our minds, it goes much deeper.

What we need from God is a relationship. It’s a relationship that guides and immerses us in the very stuff of life and in the direction of the Gospel. This relationship sees God’s kingdom and agenda, not our own, as what is most important. It builds the strength of character necessary to bring God’s Gospel into a world that may not receive it with open arms. It may cause us discomfort and suffering. We are asked to heroically journey with God through suffering, hardship, ridicule, and even death! Ultimately, our desire from God must become our desire for God. It is only when this happens that the powerful words “thy will be done” will be found with sincerity and humility on our lips. Whatever God wishes becomes what we wish as we see this glorious union of wills. Our humble lives will then become powerful witnesses, and what happens to us in God’s eternal kingdom the result of his mercy. We become true servants and find ourselves discovering God’s definition of success. That definition has nothing at all to do with status, income, or privilege.



PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

October is Respect Life Month! Take a few moments to ponder:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among them are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness” – Declaration of Independence 1776

“The sacred rights of mankind are not to be rummaged for, among old parchments, or musty records. They are written, as with a sun beam for the whole volume of human nature, by the hand of the divinity itself; and can never be erased or obscured by mortal power.” Alexander Hamilton

“The child, by reason of higher physical and mental immaturity, needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth” – United Nations Declaration of the Rights of a Child

“The opposite of love is not hate, its indifference. The opposite of art is not ugliness, its indifference. The opposite of faith is not heresy, its indifference. And the opposite of life is not death, its indifference.” Elie Wiesel, holocaust survivor, author and Noble Peace Prize winner.



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.

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.

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Religious Education

Reminder for October 2021

10-24-21 - First Holy Communion Enrollment at 10:30am mass **All children receiving this sacrament in May 2022 should attend this mass with their parents**

November 2021 changes

Sunday morning CCD classes -There will not be class on Sunday morning, November 7th.

Please mark your calendars.

Confirmation Program – class date changed for November. The November 7th class has been postponed until November 14th from 1pm to 3pm.

Please mark your calendars.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP -

What's in it for me?

I think we've all been guilty of looking at a situation and wondering what's in it for us. It doesn't matter if it's a particular work assignment, someone at the parish asking for help with the mission trip bake sale, or your spouse asking if you'll take over the grocery shopping this week. Often, our first reaction to one of these requests is a heavy sigh and the thought: "If I do this, what will I get?"

Sometimes it surprises us to realize that the Apostles were no different. We tend to idolize these contemporaries of Christ as giants who walked with the Savior. But in reality, these individuals were merely human beings struggling to commit to the task of everyday stewardship.

In the Gospels, we see glimpses of them longing for praise and affirmation. We see them jockeying for positions of power within the group of twelve. We see them expect earthly rewards like honor and admiration. We see them acting a lot like us.

But in the end, we see them transformed by the grace of God. Like all the saints, their holiness stems from their commitment to their call. They stumble through, and as they stumble, they keep trusting God. They keep turning to Him. They keep asking for help. They don't give up just because they keep failing at it.

We are defined by what we give when we have no hope of being reimbursed, rewarded, or recognized. The Apostles understood this, eventually, and they gave accordingly. Most of them gave their very lives.

Remember, they're just like us. If they can do it, we can too.

CAFÉ GENEVIEVE RESUMES

After a long break necessitated by the pandemic, we are happy to announce that Café Genevieve is back!

The communal experience of Mass continues downstairs in the church hall at Café Genevieve. Please come down after the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses to enjoy light refreshments with your family, friends, and future friends.

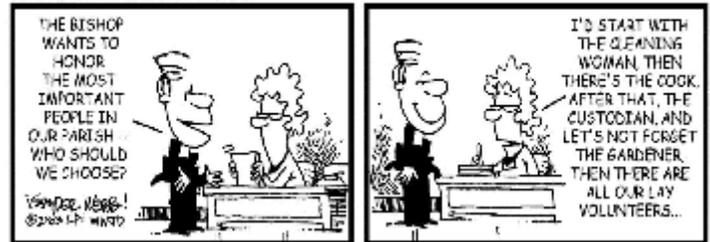
Children of all ages are invited to enjoy activities during Café Genevieve in Karen's Corner. These supervised activities are provided after the 10:30 Mass until noon each week. Please join us!

OUR 2ND COLLECTIONS FOR OCTOBER

Oct 16/17—World Mission Sunday-
Propagation of the Faith

Oct 23/24—Red Envelope Maintenance.

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question:

Are Catholics allowed to visit psychics? Why or why not?

Answer:

It's part of human nature to experience some sense of unease and fear about the future. This can lead some people to seek out the services of psychics or consult horoscopes or turn to other occult practices or resources (e.g. Ouija boards or tarot cards). The Catechism of the Catholic Church is very clear that Catholics should avoid such practices: "Consulting horoscopes, astrology, palm reading, interpretation of omens and lots, the phenomena of clairvoyance, and recourse to mediums all conceal a desire for power over time, history, and, in the last analysis, other human beings, as well as a wish to conciliate hidden powers. They contradict the honor, respect, and loving fear that we owe to God alone" (no. 2116).

Despite the uncertainties we might feel, we are called to have faith and trust in God, confident of God's desire for what is best for us. This means that we are called to surrender, to pray and to reflect on how we can best move into the future in hope, knowing that God is with us.

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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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

STOCK UP NOW ON FIREWOOD

Do you need firewood for your backyard chiminea, fireplace or wood-burning stove?. You can get well-seasoned split hardwood logs right here at St. Gen's for half of what you pay in the supermarket. And at the same time, you will be supporting the camping program of Boy Scout Troop 23, including a campership fund that helps send financially-challenged Scouts to summer camp. Help yourself from Webby's Wood Shed, located behind the Rectory near the garages that face Livingston Road. Follow the directions on the envelopes provided to make a donation. Thank you for your support!

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 16, 2021

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

7:00 Angela Da Costa Doyle req. Homem Family

8:00 Marion Pantoni req. Mr. & Mrs. Renato Entero

7pm Ryan Clark req. Parenti Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2021

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

8:00 Iraidia Bustillo req. Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021

7:00 Virginia Gillen req. Family

8:00 Antonio Garruito, Graziano Zamora req. Jose & Nancy

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2021

7:00 Urszula Gnielka req. Family

8:00 Art Byrne req. Mary, Michael & Martin

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. The Homem Family

8:00 Ivan Campo Donico req. The Leonard Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Tonya Wilson req. John Pietz, Jr. & Family

5:30pm Biagia Terrana, Sicurella, Russo, Salpietra req. Maria Borsellino

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021

7:30 Joseph John Chiari req. Carol & Joe Chiari

9:00 Nicholas Carnet req. Lodzinski Family

10:30 Sofia & Giovanni Limone req. Ed & Deb Kirk

12:00 Santa & Paulo Colletti req. Ed & Deb Kirk



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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