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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 24, 2021
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, “Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!” We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It’s all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that “to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement.” We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God’s mercy is always available. It doesn’t matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God’s, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

Dear Parishioners,

We are now entering into the full glory of Autumn, with its’ myriad of colors and traditions. The trees are becoming magnificent, leaves are falling, children are picking out Halloween Costumes, candy is flying off the store shelves (Snickers, thank you), sweaters are coming out of closets and it is getting dark much earlier. There is something comforting about the annual return of these time honored rituals, although I assure you that we will never have pumpkin spice hosts and wine at Mass.

One of the other traditions at this time of year will be taking place shortly within the liturgy. Starting the end of this month, and going into November, as the liturgical year comes to an end, our Scripture readings will begin take a darker and more ominous turn. Slowly at first, and more frequently as the days go on, we will hear the themes of eternity, judgement, and the end of all things. This happens, not to scare us, but to remind each of us that the entire reason Jesus came into the world, is so that we can be one with Him in Paradise forever.

On a completely different note, I want to say a word of thanks to all who are helping to restart Café Gens after the 9:00 and 10:30 Masses on Sunday. The first two weeks of the restart have gone very well, and I want to invite everyone to join us for a little bite before you go home. It’s a great opportunity to catch up with people you have not seen in months.

Fr. Armand

**THIS WEEKEND IS OUR RED ENVELOPE
MAINTENANCE COLLECTION.
Thank you for your continued support.**

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 17 \$4,215

World Mission \$839

Religious Education

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.

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.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

October is Respect Life Month! “One thing is certain: When the time has come, nothing which is man-made will subsist. One day, all human accomplishments will be reduced to a pile of ashes. But every single child to whom a woman has given birth will live forever, for he has been given an immortal soul made to God's image and likeness”
.....Alice Von Hilderbrand, author *The Privilege of Being a Woman*

“The family is...an indispensable foundation for society and a great and lifelong treasure for couples. It is a unique good for children, who are meant to be the fruit of the love, of the total and generous self-giving of their parents” Pope Benedict XVI

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



CAFÉ GENEVIEVE RESUMES

After a long break necessitated by the pandemic, we are happy to announce that Café Gen's 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!



Communion & Mortal Sin

Question:

I have a friend who receives communion, but who I know for a fact is in a state of mortal sin. Should I tell our priest? Is it my responsibility to say something?

Answer:

While we may always want to do what is best for our friends and family members, we have a responsibility to respect their privacy and their conscience. In its reflections on the Eighth Commandment (“You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor”), the Catechism of the Catholic Church states, “Respect for the reputation of persons forbids every attitude and word likely to cause them unjust injury. [One] becomes guilty: -of rash judgment who, even tacitly, assumes as true, without sufficient foundation, the moral fault of a neighbor; -of detraction who, without objectively valid reason, discloses another's faults and failings to persons who do not know them; of calumny who, by remarks contrary to the truth, harms the reputation of others and gives occasion for false judgments concerning them” (no. 2477).

We will never truly know what is in a person's mind, heart, and soul; only God knows those things. We should, of course, take our concerns to God and entrust the person about whom we are concerned to God's grace and mercy. If we have concerns about the spiritual wellbeing of someone with whom we are close, we should go to the person themselves and talk about our fears and concerns. Unless it is a case of abuse or endangerment (which we have a moral and even legal responsibility to report to the appropriate authorities), we ultimately do not have the freedom to share another's persons faults or sins, however good we think our intentions might be.

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

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The donation may be made for the following:

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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

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 23, 2021

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2021

7:00 Elizabeth E. Dyke req. Bob & Maria Dyke

8:00 Guillermo Bonilla req. Hopkins Family

7pm Raul De La Iglesia req. Linda & Frank Malta

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2021

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

8:00 Tony Paul req. Mary Paul

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2021

7:00 Jennifer Camacho (Living) req. Homem Family

8:00 Michael O'Connor req. Family

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2021

7:00 Carol Craig req. The Cyriac's

8:00 Joanne Arena req. Pasquale Arena

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2021

7:00 Frances Gervase req. Ed & Deb Kirk

8:00 John & Elizabeth Malone req. John & JoAnn Malone

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Michael McElwain req. Hopkins Family

5:30pm Felix & Mary Cabarle req. Felix & Ruth Cabarle Smith

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2021

7:30 Ann & Vincent & Daniel Sheridan req. Margaret Diaz

9:00 Roberto & Rosa Hernandez req. Truncala Family

10:30 Daniel Campbell req. Margaret Diaz

12:00 Puri Cobos req. Aurora

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Carol Brink, Elaine Stachowicz, 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



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