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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:

Saturday: 1:00 PM until all are heard

MARRIAGES:

In accordance with the Common Policy of the Bishops of New Jersey, marriages should be arranged one year in advance of the proposed date. Please call the rectory for more information.

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 celebrated the 2nd Sunday of the month. Please call the Rectory for information and to register for a Baptism.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

October 31, 2021

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Centuries of God’s devoted people have found this prayer on their lips: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!” The fundamental prayer has been laid as the cornerstone of many spiritual lives. Where did you learn how to pray or did you? Maybe there is a wisdom figure in your life who inspired and guided you by the genuine, holy simplicity of their lives. His or her example may have led you to God and taught you how to pray. Or perhaps you discovered this art on your own after stumbling over yourself enough times and finally realizing it was time to reach out to Someone greater than yourself. There is a timeless truth that we not only tend to forget, but may have never learned. There is only one God, the Lord alone! As a result, we often worship other gods rather than the One true God. Everything in our life gets distorted and we find ourselves lost and off center.

If we haven’t learned it yet, there is a life lesson at the top of all of the possible lessons to be learned. There is One True and Eternal God who alone has a solitary claim on us and must be loved with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Until we learn this primary lesson, we run the risk of getting distracted and sidetracked. We will also never really figure out what is at the heart of the relationships we share with the other human beings on this planet with whom we share life. That one primary lesson will teach us the second most valuable lesson: that we must love our neighbor as ourselves. You cannot have one without the other. The presence of God in the core soul of each one of us requires that all of our relationships work together. This truth is at the heart of the Gospel.

If every human being, each in their own way, could stumble upon and genuinely embrace this truth, look how different life would be! Our priorities will immediately shift from “I and me” to “us and we” and we will develop a more inclusive vision for our brothers and sisters. Concerned not only about my own wellbeing and happiness but also that of our brothers and sisters, humanity stands a chance at succeeding in the struggle with injustice, abuse, inequity, violence, war, entitlement, and privilege. It seems that getting to this point has been at the heart of the Gospel and the kingdom of God from the moment Jesus first started to preach. It’s a wonder why, then, why so many centuries later, we have still failed to achieve his vision. Maybe we just haven’t learned our primary lessons yet.

Dear Parishioners,

This week the Church gathers to celebrate two very special days: All Saints Day and All Souls Day.

Monday, November 1 is the Feast of All Saints. Normally this would be a Holyday of Obligation, but because it falls on a Monday this year, the obligation to attend is lifted. However, it still remains a very important day on the liturgical calendar where we remember in a special way all those great women and men of faith who have gone on before us, and who we are sure are now in Heaven interceding on our behalf before God. The official definition of a saint is “one who lived ordinary holiness to an extraordinary degree.” If that is true, then there is no reason we all can’t one day be saints. We simply need to try harder.

Tuesday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls is never a Holyday of Obligation, but it is a very special opportunity for us to remember all of our loved ones who have gone before us in faith. On November 1 we honor those we read about in books or with statues. On November 2 we honor those who appear in our family photo albums. I invite you to please join us on this important day, and to bring the children to mass with you. If we do not teach them to pray for the dead, who will be there to pray for us when we are called home?

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 24 \$5,303

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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.

The Rosary

Many are not aware that the Rosary is prayed publicly twice a week here in St. Genevieve’s Church.

Every Monday evening it is prayed at 6:30pm, immediately prior to the 7:00 Novena Mass.

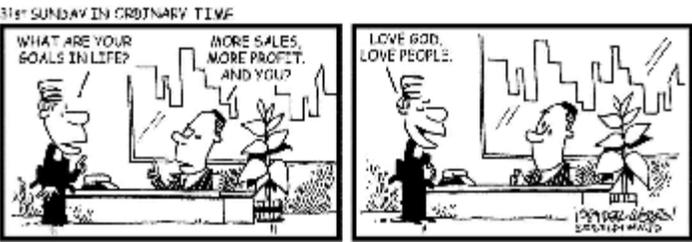
Every Saturday morning it is prayed immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

All are welcome to attend and to offer this powerful prayer to Jesus through the intercession of His Blessed Mother.

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

A summary from a letter to Fr. Armand from Dean Gavaris, Executive Director of Gateway Pregnancy Centers: “Thank you and the congregation at St. Gen’s for the two carloads of assorted baby items, the check from the Helping Hands group and the cash donations from the parishioners. We are so grateful to you and the church for many years of faithful support. Our shelves were quite bare. Many newborn children will be blessed directly by these gifts of love. We can’t thank you all enough. We are working together to see precious lives saved. God bless you all.”

***SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS
IN LOVING MEMORY OF: EVA REILLY
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CHILDREN’S LITURGY



Children’s Liturgy first Sunday of the month at 10:30 Mass. Children’s Liturgy of the Word third Sunday of the month 10:30 Mass.

CAFÉ GENEVIEVE—CHILDREN’S ACTIVITIES!

The communal experience of Mass is continued each week downstairs in the church hall at Café Genevieve.

Please come down after the 9 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 activities are provided after the 10:30 Mass until noon each week, and are supervised. Please join us!



Halloween

Question:
Is Halloween a pagan holiday or a Catholic one?

Answer:
The short answer: nowadays, a little bit of both. But it wasn’t always that way. Halloween and All Saints’ Day are closely connected. In the 800s, the Catholic Church began celebrating All Saints’ Day. It was originally called All Hallow’s Day or Hallowmas. The celebration began early on All Hallows’ Eve. But if Halloween is really about the saints in all their victorious glory, where do we get haunted houses, costumes, and pranks?

All Saints’ Day became associated with the other deceased rather quickly. November 2nd is All Souls Day, where we pray for the souls in purgatory. Throughout the European world, especially with the Celtic and Germanic peoples, the dead were honored in the autumn months. The Celtic pagan celebration of Samhain had its own folk rituals and occurred around the same time as these Catholic feast days.

Within the last few hundred years, this included dressing in disguise and going door to door, asking for food in exchange for a rhyme or poem. Some people masqueraded as “dark” spirits and pulled pranks on others. Today’s celebration of Halloween tends to take on these later practices, rather than the original meaning of celebrating the saints. But remember ... this feast was Catholic first!

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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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 30, 2021

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021 (ALL SAINTS DAY)

7:00 Souls in Purgatory req. Homem Family

8:00 Gregory Escandell, Jr. req. Family

7pm Joaquim Altunes req. Parenti Family

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2021 (ALL SOULS DAY)

7:00 ALL SOULS

8:00 ALL SOULS

7pm ALL SOULS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. Lotita, Savannah, Tatiana & Nathanlia

8:00 Kenneth Anthony Ballantyne req. Valerie Marples & Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2021

7:00 Joseph Homem req. Homem Family

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

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2021

7:00 Merlino Family req. Ed & Ginny Biggins

8:00 Walter Meyer req. Linda Ferguson

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Duke & Mary Pantina req. Danny & Sally Ferry

5:30pm Joseph Chodan req. Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

7:30 Bernard & Madge Campbell & John & Delia Sheridan req. Margaret Diaz

9:00 Julian & Maria Dorta req. Danielle Dorta

10:30 Larry Tango req. Peggi & Jenna Tango

12:00 Gladys Almeida req. Almeida Family

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

Please note that this list will be cleared shortly. If you wish someone to remain, please call the rectory. Thank You.



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