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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

November 14, 2021—33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in the clouds’ with great power and glory.” Take a moment to ponder these words from today’s Gospel. How does this image make you feel? For people to truly understand the significance of this message, something profound has to happen within. If we find ourselves reacting with a sense of dread or fear, we have to step back and ask why. Our answer will reveal a great deal about our relationship with God. It’s hard to fall in love with a God of whom we are afraid. God does not want us to be afraid. Nor does He want us to align our wills to His in order to avoid some kind of horrendous eternal consequence. That sounds like too much of a superficial power play on the part of God who continues to seek out His children in love.

In order for these words to carry any type of significant meaning for us, they have to resonate with and touch us on a deeper level. They have to be able to connect some dots and have meaning for us in order for this promise to change our lives. Sometimes we get preoccupied with the uncertainty of our deaths. Not knowing when or how we will eventually die can be unsettling. But, more so than needing an answer to the “when” of death, the “what” of death answer we provide has more significance. What happens to us when we die? Whether we die during the natural course of our lives or when Christ comes again, the experience is the same. If we believe that we are meant to live in union with God eternally and that death completes and does not diminish us, then it is worth our time and effort to wait in vigilant hope of the Lord’s coming in glory. Our journey back to God is something beautiful to be desired, not dreaded or feared.

Sadly, many folks believe that life is no more than a random occurrence without any purposeful direction or meaning. Death is simply death and nothing more. For them, the Second Coming of Christ and God’s eternal promise have no meaning. When we understand the truth about who we are, it changes things up. We then can see ourselves as works in progress who have the choice to either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful creativity of His will. Life awaiting the fullness of Christ to come becomes an unfolding of Divine surprises and abundant joy. God is eternally merciful, forgiving, and welcoming. It is only when we directly reject this gift and turn our backs on Love itself that we have anything to fear.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – EXAMPLES OF OUR FAITH

St. Elizabeth of Hungary | Feast Day November 17

Although her life was short, St. Elizabeth of Hungary (1207 – 1231) is recognized for her love of the poor and suffering, and as patroness of Catholic charities and the Secular Franciscan Order. The daughter of the King of Hungary, she chose a life of penance instead of leisure, which made an impact on the “commoners” she served. St. Elizabeth married Louis of Thuringia when she was 14. Deeply in love, they had three children. Despite their wealth, she led a life of prayer, sacrifice, and service to the poor and sick under the spiritual direction of a Franciscan friar.

After six years of marriage, her husband died in the Crusades, and St. Elizabeth was grief-stricken. Her husband’s family did not look kindly upon her and mistreated her before finally throwing her out of the palace. However, the return of her husband’s allies from the Crusades resulted in her being reinstated, since her son was legal heir to the throne.

St. Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order in 1228 where she cared for the poor in a hospital she founded in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. She died in 1231, but her great popularity resulted in her being named a saint only four years later.

BOY SCOUTS TO SELL WREATHS AND GRAVE BLANKETS

The Boy Scouts of St. Genevieve’s Troop 23 are again selling Christmas wreaths and grave blankets. The holiday items will be on sale on the St. Genevieve’s School playground after all Sunday Masses from November 21 until December 12. The products are of a good quality and are sold at a reasonable price. In addition, there will again be a Covid-safe self-serve contactless option 7 days per week, on the school playground.

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.

November 7 \$6,289

Assessment \$774

Religious Education

Confirmation program—We will have class today, Sunday, November 14 at 1pm.

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.

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

Cub Scouts are Selling Pies for Thanksgiving

Cub Scout Pack 23 is taking orders for Thanksgiving pies. The pies will be baked by Pinho's Bakery and are available in 17 varieties, at a cost of \$15 each. Pies can be ordered until November 17 and will be available for pick up at St. Gen's on the evenings of November 23 and November 24. Orders can be placed:

- After Saturday and Sunday Masses, November 13 & 14, in the back of the church;
- In the church hall Wednesday evening, 7:00 to 8:45 pm.; or

By using the order form found at the doors of the church.

588 SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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!



WHY DO WE DO THAT?

Question:

Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer:

All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

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 donation may be made for the following:

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SPECIAL INTENTION _____

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

5:30pm Merv Baxter req. Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

7:30 Estelle Agnes McConnell req. Natalie Da Silva

9:00 Arlene Lodzinski req. Lodzinski Family

10:30 Theresa Anello req. The Stec Family

12:00 Gladys Almeida req. Almeida Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

7:00 Mary & Al Burke req. John & JoAnne Burke & Family

8:00 Caroline Mondragon req. Margaret Diaz

7pm Kevin Mulligan req. Parenti Family

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2021

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

8:00 Souls in Purgatory req. Mary Maruschak

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2021

7:00 Maria Augusta Garcia req. Bob & Maria Dyke

8:00 Gregory Escandell, Sr. req. Family

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021

7:00 Savia Homem-Abreu req. Homem Family

8:00 Purkis/Gil Families req. Mary Ellen

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021

7:00 Msgr. Edward G. Price

8:00 Manuel Lopez req. The Feito Family

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Donald Checchio req. Linda Ferguson

5:30pm George Craig req. Lynda Lodzinsky & Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021

7:30 Peter Senatore req. Family

9:00 UNICO Mass

10:30 Manny Almeida req. Almeida Family

12:00 Charles Koncen req. Mary, Michael & Martin

Carlos Rodriguez & Maria 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, 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,

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

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!

LIVE THE LITURGY - INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Every human being asks and answers a very important existential question. What happens to us when we die? The answer we provide will determine how we chart the course of our existence. It will also determine whether the Second Coming of Christ will be of any concern to us. For many, life is simply a random occurrence with no significant intention or meaning about it. For these people, their eventual death, and the end of the earth as they know it, have little importance beyond their personal consequences. But, for people of faith our natural death and the Second Coming of Christ have huge implications. It is to these things that our faith speaks volumes and can bring a keen understanding and direction that the secular world simply cannot provide. This is where the call to vigilance and the primordial virtues of faith, hope, and love become useful and meaningful. We are works in progress who can either resist the inspirations of the Divine Artist or give into the wonderful surprising creativity of his will.



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