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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**

**November 21, 2021 -Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

We often come to life expecting all of the pieces of the puzzle to nicely fit together. We want and expect harmony, order, and fairness, the achievement of rewards for good behavior, good health, and happiness. We can more easily accept death when it comes naturally after a good long life, but have a real difficulty comprehending the meaning of it all when it is cut short. Willing to put in a good measure of effort, we desire positive results. When things go wrong and life gets hurtful, unjust, and downright ugly, we become unsettled and can quickly fall into despair. This is especially true if we are people of faith who believe in a God who sees things on our terms and works in favor of our life agenda. What happens to our faith when we find ourselves sitting in a mess?

Does it help to know that God understands and that hardship, failure, disappointment, injustice, confusion, and all of life's ugliness do not make faith irrelevant or irrational? God is wonderfully and surprising creative! He turns the tables on not only our understanding of life, but of what it means to be a king. God sends us a king who is not exempt from life's ills but embraces them. The king that God gives to us knows what it means to be poor, suffer insults, be ridiculed, face rejection, endure suffering, be betrayed, and face a most unjust and horrific death. This is our king. Jesus is not a king of prestige or grandeur but a king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. Christ dances before us pleading with us to hold on, cling to love, avoid being negative, stop feeling cheated, and be strong in faith! There may be hardship and disappointment now but there are more surprises to come.

Once we understand this truth, we will also understand that we are on a most incredible and awesome universal journey to Christ and becoming one in Christ. We all carry within us the image of God, the image of our suffering king. The One who lives in us also lives in all of our brothers and sisters. Failing to see this universal Divine Presence in all is one of the greatest mistakes we can make, for we also fail to see God, our king, as well. There are many things that can bring hardship to life. If we keep our head about us and do not lose hope, we can persevere and strive for the greatest degree of justice possible. Even though there are ample things that can challenge our faith, we also know that our deepest joy comes from union with God and our brothers and sisters. One day, the fullness of that joy will be ours to have when we are all eternally one with Christ our King forever.

Dear Parishioners,

This week, our parish and our nation gathers to say two very simple words: Thank You. These simple, one syllable words are perhaps the two most powerful words that we can ever utter. They show forth the understanding that someone has gone out of their way to do something special for us, and we wish to offer gratitude for that. Unfortunately, they have so sadly fallen out of favor in many instances. Our sense of entitlement blinds us to the good that others do for us, and gratitude is rarely expressed.

Thanksgiving Day has become very overlooked in our society. An online commentator recently described it as "the speed bump in the road between Halloween and Christmas." Please let that not be so for us. As Christians we have much to be thankful for, starting with the gift of life itself. God has showered us with His choicest blessings, even on our bad days, and we need to express our thanks. If nothing else, it is polite.

On Thursday morning, please join us for the celebration of the Eucharist at 9:00 am. Did you know that the very word eucharist is Greek for thanksgiving? Please, I beg you, bring the entire family, including the children to this Mass. So many of them think of Thanksgiving as nothing more than a quaint story of Pilgrims and Indians, an excuse for an big dinner, a reason to watch lots of football, and, worst of all, the official start to the Christmas shopping season. We cannot let them continue to think this way.

The entire staff of St. Genevieve's wishes to all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving. We pray that we will always be the recipients of God's manifold graces and blessings. All we need do is to say "Thank You."

**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.**



There will be only 1 Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 9am.

We hope you will join us with your family to give thanks for all the blessings we have received.

**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.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

- Nov. 27/28—Red Envelope Maintenance
- Dec. 4/5—Parish Assessment
- Dec. 11/12—Retirement for the Religious
- Dec. 18/19—Christmas Flowers
- Dec. 26—Red Envelope Maintenance



**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

**SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS**  
***IN LOVING MEMORY OF: JOSEPH REILLY***  
***FROM: JACKIE KELLEHER***



**OUR GIVING TREE IS BACK!**

We will be participating in providing gifts for this Holiday Season for St. Joseph's in Elizabeth. If you can please take a tag and purchase a gift of warm clothing or gift card for the person listed. Please place the

**UNWRAPPED** gift with price tags attached and with tissue paper in a large (16"wide x 13" high) Christmas bag and staple the tag with the family ID NUMBER IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER OF THE BAG. (the reason for a large bag: we put additional items in these bags.)

**Return your gift to Church on Sunday, December 5th, but no later than Sunday, December 12th. If you have any additional large Christmas bags and/or tissue to donate, we would appreciate the donations.**



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

**Question:**

Why do we make changes in the Mass? Some seem so small and unimportant. Are they really necessary?

**Answer:**

The celebration of the Eucharist is at the heart of our identity as Catholics. Our purpose as a Church community revolves around the Eucharist. Everything we are and everything we do is measured not only by how well we celebrate, but also by how well we live the sacrament. If that is so, then we as a community will always strive to celebrate the Mass as best we can. The reasons for some changes might seem more obvious than others, but there is a reason behind each one.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal is the introduction to the Missal that contains all the prayers for the celebration of the Mass. The Order of Mass we use now was issued in 1975 and, as often happens over the course of years, some questions have come up about the proper way of doing some things and whether or not other practices are acceptable. These changes clarify some things and make the celebration of the Mass more meaningful for everyone.



**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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**LIVE THE LITURGY -**

God is wonderfully and surprisingly creative! He turns the tables on our understanding of what it means to be a king by sending us a king who embraces poverty, insults, suffering, ridicule, rejection, and even death. This is our king. Jesus is not the king of prestige or grandeur but the king who brings light to darkness, hope to despair, sinners to mercy, and new life out of death. God dances on, around, in and through all of the silliness and ugliness of the world bringing all of creation to the eternal dance of new life and hope. Whether we accept it now or hope that we one day do, Christ is king of the universe. Christ is the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end. Every human being, even those who scorned and rejected him and failed to see him in the least of our brothers and sisters will look upon him. Only those who understand truth will understand that we are on this awesome universal journey to Christ. It is a journey of surprises but also a journey of enlightenment when we will one day see and experience with the deepest joy our being in Christ. We will be restless until we are all one day together united in Christ our King.



- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2021**  
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
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021**  
7:00 Juakin Ramos req. Anna Perrino  
8:00 Curran Family req. Kathleen Tillotson  
7pm Billy Adams req. Parenti Family
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2021**  
7:00 Marie & Floyd, Jerry, Dr. Jack & Pick Donahue, Dr. Bob & Jane Messier  
8:00 Conrado Alibudbud req. Miranda Family
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2021**  
7:00 Msgr. William C. Heimbuch  
8:00 Catherine Murray 22nd Anniv. req. Jackie Kelleher
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021**  
9:00 Mass of Thanksgiving
- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2021**  
7:00 Andrew Joseph Zagorski req. J.P. Zagorski Family  
8:00 Susan & Elzine Sheridan req. Margaret Diaz
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2021**  
7:00 People of the Parish  
8:00 Diego Castro req. Friends  
5:30pm Mass of Thanksgiving req. Pender Family
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2021**  
7:30 Peter Homem req. Homem Family  
9:00 Carmela Tamburello req. Nino & Joanna Quaglia  
10:30 Rolando Castillo req. Richard Costello & Family  
12:00 Joanne Arena req. Pasquale Arena



*Our prayers are with you as you recover ~*  
Carol Brink, Elaine Stachowicz, Licinia Dossantos, Maria Joe Godinho, Mary Paul, Herminia Murphy, Michael Perrino, Michael Alexander, Carol Chiari, Brian Da Silva, Mary Bernier

Please note—If you wish to add someone to the list—please call the rectory.



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