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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 -
January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God delights in you. How do you feel when you hear that? Delight usually comes with an exuberant flow of joy that seemingly arises from one's toes with the expression of great glee. Reflecting upon the deep measure of joy God has in us can be a source of joy for ourselves. Delight is infectious. A very young brother and sister were playing on the beach when the all too familiar ice cream truck made its daily rounds. The boy shook with excitement and delight as he took his sister's hand and exclaimed, "The ice cream man is here, isn't it great!" As they ran off toward the truck, one could hear the girl reply, "Yeah, I can't wait!" The experience of a child's delight in something so simple as ice cream, lifts our spirits from our burdens and transports us to the lighter, more innocent side of life.

Life is not meant to be a burden. Believe it or not, God actually wants us to be happy! In fact, the wedding feast at Cana shows us that God even puts His blessing on our happiness. It is okay to celebrate the wonder of ourselves and others. Life is good. It is always interesting to note that Jesus saves the good wine until last. You would think it would be the other way around. The superb quality of Jesus' wine points to the superior quality of life we find in Christ. It is not a life of burdens but a life of wonder and delight! In Christ, we are lifted from the superficial and mundane to a life of purpose, hope, and love.

God is with us through the long haul, through the challenges and sorrows as well as the successes and accomplishments. In spite of the fact that we often wander from the path, God's celebratory delight in us remains. As spouses are asked to remain faithful to each other through whatever life brings, God remains faithful too. This promise remains through this life and into the next. All we have to do is take the advice of Jesus' mother to heart when she says, "Listen to him." This wisdom saves us from foolishly giving in to the illusion that we can make better wine than Jesus.

Dear Parishioners,

Each year, the people of God called to be the Archdiocese of Newark are given the opportunity to participate directly in the ongoing mission of the Church. This mission includes: feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, helping the needy, healing the sick, educating the young, and the training of new priests.

Each of us has an important part to play in this vital mission, because, as faithful members of the Church, we share in continuing the mission of Jesus Christ. The easiest, and best, way to participate in this mission is by our generous donations to the Annual Appeal. Next Sunday, January 23, we will again have the chance to do this as we conduct our in-pew weekend. Each year the in-pew part of the process results in the largest number of donors from each parish, and I hope that this year we can do the same.

With everything going on in the world right now, it would be very easy to think that we should not have to do this. However, it is precisely because of world events that the need this year is even greater than before. It is essential that the Church of the Archdiocese of Newark be able to respond to the dire needs of so many of our brothers and sisters.

Please come next weekend prepared to make your generous pledge to the Appeal. The faster we make our goal, the less we have to keep hearing about it. I thank you in advance for your care and concern and for helping to ensure that the Gospel continues to be preached and lived in our Archdiocese.

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.

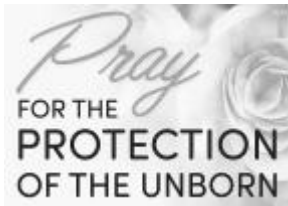
January 9	\$6,490
Catholic Campaign	\$ 810

PRO-LIFE MINISTRY NEWS

Today is National Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. It was first proclaimed so in January 1984 by President Ronald Reagan and celebrated on the Sunday prior to January 22nd which is the anniversary of the supreme court decision that made abortion legal in the US. Churches continue to recognize the third Sunday in January as an opportunity to speak up for the rights of the unborn.

This Saturday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual "Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children." This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion and includes special Masses of the day.

The 49th Annual March-for-Life in Washington, DC, will be held on Friday, January 21 with the theme: *Equality Begins in the Womb.* As an outdoor event, there are no COVID restrictions affecting it; however buses from our Archdiocese are limited due to the ongoing cautions. Please Pray for all the marchers and for the unborn; follow The March live on EWTN TV or social media at March for Life.



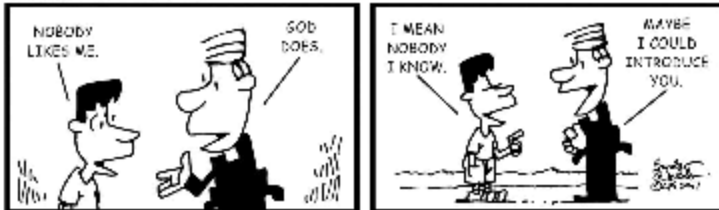
From: The Religious Education Office

****Forgotten pictures and certificates****

We have many pictures and certificates from current and past years of children that have received their First Holy Communion. These are precious keepsakes and I don't want to throw them away.

I'll have them set up on a table in the auditorium every Sunday during Café Gen's for the next 4 weeks (1-16 / 1-23 / 1-30 / 2-6) Please stop by and see if any of these belong to relatives, friends, neighbors or even your own children. Thank you.

END 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!

SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS & WINE

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

JOSEPH O'DONNELL

FROM: MR. & MRS. KEVIN O'LEARY

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

Can you predict the events of 2022 with accuracy?



Who would dare to make such a claim? Here we are at the beginning of a new year and no one knows what the future will bring...unprecedented joy or deep sorrow? Many families and individuals have the resources to cope with whatever comes along. Catholic Charities reaches out to those who have very limited resources. Help us to continue our mission by contributing to our Donation Bins. We need used clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, and children's books.

Thank you and God Bless.

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:

IN LOVING MEMORY OF _____

IN THANKSGIVING _____

SPECIAL INTENTION _____

NAME _____

LIVE THE LITURGY -

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!



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!

Mass for the Intentions Week

SATURDAY, JANUARY 15, 2022

5:30pm Mary Foran req. Matyas, Kouvel, Argona Families

SUNDAY, JANUARY 16, 2022

7:30 Reidelina Rodriguez req. Kathy Huber

9:00 Ruben O'Campo (Living)

10:30 James Hasson req. Billy & Theresa Fogler

12:00 John Malone req. JoAnn & John Malone

MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 2022

7:00 Nancy Smith Olszewski req. Audrey & Carmine Cicalese

8:00 Frank Mac Nab req. Jim & Lisa Heims

7pm Kathleen Mulligan req. Parenti Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18, 2022

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

8:00 Robert Drogo req. Ed & Ginny Biggins

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2022

7:00 Jack Verdon req. John & MaryAnn Trotter

8:00 Timothy J. Hanratty req. Richard & Virginia Griffith

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022

7:00 Eugene Kyne req. Family

8:00 Raul De La Iglesia req. His Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 21, 2022

7:00 Donald J./Don Carroll (Sr) - req. Eileen Carroll

8:00 Margaret McGrath Trotter & Family req. John & MaryAnn Trotter

SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Anne Quinn req. The Glackin Family

5:30pm Anna & Carmen Cicalese req. MaryAnne & Nick Marino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23, 2022

7:30 Leo Nolan req. The Berglund Family

9:00 Mary Foran req. Family

10:30 George Sterinsky req. Family

12:00 Fallon McGough req. Donna Pietz & Family

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Stephen Nemeckay, Tony Brennan, Carol Brink, Elaine Stachowicz, Licinia Dossantos, Maria Joe Godinho, Mary Paul, Herminia Murphy, Michael Perrino, Michael Alexander, Carol Chiari, Brian Da Silva, Mary Bernier, Judith Leonardi, Charlie Poppe, Bernadette Szpond, Lyuba Labunsky, Marty Marino, The Scott Sauer Family, Jason Hamilton

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



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