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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.

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. Today we 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.

Historically our parish has had a difficult time making our goal. This year, the Archdiocese has done its part by lowering what we need to bring in. Please do your part to make it happen. If everyone does something, large or small, our goal is very reachable.

I hope you are 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



GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Human history reveals many periods where people lost a sense of God's transcendence. It may even be argued that human beings have been wandering and lost more than they have been at home and focused. Human nature being what it is, we struggle with who God really is — the God of our salvation history or the "gods" of human constructs. Relying on our own designs and pursuits, we forget that we really are meant to listen to One upon whom the Spirit of the Lord rests, Jesus Christ, and not to ourselves. That same history that reveals our fickleness and infidelity also reveals God's constancy and faithfulness. God always finds us.

As people wander and fumble to find their way, God is there bringing them back to holiness and giving them the assurance of His presence. We have to allow God's Word, God's life, to touch us and change us. It can make us more flexible and attentive to the sacred in all facets of life so that every day is one that is holy. Every day is a time when fulfillment is possible for one's soul. Jesus stood before those gathered in the synagogue as the fulfillment of words of promise that were echoed long ago. God doesn't forget. He always comes for us.

Now it is time to remember to go to God. Sometimes our lives are so confused and tangled that it is difficult to see the Word and hand of God. But when we realize, deep within, the depth of friendship God offers to us it really has the power to turn sadness to joy. The promise is fulfilled. Going frequently to God's Word, allowing ourselves to be enriched and rejuvenated, and pondering the certainty of God's fidelity and promise permanently transforms us. We will be more aware of the sacred and the holy and less invested in things that pull us away.

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 16

\$4,231

2021 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like to request a copy of your 2021 contributions to the Church, kindly call (908)351-4444 or e-mail—stgens@optonline.net. We will be happy to mail it to you. Please note if you made a donation to the “Tree of Life” in the year 2021, that donation has a posting date of 12/31/21 and is listed under the fund of “Special Donation”. Thank you.



SPECIAL DONATION FOR HOSTS

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

VINCENT SANTORO

FROM: DENISE SANTORO

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

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 3 weeks (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.

3RD 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!

THIS WEEKEND IS OUR RED ENVELOPE

MAINTENANCE COLLECTION.

Thank you for your continued support.

Plant Your Works in the Word

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate “listening attentively.” Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home pouring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful — truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We “clock in” with Bible reading instead of “diving in.”

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word.

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 -

People can easily lose a sense of the sacred and transcendent. When we lose a sense of God's special presence, we need to be brought back. Ezra brought people back to the word of God and they realized what they were missing. Jesus proclaims God's word in the synagogue with true conviction and tells those gathered that he is the fulfillment of all that Isaiah taught. Even though people get lost, distracted, discouraged, and often journey down the wrong path, God's timeless law remains. When we allow ourselves to truly hear God's word and act on it, that living word slowly, over time, changes us. It has the power to soften and mold us, creating within us a joyful spirit. We realize the truth in what God speaks and become open to God's love. Gradually and gently God leads us back where we belong. We discover again the sacred character of life and the wonder of God's power. It is no wonder that Luke addresses his remarks to Theophilus. It is a name that means "beloved of God," a name that can be used by anyone who desires friendship with God.



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 22, 2022

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 24, 2022

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

8:00 Frank MacNab req. The Burd Family

7pm Eleanor Ehrl req. Helen Verdon

TUESDAY, JANUARY 25, 2022

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

8:00 Nicholas Glynn req. Ann Mesgleski

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022

7:00 Jack Verdon req. Mary Anne & Nick Marino

8:00 Thomas Glacken req. Mary Ellen Purkis

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022

7:00 Moncada Babies req. Family

8:00 Anna Reilly 33rd Anniv. req. Jackie Kelleher

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28, 2022

7:00 Tony Paul req. Family

8:00 Joanne Arena req. Pasquale Arena

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29, 2022

7:00 People of the Parish

8:00 Marion Berlund req. Family

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30, 2022

7:30 Amador & Olivia Rodriguez req. Aurora

9:00 Lorraine Grill req. The Christopher Family

10:30 Mary Foran req. Donna Pietz & Family

12:00 Castaneda Family req. Nieces & Nephews

Pray For...

Our prayers are with you as you recover ~

Mark Cowen, 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, 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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