

The Church of
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
&
St. Stanislaus Kostka

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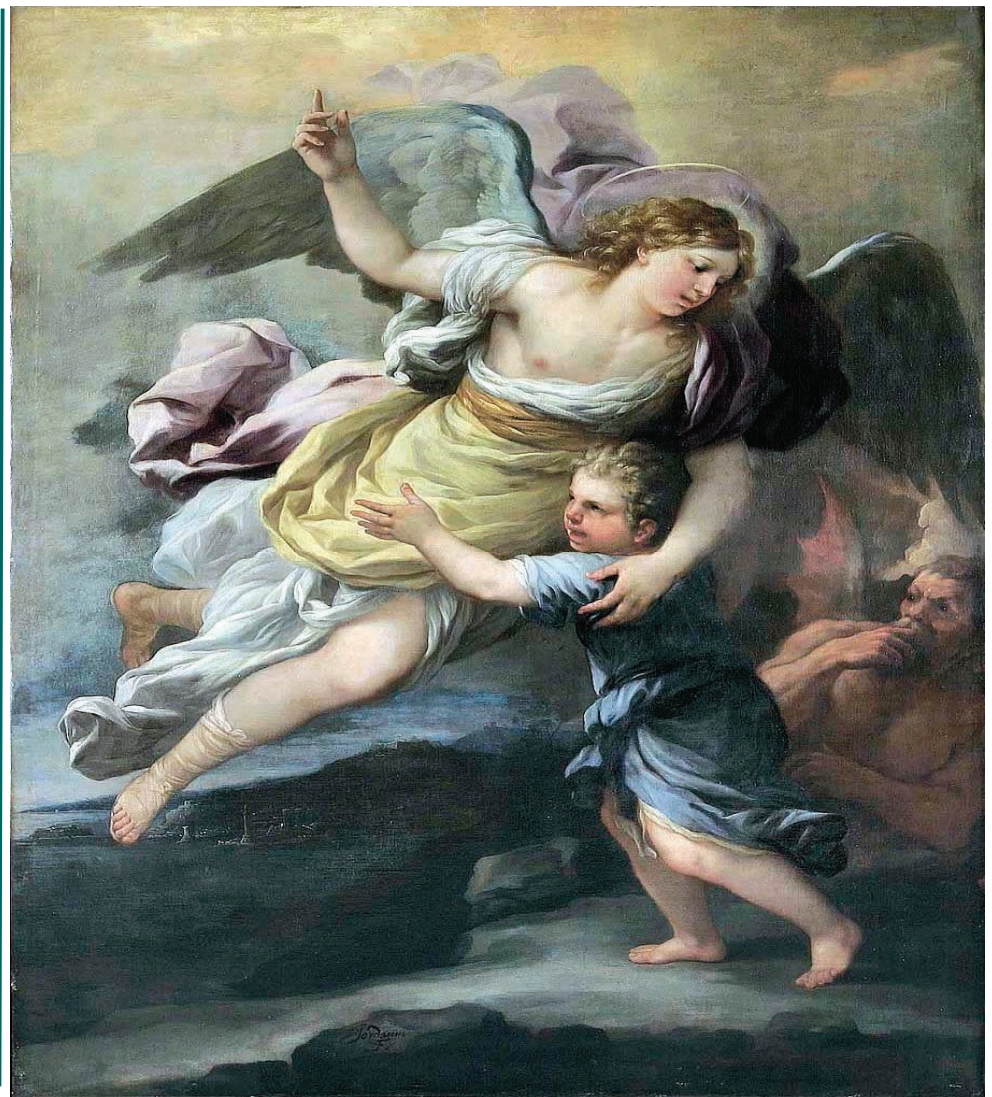
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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: Closed or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Saturday: Closed or by appointment



BAPTISM: Celebrated throughout the year in accordance with the policy of the Archdiocese and to accommodate the needs of our Parish Family. Attendance at a preparation session may be required. You must be a registered and active family for at least 90 days before a date for Baptism will be scheduled. Please call the Parish Office for an appointment.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made with a priest as soon as possible. One year prior to marriage or as soon as engagement is announced is recommended.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Levels 1 - 8: Wednesday,
6:30 - 7:40 pm

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: In the event of serious illness or when someone is hospitalized, the parish office should be notified. The Eucharist and the Sacrament of the Sick will be celebrated with anyone requesting them. Remember, the Hospital cannot notify us on their own.

CHOIR

We are fortunate enough to have a Parish Choir that has a full multi-lingual repertoire; English, Polish and Spanish. The Choir rehearses on Thursday at 7:00 PM. Instrumentalists are welcomed, either to play solo or with our choir. A parish orchestra made up of adults who rehearse and performs several times during the year. If you are interested in joining or for more information or just to volunteer, contact the office at (908) 756-3393.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to call the parish office and make an appointment to register. When you are moving from the parish, please notify the parish office.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Call the Office during regular hours.

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – September 28... St. Wenceslaus and St. Lawrence Ruiz

9:00AM...+ People of the Parish

5:00PM... Our Seminarians

Sunday – September 29...26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Catherine and Michael Onuska,
req. Cosmas Family

11:00AM...+ Jan Benewiat, req. Polish School

1:00PM...+ Gail Bardon, req. Kruse Family

Monday – September 30...St. Jerome

9:00AM... Health of Joseph Ciraldo, req. Sister Dawn

Tuesday – October 1...St. Therese of the Child Jesus

9:00AM... + Antonio Simeone, req. Simeone Family

Wednesday – October 2...Holy Guardian Angels

9:00AM... Alfred Schneider, req. Johanna Merkle

Thursday- October 3...Weekday

9:00AM...+ Anthony and Stephanie Salamon,
req. John Barnosky Family

Friday – October 4 ...St. Francis of Assisi

9:00AM...+ Luis Enrique Cuartas Gonzalez, req. Alba Cuartas

7:00PM...(Pol.) Pawel Pintscher (35th Anniv.)
req. Radecki Family

Saturday – October 5... St. Faustina Kowalska and St. Francis Xavier

9:00AM... People of the Parish

5:00PM... + Bill and Ruth Sullivan, req. Daughter Gayle

Sunday – October 6...27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Catherine Pellerano, req. Granddaughter and Family

11:00AM...+ Kasimierz Wojewódka, req. Friends from So.Plfd.

1:00PM...+ Catherine Pellerano, req. Doreen Kruse

Please Pray for our Parishioners in the Military
SSG Katarzyna Czajka, US Army
Ryan Percy, USN
Declan Cassidy, US Army

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Stewardship calls us to freely give of our time, talent, and treasure for the good of our parish family and community. God gives us everything! I give Him back my tithes. Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God – 5% for your parish church and 5 % for other charities.

VOCATIONS

Those who are recognizing the call to the priesthood, diaconate, or the religious life are invited to speak to a priest or contact the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973-497-4365, or on the website www.rcan.org/vocation/index.htm

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains NJ
908-322-4265 OR www.STBACADEMY

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for
All Our Parish Faithful Departed.

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of
**September is for the Deceased Members of the
Polizzano Family.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Cathy and Jack Rooney, Marian Parcinski, Frank Kazmierski, Olivia Schiffer, and Joseph Ciraldo.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed** especially **John Skolka, Jr.**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Numbers, 11:25-29

Two men not considered prophets by the people began to prophesy, and this offended those who did not feel they were true prophets. But Moses explained that prophets are chosen by God, not the people.

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

James speaks out strongly against people who become rich by cheating their workers. He claims the wealth they have dishonestly collected will be a testimony against them on judgment day.

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus explains to his disciples that it is acceptable for a person who is not part of their group to speak in his name, but he does warn them that anyone who tries to lead his followers astray will be severely punished. Jesus also discusses personal failing and the importance of taking whatever steps are necessary to avoid them.

The Saint of the Week

St. Faustina Kowalska

(October 5)

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska was born as Helena Kowalska, in Glogowiec, Leczyca County, north-west of Łódź in Poland on August 25, 1905. She was the third of 10 children to a poor and religious family.

Faustina first felt a calling to the religious life when she was just seven-years-old and attended the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After finishing her schooling, Faustina wanted to immediately join a convent. However, her parents refused to let her.

In 1924, Faustina experienced her first vision of Jesus. While at a dance with her sister, Natalia, Faustina saw a suffering Jesus and then went to a Cathedral. According to Faustina, Jesus instructed her to leave for Warsaw immediately and join a convent.

While in Warsaw, Faustina approached many different convents. Finally, the mother superior for the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy decided to take in Faustina. On April 30, 1926, at 20-years-old, she finally received her habit and took the religious name of Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament.

On February 22, 1931, Faustina was visited by Jesus, who presented himself as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from his heart. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world.

After taking her final vows, Faustina was transferred to Vilnius, where she met Father Michael Sopocko, the appointed confessor to the nuns. During her first confession with Sopocko, Faustina told him about her conversations with Jesus and his plan for her. Father Sopocko encouraged her to start keeping a diary and to record all of her conversations with Jesus. Faustina told Sopocko about the Divine Mercy image and it was Sopocko who introduced her to Kazimierowski, the artist of the first Divine Mercy painting.

In July 1937, the first holy cards with the Divine Mercy image were created, and Faustina provided instructions for the Novena of Divine Mercy, which she reported was a message from Jesus. Throughout the rest of 1937, the Divine Mercy image continued to be promoted and grew in popularity.

Faustina's health significantly deteriorated by the end of 1937. Her visions intensified, and she was said to be looking forward to the end of her life. On October 5, 1938, Faustina passed away. She was buried on October 7 and currently rests at the Basilica of Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland.

The message of mercy that Sister Faustina received is now being spread throughout the world; her diary, *Divine Mercy in My Soul*, has become the handbook for devotion to the Divine Mercy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**Religious Classes will begin
This Wednesday, October 2nd.
6:30PM – 7:45PM**

Classes will be in the school building
using their main entrance
365 Emerson Avenue

All Religious Education children are required to attend Sunday Mass every weekend and have their booklet signed. ***On the first day we will meet with the parents for a short orientation in the Cafeteria.***

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Mass is celebrated at the 9:00AM Mass on the First Sunday of the month. The next Rosary Sunday is **October 6th**. After Mass we will have our annual

Parish Communion Breakfast

in the School Cafeteria. Our speaker will be Sr. Mary Jo Kearns R.S.M. from Mt. St Mary's.

Everyone is invited to attend. Tickets are \$25.00pp and will be sold this weekend after all the Masses or by calling the office.



The Rosary is prayed before the 9AM Mass during the week Monday – Saturday. On Thursdays after the 9AM Mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, closing with Benediction at 11:00AM. October is the Month of the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed in church every Tuesday in October at 1PM.

Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki



26 NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA B Z Listu świętego Polikarpa, biskupa, do Filipian

Polikarp wraz z prezbiterami do Kościoła Bożego, który jest w Filipi: miłosierdziem i pokojem niech was hojnie obdarza Bóg wszechmogący i Jezus Chrystus, nasz Zbawiciel.

Całym sercem podzielam w Panu naszym Jezusie Chrystusie radość, jaką wam sprawiło przyjęcie u siebie owych żywych wzorów prawdziwej miłości, Ignacego i jego towarzyszy. Wpadało im towarzyszyć - co też uczyniliście - tym więźniom noszącym kajdany świętych: są one ozdobą prawdziwie wybranych przez Boga i naszego Pana. Raduję się także, bo wszczepiona wam wiara, znana już w minionych czasach, nadal trwa niewzruszenie i przynosi owoc w Panu naszym Jezusie Chrystusie. On za nasze grzechy nawet i śmierć raczył ponieść, ale "Bóg Go wskrzesił, zerwawszy więzy śmierci. Nie widząc Go, w Niego wierzyście, pełni niewysłowionej i chwalebnej radości". Wielu pragnie jej dostąpić. A wiecie, że "nie z uczynków, lecz łaską jesteście zbawieni" z woli Bożej przez Jezusa Chrystusa.

"A zatem przepaszcie wasze biodra i służcie Bogu z bojaźnią" i w prawdzie. Nie zajmujcie się próżnymi wywodami i błędami wielu, wierząc w Tego, który powołał z martwych Jezusa Chrystusa, naszego Pana, otoczył Go chwałą i umieścił Go po swojej prawicy. Jemu jest wszystko poddane w niebie i na ziemi. Służy Mu wszystko, co żyje. On zaś przyjdzie sądzić żywych i umarłych; od tych zaś, którzy odmawiają Mu wiary, Bóg zażąda rachunku z Jego krwi.

Ten, który wskrzesił Jezusa, także i nas przywróci do życia, jeżeli będziemy pełnili Jego wolę i żyli według Jego przykazań; jeżeli będziemy miłowali to, co On umiłował i powstrzymamy się od wszelkiej nieprawości, pożądlivosti i chciwości, obmów i fałszywego świadectwa, i nie będziemy oddawali złem za zło ani złorzeczeniem za złorzeczenie, ani uderzeniem za uderzenie, ani przekleństwem za przekleństwo, ale będziemy pamiętali o tym, czego Pan nauczał: "Nie sądzcie, abyście nie byli sądzeni, odpuszczajcie, a będzie wam odpuszczone, bądźcie miłosierni, abyście dostąpili miłosierdzia, jaką miarą mierzycie, taką wam odmierzą. Powiedział również: Błogosławieni ubodzy i ci, którzy cierpią prześladowanie dla sprawiedliwości, albowiem ich jest królestwo Boże".

4 Października – msza po polsku o godz. 19:00

Szkoła Polska Doksztalająca

Zajęcia w Polskiej Szkole działającej przy naszej Parafii odbywają się w każdy poniedziałek w okresie roku szkolnego od godz. 5:30 do 8:00PM.

Kontakt: polskaszkolaplainfield@outlook.com

Dyrektorka Szkoły: Beata Benewiat

Tel. 732-266-4310

JESIENNA ZBIÓRKA ODZIEŻY

Uczniowie Klasy 2 LO organizują fundraiser na St. Jude Children's Reserarch Hospital i na potrzeby swojej klasy.

Zbieramy używane ubrania, buty, torebki, plecaki, pościele, ręczniki, zasłony, obrusy, zabawki pluszowe i małe plastikowe.

Nie przyjmowane są koce narzuty na łóżka, kołdry, puzzle, klocki, gry planszowe

Zbiórka będzie trwała przez kolejne 4 poniedziałki: 16 września, 23 września i 30 września i 7 października.

Prosimy o dostarczenie rzeczy używanych w workach oraz aby oddzielać buty i zabawki od ubrań.

STEWARDSHIP

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41

Cardinal Joseph Tobin...

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in the Fall of 2025!

The High School Placement Test (HSPT) will be given on Friday, November 8th.

Registration information for the exam is online at

www.njcoopexam.org. For more information

<https://www.catholicchoolsnj.org/hs-admissions>

Union Catholic High School 1600 Martine Avenue Scotch Plains

Fall Open House

October 5th- 12 Noon and

October 16th -7:00:PM

Mother Seton Regional High School 1 Valley Road, Clark

Meet teachers and current students to learn about what a Catholic School education for girls can do for your daughter, Sunday, October 6th 1PM and Monday, November 4th 7PM.

Fifth through eighth grade girls are welcome to register at motherseton.org.

Seventh and Eighth grade girls are welcome to be a **Student for a Day** during October and November.

Register at motherseton.org

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TH CHOIR IS BACK...



Why not be a member??

**Rehearsals on
Thursdays**

in the church at 7PM.

We are looking to enhance our Choir. If you are interested in joining our Choir, please contact the office, or simply just come on a Thursday evening to one of our rehearsals in the church at 7PM.



Kick up your heels...Seniors!!!

BESTCHURCH SENIORS are back!!

We are looking forward to welcoming new members to join us. The BestChurch Seniors meet on the Third Thursday of the month at 12:30PM. Our meeting is open to all **seniors** and **almost seniors**. BestChurch Seniors meet on **October 17th** for our

Halloween Themed Celebration

in the Parish Community Room in the new office on George Street, using the side door entrance. You are invited to join together for programs, socialization and fun as well as reminiscing, and some tasty treats. Call the office to let us know you will be attending.

**And...please feel free to invite someone to
come with you.**

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

We are continuing to collect food in the open area of the church for Starfish to be distributed throughout the Union County area. Dates should be current and food non-perishable.

ALTAR SERVERS

Be joyful to serve at the altar, to be closer to Jesus!

Serving God as an altar server is a wonderful way to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. Altar Servers make a difference! If you are interested in participating at Mass as an Altar Server, girls as well as boys, please contact Fr. Marcin or Fr. Bernardo.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

Anyone who may be interested in serving as a Eucharistic Minister or Lector, please contact Bill Shlala at wgshlala@gmail.com or call (908) 755-8560.



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Seminary Appeal

This weekend we will have seminarians visiting us from:



Redemptoris Mater Seminaries are missionary diocesan seminaries located throughout the world. The seminarians here receive the same theological formation as the other diocesan seminarians. Although they come from all over the world, upon completion of their formation, they are ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Newark like Fr. Marcin and Fr. Bernardo.

A characteristic of these Redemptoris Mater Seminaries is that they are international: they are for the whole world and at the service of the Church. Its mission is forming priests in the Archdiocese of Newark and abroad, wherever the Good News needs to be proclaimed, so that the Word of the Lord: "Go out and preach the gospel to all the nations," may be fulfilled.

Pray for
VOCATIONS

There will be a second collection after the Masses, for those who would like to help the formation of the future priests.



ONLINE GIVING

IT IS POSSIBLE TO AUTOMATE YOUR FAITH GIVING TO OUR PARISH GIVING. SIMPLY GO TO OUR PARISH WEBSITE.

Collection for September 22

Online..... \$ 1,158

In Pew..... \$ 2,943

Total Collection Sept. 22... \$ 4,101

ANNUAL²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

We already collected **\$26,588.00** which is **90%** of our goal for the AA 2024.

We are missing only **\$2,288.94**

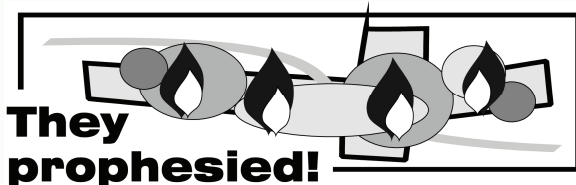
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on a regular basis on Saturdays at 4:15PM and on Sunday mornings after Masses as well as after weekday Masses simply by requesting a celebration of the sacrament.

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel presents us with a man who did not belong to the group of Jesus' followers but was casting out demons in Jesus' name, and thus they wanted to forbid him to do so. With the zealous enthusiasm typical of young people, John refers the matter to the Teacher, seeking his support. However, quite to the contrary, Jesus replies, "Do not forbid him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me. For he that is not against us is for us."

The disciples' attitude is very human, very common, and we can observe this in Christian communities throughout history, probably in ourselves as well. In good faith, indeed with zeal, one would like to protect the authenticity of a certain experience, safeguarding the founder or leader from false impersonators. But at the same time, there is a sort of fear of 'competition' and this is bad. The fear of competition, that someone may steal new followers, may prevent us from appreciating the good that others do: it is not good because he is 'not one of us'.

God's great freedom in giving himself to us represents a challenge, and it is the invitation which Jesus addresses to us today. He calls us not to think according to the categories of: friend/enemy, us/them, mine/yours, those who are in and those who are out, but rather to go beyond, to open our hearts in order to be able to recognize God's presence and action, even in unusual and unpredictable environments that are not part of our circle. It is a matter of being more attentive to the authenticity of the good, the beautiful and the true that is done, rather than to the name and the origin of the one who does it.

We welcome all our families who are beginning the New Catechetical Year! In a special way we welcome all new families who registered for the first time. May God help our Catechists as they teach our children to learn the true ways of God.


In the Love of God,

Fr. Marcin Fuks

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