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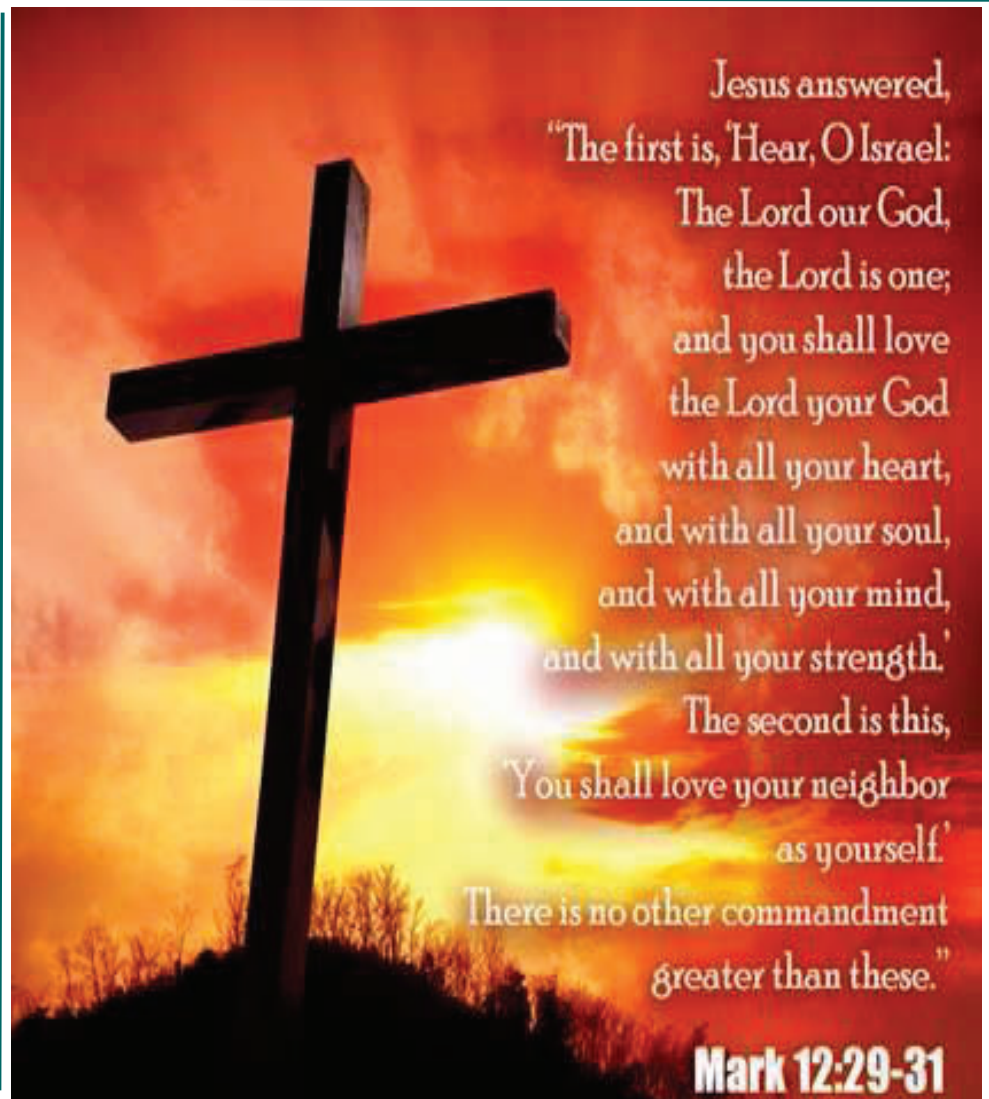
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OFFICE HOURS

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 - 7:45 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 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.

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

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Saturday – November 2... All Souls Day
Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
9:00AM...+ Antonio Simeone (9th Anniv.),
req. Lucia Simeone and Family
5:00PM +**All the Parish Faithful Departed**
within the past year

Sunday – November 3...31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM... Peace and Special Intention for Ebose Family
11:00AM...+ Antoni Miasik, req. Żona i Dzieci
1:00PM...+ Frances Schneider, req. Johanna Merkle

Monday - November 4...St. Charle Borromeo
9:00AM...+ Amparao Salgado, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Tuesday – November 5... Weekday
9:00AM... Peace and Special Intention for Ebose Family

Wednesday – November 6... Weekday
9:00AM ...+ Carlos Salgado , req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Thursday- November 7 ... Weekday
9:00AM ...+ Samuel Pelaez, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Friday – November 8 ...Weekday
9:00AM... + Deceased Members, Mone and Negri Family,
req. Angela Negri

Saturday – November 9... Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
9:00AM...+ All the Faithful Departed
5:00PM...+ Mr. & Mrs. Louis A. Tierno, Sr.,
req. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Barrow

Sunday – November 10...32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Stewardship Sunday
9:00AM...+ Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello
11:00AM...+ Józef Górka, req. żona i rodzina
+ Anna I Jaroslawa Stalenyj, req. rodzina
1:00PM...+ William Populus, req. Wife, Marilyn

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

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of
November is in Memory of all the Parish Faithful
Departed.

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

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed.**

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses commands the people to love and fear God, and always keep the commandments that they were given. He tells them to observe all statutes so that they will continue to grow and prosper, and tells them that they must love God with all their soul and strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Under the old covenant there were many priests, but Jesus will now remain high priest forever because he will live forever, and always be available to those who want to be saved. He does not need to offer sacrifice every day for the sins of his people, because he offered himself up in payment for their sins.

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes asked Jesus which commandment is the first, and he replied that the first is to love and honor the Lord and no one else. Jesus explained that they must love God with all their heart, and love their neighbor. The scribe agreed that loving God completely and loving one's neighbor is better than any sacrifice they could make.

The Saint of the Week

St. Charles Borromeo

(November 4)

St. Charles Borromeo was born on October 2, 1538 at the castle of Arona on Lake Maggiore near Milan. His father was the Count of Arona and his mother a member of the House of Medici. He was the third of six children born to the couple.

At the age of 12, the young Charles dedicated himself to a life of service to the Church. He suffered from a speech impediment that made him appear slow to those who did not know him. Despite this challenge, he performed well and impressed his teachers. He attended the University of Pavia and learned Latin.

In 1554 his father passed away and although Charles was a teenager, responsibility for his household fell to him. Charles continued in his studies and earned a doctorate in canon and civil law.

Life sped up for the young Charles after his uncle, Cardinal Giovanni Angelo Medici became Pope Pius IV on December 25, 1559. The new pope asked his nephew to come to Rome and appointed him as a cardinal-deacon. With the rank came the job of assisting and advising his uncle full-time.

With the new rank came even more duties including the government of the Papal States, the supervision of the Knights of Malta, the Franciscans, and the Carmelites. He was only 23 years old.

Borromeo was appointed administrator of the Archdiocese of Milan in 1560. Since he would become the ecclesiastical administrator of Milan, he decided that the Lord was calling him to the priesthood. Borromeo was ordained first to the order of deacon. Then, he was ordained to the holy priesthood on September 4, 1563. Then, he was ordained as a bishop on December 7, 1563. He became Archbishop of Milan in May 12, 1564.

Milan was the largest diocese in the Catholic Church at the time and corruption was rampant. The Protestant Reformation was spreading throughout northern Europe. The greatest defense against Protestant doctrinal errors and claims against the hierarchy of the Catholic Church was reform and the restoration of integrity to the Catholic Church. His strategy was to provide education to many clergy he saw as ignorant. He founded schools and seminaries and colleges for clergy.

In 1576 a famine struck Milan followed by the plague, and many of the wealthy and powerful fled the city. Archbishop Borromeo remained. He used his own fortune to feed the starving people. When that money was spent, he took loans and went deep into debt. He may have fed 70,000 people per day. Eventually, the Archbishop convinced the local governor to return to his post and care for the people.

In 1583, Archbishop Borromeo traveled to Switzerland and began work suppressing heresy there. Protestant heresies, along with witchcraft and sorcery had been widely reported. He founded the Collegium Helveticum to serve and educate Swiss Catholics.

Eventually, the Archbishop's life of work and toil began to take its toll. In 1584, he became ill with a fever. He returned to Milan where his condition worsened. When it became obvious he would die, he was given his last Sacraments. He died on November 3, at the age of 46.

 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** 

Children gather in the cafeteria, using the Emerson Entrance of the school building. Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45. All Religious Education children **are required** to attend Sunday Mass every weekend and have their Mass Attendance Books signed.

This Wednesday there will be a meeting for the parents of the children preparing for the sacrament of 1st Communion at 6:30PM.

**On Thursdays...
Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament**

after Mass closing with
Benediction at 11AM.



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS



The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass
Have you thought about becoming a Rosarian?

The Rosarians meet the first Sunday of the Month in the Parish Commons. If you would like more information about becoming a Rosarian, please contact Liz Smith, or call the Parish Office.

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



31 NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA B

Miłość Boga i bliźniego nie jest narzuconym nam ideałem etycznym, ale darem Jezusa dla nas. On sam żył, miłując Ojca całym swoim umysłem.

Okazał to szczególnie w godzinie męki, gdy modlił się: „Abba, nie to, co Ja chcę, ale to, co Ty niech się stanie!”, i gdy pozwolił nałożyć sobie na głowę cierniową koronę. Miłość do Boga ze wszystkich sił objawił, gdy pozwolił przybić do krzyża swoje ręce i nogi, i gdy pozornie pokonany, dokonał największej przemiany w dziejach ludzkości. Miłość Boga całym swoim sercem okazał najbardziej wtedy, gdy Jego bok został przebity włócznią. Miłość bliźniego jak siebie samego Jezus okazał zwłaszcza wtedy gdy złożył swoje życie w ofierze za wielu i gdy modlił się: „Przebac im, bo nie wiedzą, co czynią”. Jezus więc ofiaruje nam to najwyższe przykazanie jako już wypełnione w Nim samym.

Miłość to sposób istnienia Boga, a także droga do realizacji najgłębszego pragnienia człowieka: by być jak Bóg. Nie jest ona możliwa bez Jezusa, bez trwania w głębokiej jedności z Nim.

Jezus nie każe nam miłować bliźniego ponad wszystko, miłością absolutną. Tak miłość byłaby nawet pewnego rodzaju bałwochwalstwem i nakładałaby na ukochanego człowieka ciężar naszych potrzeb i oczekiwań niemożliwy dlań do udźwignięcia. Można tu przypomnieć słowa Izajasza: „Oto ty się opierasz na Egipcie, na tej nadłamanej lasce trzciniowej, która, gdy się kto oprze na niej, wchodzi w dłoń i przebija ją. Taki jest faraon, król egipski, dla wszystkich, którzy w nim pokładają nadzieję”.

Niezdrowy i niedojrzały afekt zniewala zarówno kochającego jak i kochanego. Jeżeli tego rodzaju uczucie nie jest miarkowane Bożymi przykazaniem, bywa przyczyną wielu dramatów, gdy na przykład mąż lub żona ulegają złudzeniu, że miłość małżonka wystarczy, by wypełnić całe ich życie, i nie chcą szukać prawdziwego oparcia w Bogu. Podobnie, gdy któreś z rodziców ulokuje wszystkie swoje uczucia w dziecku, wówczas bardzo trudne do zaakceptowania staje się doświadczenie opuszczenia przez dorosłego syna czy córkę, którzy zawierają małżeństwo.

Miłość do drugiego człowieka ponad wszystko, tak jakby był on bogiem, sprawić może, iż odejście czy śmierć kogoś takiego staje się doświadczeniem przekreślającym sens życia.

ks. Józef Maciąg

Źródło: „Niedziela Lubelska”

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



**Święto
Niepodległości**

11 listopada

„WOLNOŚĆ: KOCHAM I ROZUMIEM”

Polska Szkoła Doksztalająca im. J. U. Niemcewicza
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serdecznie zaprasza

Rodziców, Parafian i Przyjaciół Szkoły
na spektakl poetycko - muzyczny
w wykonaniu nauczycieli i uczniów

Uroczystość odbędzie się 10 listopada 2024 roku
o godz. 12:00

365 Emerson Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07062

Uczcijmy wspólnie Święto Niepodległości
oraz 80 rocznicę Powstania Warszawskiego

Po uroczystości zapraszamy na poczęstunek

**Polski Apostoł w Archidiecezji Newark
zaprasza na**

**Mszę Świętą
za Polonię**

**Niedziela,
17 listopada
2024 roku
o godz. 3:00PM**

**Mszę Świętą odprawi
Jego Eksceleńca
Biskup Sławomir Oder**

**CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART
89 RIDGE ST.
NEWARK NJ, 07104**

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all Masses this weekend.

Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Word is at the 9AM Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the Month for grades K-2, in the Church Chapel.



The Next Liturgy of the Word will be **November 10th**.

ALTAR SERVERS

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



contact Fr. Bernardo.

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



Church Decor

Anyone who would like to give a helping hand with the church decorating for the upcoming holidays.... Advent and Christmas you are more than welcome to help - *there is plenty to do*, and any help we can get will be a blessing for us. Just let us know.



Next Weekend **BAKE SALE**

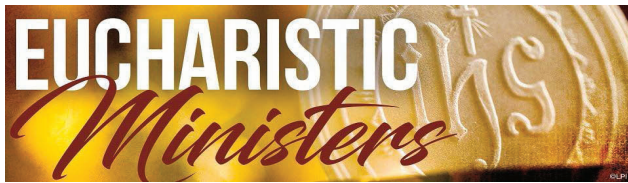
November 9th and 10th there will be a Bake Sale, sponsored by the Rosarians, after all the Masses in the open area of the Church. Please stop by for some tasty treats.

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



BestChurch Seniors



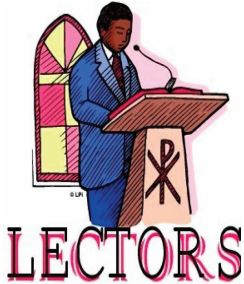
Next Senior meeting is November 21st

when we will celebrate Thanksgiving

in the Parish Community Room on George Street, using the side entrance.

We will also have a guest speaker on **“Don’t Get Scammed!”**

And as always ...please feel free to invite someone to come with you.



Are you interested in serving God as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?



Contact Bill Shlala
wgshlala@gmail.com
or call (908) 755-8560.



CHOIR

Why not become a member?

It's never too late to join...Rehearsals are on Thursdays in the church at 7PM.

The choir is preparing for the upcoming holidays and would like your help to enhance our choir, especially men's voices. If you are interested, please contact the office, or simply just come on a Thursday evening to one of our rehearsals in the church at 7PM.

We would love to see you there!

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

We are continuing to collect food for Starfish to be distributed throughout the Union County area. Food can be left in the open area of the church. Dates should be current and food non-perishable. The staff at Starfish would like to thank you all for your continued support.

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 www.njcoopexam.org.
For more information <https://www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions>

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:

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 November.

Register at motherseton.org

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St. Bartholomew Academy in Scotch Plains is a perfect place for a Catholic Education founded on learning a true Catholic way of life and achieving excellence in academics. For information, please contact 908-322-4265.

STEWARDSHIP

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

“And ‘to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself’ is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

(Mark 12:33)

Of all the gifts that God gives us, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of our love for Him, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it’s more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.



ONLINE GIVING

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

Collection for October 27

Online..... \$ 1248
In Pew..... \$ 3677

Total Collection Oct. 27.... \$ 4925

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ APPEAL

We made our goal

Thank you so very much!!

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,

At the heart of this Sunday’s Gospel passage, there is the commandment of love: love of God and love of neighbor. A scribe asks Jesus: “Which commandment is the first of all?” He responds by quoting the profession of faith with which every Israelite opens and closes his day, and begins with the words “Hear O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord.” In this manner Israel safeguards its faith in the fundamental reality of its whole creed: only one Lord exists and that Lord is ‘ours’ in the sense that he is bound to us by an indissoluble pact; he loved us, loves us, and will love us forever. It is from this source, this love of God, that the twofold commandment comes to us: you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength, and your neighbor as yourself.

Jesus taught once and for all that love for God and love for neighbor are inseparable; moreover, they sustain one another. To love God is to live of him and for him, for what he is and for what he does. So, to love God means to invest our energies each day to be his assistants in the service of our neighbor, in trying to, and in building relationships of communion and fraternity.

Mark the Evangelist does not bother to specify who the neighbor is, because a neighbor is a person whom I meet on my journey. Today’s Gospel passage invites us all to be projected not only toward the needs of our poorest brothers and sisters, but above all to be attentive to their need for fraternal closeness, for a meaning to life, and for tenderness. This challenges our Christian communities: it means avoiding the risk of being communities that have many initiatives but few relationships; the risk of being community ‘service stations’ but with little company, in the full and Christian sense of this term.

God, who is love, created us to love and so that we can love others while remaining united with him. It would be misleading to claim to love our neighbor without loving God; and it would also be deceptive to claim to love God without loving our neighbor.

In the Love of God,

Fr. Marcin Fuks

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