



XXVIII Sunday in Ordinary Time 15 October 2023

To all who are tired and need rest; to all who mourn and need comfort; to all who are friendless and need friendship; to all who are discouraged and need hope; to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,

THIS PARISH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS IN THE NAME OF JESUS THE LORD!

SACRAMENTS

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (anticipated): 5:30 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 12:00PM

Monday-Saturday: 8:00 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: see inside

Penance & Reconciliation:

Monday-Thursday; Saturday: 7:30-7:50 AM Saturday afternoon: 4:00-4:50 PM

A Catholic is obliged to confess <u>serious sins</u> in kind and number to a priest. If one is conscious of having committed serious sin, Confession ought to be made before receiving the Eucharist.

<u>**Baptism:**</u> Please call to arrange for your child's baptism before or soon after birth. A Godparent must be a Catholic in good standing.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call for a priest to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. <u>Do not</u> wait until the sick person is unconscious.

Matrimony:

All Catholics ought to seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good graces & receive the Eucharist. Marriage cannot validly exist between baptized persons unless it is also a sacrament (Canon 1055.2). Contact a priest about a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

<u>Confirmation</u>: Need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Call Mrs. Kachnowski at 908-245-6572. She will help you prepare for confirmation. If they can do so without serious inconvenience, Catholics ought to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation before being admitted to marriage (Canon 1065).

<u>RCIA</u>: Desire baptism? Called to be a Catholic Christian? Contact Deacon David at 908-245-6572 and he will help you discern God's call to holiness.

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This QR Code will bring you to the **Breviary**, the Official Daily Prayer of the Church which priests and religious have vowed to pray. Laity are invited and encouraged to pray these prayers daily also.





Focus your camera on the QR Code to the left and you will have the readings for the day.

Roman Catholie Parish ERECTED A.D. MCMVII

MASS INTENTIONS ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY 5:30 PM Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri Son, Ralph Oct 15 XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY 8:00 AM **People of the Parish** 10:30 AM Al Bonaria Judy Rorro Domenico Manginelli 12:00 PM Judy & Mike Casey MONDAY Oct 16 Mary Margaret Alacoque, virgin **Edward Sumowski** 8:00 AM Son, Gary TUESDAY Oct 17 Ignatius of Antioch, bishop-martyr 8:00 AM Frances Wrege Anna Marie & Frank D'Antonio WEDNESDAY October 18 Luke, evangelist John Antonucci 8:00 AM Love, Mom THURSDAY October 19 North American Martyrs 8:00 AM Anne Prevosto Fr. Paul **FRIDAY October 20** Paul of the Cross, priest 8:00 AM **Beth Anne Sharp** Warren & Kathleen McKeon SATURDAY October 21 BVM 8:00 AM **Paul Temple** The Peterson Family ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY 5:30 PM Mom & Dad Betting Love, Helen Oct 22 XXIX SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY People of the Parish 8:00 AM Maria Chiarella 10:30 AM Antoinette Auletta 12:00 PM Aniello Tortorelli

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32 **Tuesday**: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41 **Wednesday**: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13-18;

Daughter, Sr. Mary Catherine

Lk 10:1-9

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab;

Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43;

Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10;

1 Thes 1:1-5b; Mt 22:15-21

For readings go to: www.usccb.org/
bible/readings/ or scan this >>>>



Prayer List: To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory. We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!

Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

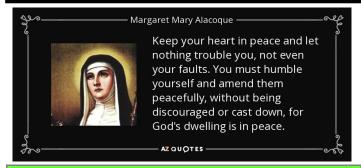
Patrick Ahern Jr., Sophia Alfano, Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Joe Caponegro, Ken Castenon, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Carol Fellner Nasta, Dorothy Ford, Charles Frank, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Cynthia Ingman, Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Michael Lacey, Nancy Lanfrank, Chris Lettieri, Stella LoPiccolo, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Chantell McDonald, Eleanor Morehouse, Artie Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Sabrina Romani, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Tony Wargacki

Please pray for our Faithful departed & their loved ones Claudia Knapp



Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.



MEETINGS						
Finance Council	Dec 11	7:00	UPH			
Pastoral Council	Nov 13	7:00	UPH			
Rosary Society	Nov 06	7:00	LPH			
Knights of Columbus	Oct 25	8:00	Loreti Hall			

Special Memorial Donations

Altar Candles given
In Loving Memory of Jess Saldana
req. by Emeline & Reb Saldana

Wine and Bread for Mass and Altar Candles given
In LOVING MEMORY OF
ELIZABETH & RALPH OLIVERI
req. by Son, Ralph

Bread for Mass given
In THANKSGIVING FOR
THE HELP OF ST. ANTHONY
req. by Theresa & Joe Cicalese (48)

I can say and believe in something that had been considered good or normal has now become know to be evil or abnormal.

Let's take slavery for instance. For millennia, slavery had been the practice in many cultures as normative and even good. In ancient Rome, a man and his family could be sold into slavery to pay off a debt. Or remember David's deal with the Philistines. If he had lost to Goliath, Israel would have become servants of the Philistines – the spoils of war. Often this was preferred to the alternative – death. It wasn't until the 19th century that the Church declared universally that slavery was a sinful act against the dignity of the human person. Previously it was tolerated as a necessary evil.

In ancient Rome, abortion and infanticide was a normal practice. If a child was ill or deformed, or if it was an unwanted girl, the child would be thrown to the dogs. The Christians came forward in their belief in the sacredness of human life, and often rescued these children and eventually transformed western civilization by promoting the dignity of every human being. In the pre-Gospel writing called the Didache, it clearly states that Christians do not have abortions nor commit infanticide.

But to take something that is considered evil and now see it as good and virtuous is a falsehood. It would be the pleasure of the Mafia if their way of life – crime, murder and extortion—were recognized as a legitimate way of life and therefore good. I was told by my grandfather that in Sicily, a mafioso leaving for the day would say he is off to work. Just because the sinner says it is a good work doesn't make it such.

Today we're confronted with the sins against human sexuality and the dignity of the human body. From all of known history of salvation, homosexuality and bodily mutilation (for sexchange) have been recognized as sinful or down right unnatural. Yet in modern society, there is a movement to normalize homosexuality and promote sexual transformation.

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, a homosexual act is disordered. This simply means that it goes against the proper and natural purposes of sexual acts between persons. It violates God's revelation. When one begins to worship the creature and not the Creator he is left to his disordered attractions, see Romans chapter 1. A person in homosexual bondage is not an evil person. He is simply suffering and must struggle to maintain purity of body and soul. That is the call of every baptized person. A person with heterosexual attraction must do the same, but of course he is free to marry and have intimate relations with his wife, or she with her husband, for the purpose of procreation and unity. In fact, the Church teaches that such intimacy is holy and expected of a husband and wife; it consummates the marriage. But such intimate sex-like acts between two persons of the same sex was, is and cannot ever be blessed, condoned, or accepted by the Church and any Christian who loves God and believes all that the Church teaches and proclaims.

So now there is controversy even in the hierarchy of the Church on the blessing of homosexual relationships. Such a blessing would give the impression that a homosexual relationship is good and normal. It is an attempt to remove it from the list of sins. So, while there is a good intention to be "pastoral" to those who feel unwelcomed by the Church, in the reality it tells a sinner that his sin is not a sin and so he does not have to repent and know the peace of Christ in his heart. Feeling good or justified in one's illicit or evil acts is not justification in the sight of Christ. Recall the woman caught in adultery. Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go in peace and SIN no more." So, while we must condemn no one and welcome everyone, we are called and call others to turn away from sin and be healed by the mercy of the Sacred Heart.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Afternoon of Reflection with Bishop Kevin Sweeney

Reflections by Bishop Sweeney, Eucharistic Adoration Praise & Worship, Benediction & Confession

Bishop Sweeney is a native of Queens, New York and grew up in St. Luke's Parish in Whitestone. He attended Cathedral Prep from 1984 to 1988 and was an outstanding baseball player for the high school seminary team. While his dream of playing professional baseball never panned out, he was inducted into Prep's Hall of Fame in 2013. After high school graduation, Bishop Sweeney entered Cathedral Seminary House of Formation in Douglaston and studied at St. John's University, receiving a B.A. in philosophy in 1992. He then entered the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington and received an M.Div. in theology. During his time at the Seminary in Huntington, Kevin spent a pastoral year at St. Agatha's (Brooklyn).



On June 28, 1997, Bishop Sweeney was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Brooklyn by Bishop Thomas Daily. His first assignment as parochial vicar was to the parish of St. Nicholas of Tolentine (Jamaica) from 1997 to 2003. He was then assigned to Our Lady of Sorrows (Corona) from 2003-2004. In 2004, Bishop Sweeney was named by Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio as the vocation director. During his time as vocation director, which lasted until 2010, he also served as the first director of the (St.) Pope John Paul II House of Discernment.

In January, 2010, Bishop Sweeney was appointed pastor of St. Michael's Parish in Sunset Park, Brooklyn, where he served for ten years.

Bishop Sweeney was installed as the eighth bishop of the Paterson Diocese on July 1, 2020 after Pope Francis appointed him to the position on April 15, 2020.

Music for the afternoon provided by Ramil and Kipsy.

Lunch will be provided after the 11:30am Mass.
Please RSVP with QR or at tinyurl.com/EucharisticRevivalAfternoon



Revival

Eucharistic

Sunday October 22, 2023, 1PM - 4PM

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church 300 Central Ave, Mountainside, NJ 07092

Fr. Jeivi Hercules, Pastor, www.ollmountainside.org 908-232-1162

is in need of the following items:

Cereal, Tomato Sauce, Spaghetti, Soup, Canned White Potatoes, and Tuna

If you are able to donate, these items can be placed in the food bin in the front vestibule of the church. Donations can also be made on Thursday evenings at the Annex between 6:30 and 7pm. We greatly appreciate & thank you in advance for your generous donations!!

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STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection: \$5783.00

Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you are retired and are taking distributions from your traditional IRA, these distributions are considered to be <u>taxable income</u> according to the IRS and you will owe taxes on the total amount you withdraw. <u>However</u>, you can reduce your taxable income by making a charitable distribution directly from your IRA to our parish. For example, if you are taking a \$1,000 distribution and you wish to make a \$500 donation, and you are in the 20% tax bracket, your tax liability will be reduced by \$100. To learn more about this tax saving opportunity contact your financial adviser / institution.

A Meal on the Road

Last week I went to supper with some old friends. We met at AJ Millers. Paul the elder ordered a steak. Peter had the deluxe nachos. And I ordered a salad with grilled chicken and shrimp. We all had a beverage. The bill came to \$75 plus a \$15 tip. Yes, that is \$90 for a simple meal out. We had no dessert.

I thought to myself, "Would be giving the parish the equivalent cost of a meal outside the home be a nice standard?" Why not?

As a child my family ate at home most of the time and maybe once or twice a month we ordered in—Chinese or pizza, but today, most everyone goes out at least once a week, spending at least \$25 per person. I figured that if I can spend that on myself so easily, then I could most certainly be at least this generous to my parish. After all the house where we celebrate Mass and make confession and spend time in the Real Presence is certainly worth more that any meal in a restaurant.

Fr. Paul

Charitable Gift Annuities

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a charitable gift annuity, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at Theresa.lynch@rcan.org.

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or speak to one of the Priests. or contact Fr. Gino dela Rama at eugenio.delarama@rcan.org

Religious Life for Women and Men

Contact Sr. Patricia M. Wormann, O.P at Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org or call 973-497-4368

Mary's Grotto

We are open from 8:30 - 1:15 on Sundays.

Please stop by and say hello and browse our gift selections.

New Time for Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass

A few months back I asked the 5:30 PM Mass congregation if they would like to celebrate Mass to **5:00 PM.** I invited comments via email. Of the 13 emails I received, two were concerned about the proposed change; the others favored it highly.

As St. Thomas More quoted, "Silence is consent." Therefore, beginning with the **First Sunday of Advent**, the anticipated Mass on December 2, 2023 will begin at **5:00 PM**.

Entrust yourself entirely to God. He is a Father and a most loving Father at that, who would rather let heaven and earth collapse than abandon anyone who trusted in him.

St. Paul of the Cross

	Communion Ministers				
	October 2023				
5:30 PM	Cindy Campbell Nancy Malta	John Mattingly			
8:00 AM	Marge Denci	Maryann Mansueto			
10:30 AM	Steve Petruzelli James Kompany				
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski				
	Oct 14/15 Oct 21/22				
	<u>Lectors</u>				
5:30 PM	Cindy Campbell	Leona Seufert			
8:00 AM	John Ballantyne	Anthony Cordero			
10:30 AM	Sebastian Saavedra	Diane Burgos			
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski Debbie Kachnowsk				
	ALTAR SERVERS				
5:30 PM		Joe Schmatz			
8:00 AM	Carol Ballantyne	Loretta Raczynski			
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10:30 AM	Nicholas Motley Adrianna Motley	Giovanni Scipioni Alaina Quintela			
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine			

Celebrate Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service

Holy Trinity Church is pleased to welcome Brother Emile from the Taizé Ecumenical Monastic Community of Burgundy, France.

Brother Emile will lead an Ecumenical Prayer Service on Sunday, October 29th, at 7:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Westfield. All are welcome to sing, silence, and contemplation service as we gather to pray for the Church as the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops closes in Rome.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church 506 Westfield Ave Westfield

Saint Luke, Evangelist († First Century)

Saint Luke, a physician at Antioch and a painter, was also an excellent rhetorician in Greek, his native language. He became a disciple of Saint Paul, the Apostle's fellow-worker and his faithful friend during his two imprisonments, and is best known to us as the historian of the New Testament acts of both Christ and the Apostles. Though not an eye-witness of Our Lord's life, the meticulous Evangelist diligently gathered information from those who had followed or listened to Jesus of Nazareth, and wrote, as he tells us, all things in order. His command of Greek is much admired. Saint Clement of Alexandria, Saint Jerome and Saint Thomas Aquinas state that it is he who translated Saint Paul's famous Epistle to the Hebrews, written in the language of the Jerusalem Christians, into the admirable Greek which we presently possess as the only ancient version.

The Acts of the Apostles were written by the Evangelist as a sequel to his Gospel, bringing the history of the Church down to the first imprisonment of Saint Paul in Rome, in the year 64. The humble historian never names himself, but by his occasional use of we instead of he or they, we are able to detect his presence in the scenes of Saint Paul's life which he describes. We thus find that he sailed with Paul and Silas from Troas to Macedonia, where he remained behind, apparently, for seven years at Philippi. Finally, after remaining near Saint Paul during the time he was imprisoned in Palestine, he accompanied him, still a prisoner, when he was transported to Rome. Thus he shared the shipwreck and perils of that memorable voyage, narrated in Chapter 27 of Acts — which book no Christian should fail to read, along with the four Gospels. He then narrates the two years of Saint Paul's first imprisonment, ending in his liberation.

There his narrative ends, but from Saint Paul's Epistles we learn that Saint Luke was his faithful companion to the last. His paintings of Our Lady are still conserved with care in a number of places in Europe. Saint Luke certainly learned from the Mother of Christ Herself, the story of the Annunciation, the Visitation, and the Angelic mission to the shepherds of Bethlehem. After the martyrdom of the Apostle to the Gentiles, Saint Epiphanus says that Saint Luke preached in Italy, Gaul, Dalmatia and Macedonia. Others say he went to Egypt and preached in the Thebaid, the region of the Fathers of the desert. Saint Hippolyte says he was crucified in Greece. His mortal remains were transferred to the Church of the Apostles, built by Constantine the Great at Constantinople, with those of Saint Andrew and Saint Timothy. Some of his relics remain in the Greek monastery of Mount Athos.

The Holy Bible: Old and New Testaments; Little Pictorial Lives of the Saints, a compilation based on Butler's Lives of the Saints and other sources by John Gilmary Shea (Benziger Brothers: New York, 1894).

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL of CRANFORD ANNUAL TRICKY TRAY RAFFLE

Come visit St. Michael School in Cranford for our Annual Tricky Tray Raffle. Admission is Free! WHEN: Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 11:00am-5:00pm for ticket purchase and drop. Winning #'s will be called LIVE to view from home on Facebook Live starting at 7:00pm. Prize Pick up will be Sunday, Nov. 5th from 11:00am-2:00pm. WHERE: St. Michael School, 100 Alden Street, Cranford, NJ (enter at back of the school). Visit www.smscranford.com for our Flyer and Pre-Sale Ticket Bundle Order Form.

Journey Through Grief Church of the Little Flower Bereavement Support Group

Wednesdays, October 11 - December 6 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Meetings are held in the Bernauer Parish Center Upper Level Multi-Purpose Room 290 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ Registration Required

For more information or to register, contact Dan Grossano at at 908.464.1585 pastoral110.LF@gmail.com

Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School hold its **Fall Open House** on **Sunday, October 15**, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information, please call 201-547-6389 or visit www.spprep.org.

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- 1. Eligibility to be a godparent. [Properly married in the church, at least 16, received Confirmation and practicing the faith dutifully without impediment.]
- 2. The parishioner rates for weddings and Catholic schools
- 3. Proof of residency for immigrants and a positive recommendation from the pastor that you contribute to the parish and society.
- 4. Receiving envelopes shows that you contribute to the welfare of the parish.

WANTED: COMMUNION MINISTERS & READERS

Readers for Mass: please consider this ministry. As a reader you proclaim the word of God during the celebration of Holy Mass.

Communion Ministers: please consider the awesome ministry of assisting Father in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and perhaps to the home bound.

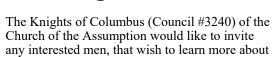
Please call Father at 908-245-1107 and let him know you would like to be considered for either of these ministries.



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The Spirituality Center at
St. Walburga Monastery
in Elizabeth, offers affordable weekend, Saturday, virtual and "mini" retreats. To learn more about upcoming programs, visit www.bensisnj.org
or email center@bensisnj.org.

Knight's Corner



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STITCHES

If you like to crochet or knit, consider joining our Stitches group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Parish Hall and work on projects for those in need.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, from 1-3pm.

REKINDLING EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT

A PARISH MISSION WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY | NOV 27 - 29, 2023 | 7 PM



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8:00am till 1:00pm Donations accepted

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Holy Rosary - First Sundays at 10:00 AM in the church

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FRI, OCTOBER 27, 7PM-9PM SAT, OCTOBER 28, 9AM-9PM

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OCTOBER MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY Today, together we confirm that the Holy Rosary is not a

experiencing a new Springtime. Without a doubt, this is one of the most eloquent signs of love that the young generation nourish for Jesus and his Mother, Mary. In the current world, so dispersive, this prayer helps to put Christ at the centre, as the Virgin did, who meditated within all that was said about her Son, and also what he did and said. When reciting the Rosary, the important and meaningful moments of salvation history are relived. The various steps of Christ's mission are traced. With Mary the heart is oriented toward the mystery of Jesus. Christ is put at the centre of our life, of our time, of our city, through the contemplation and meditation of his holy mysteries of joy, light, sorrow and glory. May Mary help us to welcome within ourselves the grace emanating from these mysteries, so that through us we can "water" society, beginning with our daily relationships, and purifying them from so many negative forces, thus opening them to the newness of God. The Rosary, when it is prayed in an authentic way, not mechanical and superficial but profoundly, it brings, in fact, peace and reconciliation. It contains within itself the healing power of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, invoked with faith

Pope Benedict XVI - Basilica of Saint Mary Major - 3 May 2008

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