

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 2, 2022

Increase
our faith!

LUKE 17:5

MASS SCHEDULE

SACRED HEART CHURCH

Sunday: 8:00 am
Sunday: 11:00 am (Live-streamed)
Every Sunday: 12:30 pm Spanish Mass
Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER CHURCH

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil
Sunday: 9:30 am
Monday through Friday: 8:00 am
Saturday AM Mass: 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

held at ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER CHURCH
Saturday: Following 9:00 am Mass
Saturday: 3:00 pm
or by appointment anytime (Call 856-691-9077)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (at ST. ISIDORE'S)

Begins after the Thursday 9:00 am Mass
until Friday at 8:45 am before the 9:00 am Mass

PARISH STAFF

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SACRED HEART CHURCH

1010 East Landis Avenue
Vineland, NJ 08360

ST. ISIDORE THE FARMER CHURCH

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Vineland, NJ 08361
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Readings for the Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**Gloria:**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

First Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4

How long, O LORD? I cry for help but you do not listen! I cry out to you, "Violence!" but you do not intervene. Why do you let me see ruin; why must I look at misery? Destruction and violence are before me; there is strife, and clamorous discord. Then the LORD answered me and said: Write down the vision clearly upon the tablets, so that one can read it readily. For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it, it will surely come, it will not be late. The rash one has no integrity; but the just one, because of his faith, shall live.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9

R. If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD;
let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us joyfully sing psalms to him. **R.**
- Come, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.
For he is our God,
and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides. **R.**
- Oh, that today you would hear his voice:
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as in the day of Massah in the desert,
Where your fathers tempted me;
they tested me though they had seen my works." **R.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14

Beloved: I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.

Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.

Alleluia: 1 Peter 1: 25

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- The word of the Lord remains for ever. This is the word that has been proclaimed to you. **R.**

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” The Lord replied, “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.

“Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here immediately and take your place at table’? Would he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished’? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.’”

Profession of Faith:

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(All bow towards the tabernacle)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Spiritual Communion Prayer**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

PRAY FOR US

Saturday, October 1 (*Memorial of Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*)

9:00 AM	Special Intention †	Req. Joanne and Francis Napoli
5:00 PM	Dolores McArdle †	Req. Margaret Lynch & Family
	(<i>Birthday Remembrance</i>)	
	Grace D'Augustine †	Req. Charlene Braida
	Fred Angelo †	Req. Joe and Mary Repice
	Gladys Morales †	Req. FiFo and Angel

Sunday, October 2 (*Twenty-seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time*)

8:00 AM	Phyllis R. Bracaliello †	Req. Alan and Cindy Angelo
9:30 AM	Robert J. Webb Jr. †	Req. The Thomas Family
11:00 AM	Louis Middleton †	Req. Norene Ritter
12:30 PM	Santiago Muniz †	Req. Esther Flores

Monday, October 3

8:00 AM	Frank Marone †	Req. His Wife Dolly
	(<i>Wedding Remembrance</i>)	
9:00 AM	Bette Healy †	Req. Paula Thibodeau-Hirsch

Tuesday, October 4 (*Memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi*)

8:00 AM	Josephine Healy †	Req. Bruce and Carol Bassetti
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	

Wednesday, October 5 (*Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin; USA: Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest*)

8:00 AM	Alyce Hess †	Req. Norene Ritter
9:00 AM	Parishioners of Christ the Good Shepherd Parish	

Thursday, October 6 (*Saint Bruno, Priest; USA: Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin*)

8:00 AM	The Infanti Families	Req. Fr. Infanti
9:00 AM	Mary T. Iannette †	Req. Her Family

Friday, October 7 (*Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary*)

8:00 AM	James McFadden †	Req. Bruce and Carol Bassetti
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Saturday, October 8

9:00 AM	Peter Casazza †	Req. Paula Thibodeau-Hirsch
5:00 PM	Fred Angelo †	Req. Joe and Denise Landi

**BLESSED
MOTHER
ROSE**



Parishioners of Christ the
Good Shepherd Parish

**SANCTUARY
CANDLE**



Parishioners of Christ the
Good Shepherd Parish

Any prayer requests for sick, deceased, or military family members that you would like added to, or removed from, the bulletin can be submitted to the rectory by phone or email:
(856) 691-9077
ctgssecretary@gmail.com

For Our Military...

John F. Blankemeyer – National Guard
Andrew Robinson – Army
Thomas A. Pease – US Coast Guard
Chief Warrant Officer
Joshua Robinson – Marines
Gabriel Solazzo – Air Force
Marco Bassetti – US Coast Guard

For Our Sick...

Capt. Angela Milano
Nicoletta Franchetta
Christopher Vega
Tiffany DiNiglio
Thomas Ardecki
Francis Dondero
Mario D'Addato
Betty McManus
Kathy Beckett
Josie Sanchez
Norene Ritter

Esther Flores
Lynn Pepper
Ramon Diaz
Jim Casadia
Rose Valora
Tanni Trout
Judy Sacco
Patty Bush

In Loving Memory...

Valentina "Tina" Ann Curry
Geraldine "Gerri" Watson
Ellen "Joan" MacDade
Florence B. O'Hara
Grace D'Augustine
Chase Fehrenbach
Lois T. Middleton
Peter P. Casazza
Ellen M. Toman
Delores Bassetti
Marie Sikking

Wayne F. Eby
Gay Renaldo
Fred Angelo
Erin Semus
Julia Conte
Diane Lee

Administrator's Note

My Dear Friends,

Please read this most powerful message from the Monastery of Christ in the Desert. I hope you enjoy it.

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith." The Lord replied, "If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here immediately and take your place at table'? Would he not rather say to him, 'Prepare something for me to eat. Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink. You may eat and drink when I am finished'? Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded? So should it be with you. When you have done all you have been commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done what we were obliged to do.'"

Faith is a choice in our lives even at the same time that it is a gift of God to us. There are days when our faith seems small and weak. There are other times when our faith seems strong and deep. Faith is about knowing what God asks of us and trying to do what God asks of us. Let us look at today's readings and listen to them attentively as we try to allow God's Word to form us in faith.

The first reading today is from the Prophet Habakkuk. This prophet is recounting to us an experience that perhaps many of us have had: praying to God for a particular favor and nothing happens! If we were only praying for material favors, perhaps we would not be surprised, but even when we ask God for spiritual favors, He seems often not to reply to our prayers. Here we might think of the young children in alcoholic families who pray to God to help their parents—and nothing happens. We can think of parents who are watching one of their young children die and who pray for healing—and nothing happens. We can think of parents praying for faith for their children—and nothing happens.

Habakkuk is telling us to be patient and wait. We must wait on God. Faith calls on us to believe that there is a personal God who really cares about us and in whose hands the whole world is resting. We are called to believe that God is alive and active in our world. We are called to believe that God loves each one of us personally and also is involved in our lives in a personal way. This is not easy to believe, but it is the invitation given to us by God in that revelation which we call Holy Scripture.

The Gospel from Luke also seems to be teaching us that we must wait on the Lord. We should not presume simply that because we cry out to God, then God will do exactly what we want. Luke puts this into an image of a master and a servant. No servant would expect to come into the house where he or she works and have the employer wait on him or her! Yet that is exactly how we seem to expect God to be with us at times!

So much of the teaching of the Holy Scriptures is about the necessity to persevere in prayer, without expecting any kind of immediate results. We are invited to put all of our trust in God. We are invited to live each day with an awareness that God is in our lives and actually doing something in our lives. We may not see it, but that is not important. The attitude of faith is much more important than actually seeing any results.

On the other hand, those of us who have lived lives of faith over many decades can often see the differences in our lives because of living by faith. If we can actually see that God is active in our lives, then we need to proclaim that to others. We need to be witnesses to God's presence and God's love.

Let us encourage one another to live by faith. Let us invite one another to deepen our daily trust in the Lord. When we sense that God is active in our lives, let us be witnesses to God's presence. When we must walk in darkness, let us also walk by the light of faith of others. Lord, increase our faith.

God bless you,

Fr. Junior

Mis queridos amigos,

Lean este mensaje tan poderoso del Monasterio de Cristo en el Desierto. Espero que lo disfruten.

Los apóstoles le dijeron al Señor: "Auméntanos la fe". El Señor respondió: "Si tuvieras fe del tamaño de un grano de mostaza, le dirías a esta morera: 'Desarráigate y plántate en el mar', y te obedecería. "¿Quién de vosotros diría a vuestro siervo que acaba de volver de arar o de apacentar ovejas en el campo: 'Ven aquí inmediatamente y toma tu lugar a la mesa'? ¿No preferiría decirle: 'Prepárame algo de comer'? Ponte el delantal y atiéndeme mientras como y bebo. Puedes comer y beber cuando haya terminado'? ¿Está agradecido con ese siervo porque hizo lo que se le mandó? Así debería ser contigo. Cuando hayas hecho todo lo que se te ha mandado, di: 'Somos siervos inútiles; hemos hecho lo que estábamos obligados a hacer'".

La fe es una elección en nuestra vida, al mismo tiempo que es un don de Dios para nosotros. Hay días en que nuestra fe parece pequeña y débil. Hay otros momentos en que nuestra fe parece fuerte y profunda. La fe se trata de saber lo que Dios pide de nosotros y tratar de hacer lo que Dios pide de nosotros. Miremos las lecturas de hoy y escuchémoslas con atención mientras tratamos de dejar que la Palabra de Dios nos forme en la fe.

La primera lectura de hoy es del profeta Habacuc. Este profeta nos está contando una experiencia que quizás muchos hemos tenido: orar a Dios por un favor en particular y no pasa nada! Si solo oráramos por favores materiales, tal vez no nos sorprendería, pero incluso cuando le pedimos a Dios favores espirituales, a menudo parece que no responde a nuestras oraciones. Aquí podríamos pensar en los niños pequeños de familias alcohólicas que oran para Dios para ayudar a sus padres, y no pasa nada. Podemos pensar en padres que están viendo morir a uno de sus hijos pequeños y oran por sanidad, y no pasa nada. Podemos pensar en padres que oran pidiendo fe para sus hijos, y no pasa nada.

Habacuc nos dice que seamos pacientes y esperemos. Debemos esperar en Dios. La fe nos llama a creer que hay un Dios personal que realmente se preocupa por nosotros y en cuyas manos descansa el mundo entero. Estamos llamados a creer que Dios está vivo y activo en nuestro mundo. Estamos llamados a creer que Dios nos ama personalmente a cada uno de nosotros y también está involucrado en nuestras vidas de manera personal. Esto no es fácil de creer, pero es la invitación que Dios nos hace en esa revelación que llamamos Sagrada Escritura.

El Evangelio de Lucas también parece estar enseñándonos que debemos esperar en el Señor. No debemos suponer simplemente que debido a que clamamos a Dios, Dios hará exactamente lo que queremos. Lucas pone esto en una imagen de un amo y un sirviente. ¡Ningún sirviente esperaría entrar a la casa donde trabaja y que el patrón lo atienda! ¡Sin embargo, así es exactamente como parece que esperamos que Dios esté con nosotros a veces!

Gran parte de la enseñanza de las Sagradas Escrituras trata sobre la necesidad de perseverar en la oración, sin esperar ningún tipo de resultado inmediato. Estamos invitados a poner toda nuestra confianza en Dios. Estamos invitados a vivir cada día con la conciencia de que Dios está en nuestras vidas y realmente está haciendo algo en nuestras vidas. Puede que no lo veamos, pero eso no es importante. La actitud de fe es mucho más importante que ver los resultados.

Por otro lado, aquellos de nosotros que hemos vivido vidas de fe durante muchas décadas, a menudo podemos ver las diferencias en nuestras vidas debido a que vivimos por fe. Si realmente podemos ver que Dios está activo en nuestras vidas, entonces debemos proclamarlo a los demás. Necesitamos ser testigos de la presencia de Dios y del amor de Dios.

Animémonos unos a otros a vivir por fe. Invitémonos unos a otros a profundizar nuestra confianza diaria en el Señor. Cuando sentimos que Dios está activo en nuestras vidas, seamos testigos de la presencia de Dios. Cuando debamos caminar en la oscuridad, caminemos también a la luz de la fe de los demás. Señor, aumenta nuestra fe.

Un fuerte abrazo,

P. Junior



Christ the Good Shepherd Collections

September 17-18, 2022: \$9,630.00

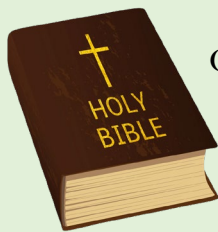
August Online Giving Total: \$1,630.00

Thank you always to all our parishioners for their generous support.

Beginning immediately, Sunday Mass will now be live-streamed at the 11:00 am Mass at Sacred Heart Church.

The live-stream will still be available on our Facebook page.

Men's Gospel Reflection Group



Meetings begin Thursday,
October 13, 2022 at 6:30 PM in
the Rectory.

Please call the Office at
(856) 691-9077 for more
information.

FYI From Father Junior!

Please be advised that any advertisements for ministries and/or events cannot be hung on Church property without the prior approval of Fr. Junior. Unauthorized postings will be taken down.

To better aid the spiritual practices of our parishioners, anyone who would like religious articles blessed are asked to drop the items off in a bag at the parish office with your name and phone number. After one of the priests have blessed the items, the office staff will call for the articles to be picked up.

All major Mass celebrations will be held at Sacred Heart Church this year. We will begin to alternate Churches each year, with next year being held at St. Isidore the Farmer Church.

Thank you,
Fr. Junior



CATHOLIC STRONG

With funding provided by Catholic Strong, Sacred Heart Church's parking lot was just refinished.



Completion of this project
totaled \$78,000.00.

The total remaining account
balance for Catholic Strong
now stands at \$96,665.94.

Welcome Back To
First Saturday Devotions at Christ the Good Shepherd
In Honor Of Our Lady of Fatima
and the 105th Anniversary of Her Apparitions

St. Isidore the Farmer Church
1655 Magnolia Road, Vineland, NJ

Schedule:

- 9:00 AM Holy Mass
- Rosary
- Meditation on the Mysteries of the Rosary
- Confession
- Procession and Crowning of the Blessed Mother Statue

Mary promises us salvation through this Devotion
Won't you accept her promise for
yourself and your family?

Remaining First Saturdays of 2022 are:

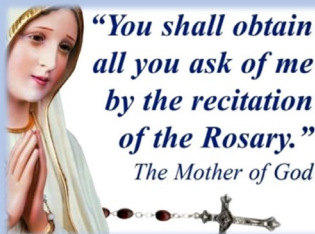
October 1st
November 5th
December 3rd





**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
VINELAND COUNCIL #2531**

"AMERICA NEEDS FATIMA"



**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY RALLY IN HONOR
OF THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY OF
OUR LADY'S APPARITIONS AT FATIMA,
PORTUGAL**

**Join us and spread Our Lady's
Fatima Message:
PRAYER – PENANCE –
CONVERSION**

**Saturday, October 15, 2022
12:00 PM**

In front of Sacred Heart Church

Diocese of Camden Marian Pilgrimage Schedule

**Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception
Saturday, October 29, 2022**



9:30-11:00 - Arrive at the Basilica. Confession is available. Time to explore the Shrine, for private prayer and to visit the gift shops.

11:00 - Official Welcome. Concert of Sacred Music.

Noon - Time for lunch.

1:30 - Procession of Parishes, with their banners, in the Great Upper Church. Multi-Lingual Rosary and Crowning of the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

3:00 - Holy Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan.

Departure following Mass.

We have filled all available seats on the bus.
Details of the trip will be sent out in the near future to those who have already signed up.
Thank you!

Rowan University?

Check out Rowan Catholic Campus Ministry

Rowan Catholic Campus Ministry is a group of University students who are seeking to know, love, and serve God in their everyday lives. Through weekly fellowship meetings, weekend Masses, retreats, and opportunities to grow deeper in the faith. Rowan Catholic strives to bring the love of God to every part of campus.

We can't wait to meet you!

Newman Night is the main event of the week! Join us every Wednesday night during the semester at 6pm for free dinner and social hour followed by a talk and prayer at 7pm.

OTHER Ministry offerings:

- Book study
- Bible study
- Men's and Women's small groups
- Retreats once a semester
- Community Rosary
- Service Opportunities



Scan for the Fall 2022 Semester schedule

Mass takes place at
St. Bridget University Parish
125 Church St. Glassboro
(2 blocks from the Newman House)

Saturday Vigil Mass/Student Mass
4:30 PM

Sunday Masses
9 am & 11 am

Daily Mass
9am (Mon/Wed/Thurs/Fri)
No Mass on Tuesdays



The Newman House is located at
1 Redmond Ave. (behind Chickie's & Pete's)

WHY THE REAL PRESENCE OF CHRIST IN THE HOLY EUCHARIST IS REAL.

**OCT
4
7:00 PM**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

**Father
Mark
Matthias**

Presented in English

Saint Peter's Church

43 W Maple Ave
Merchantville, NJ 08109



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Bags and Bucks Bingo

Friday, October 7, 2022

St. Mary School

735 Union Road, Vineland

6PM—10 PM (Doors open at 5PM)

www.smrschool.org

856-692-8537

*Outside food recommended
only dessert, water and coffee available.*



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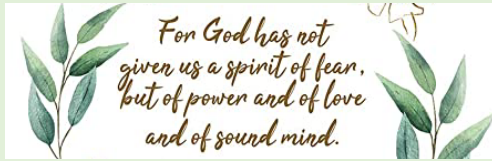


Stewardship Sharing

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

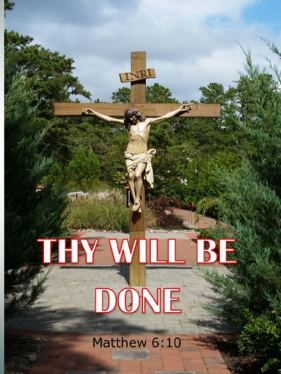
"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."

(2 TIMOTHY 1:7)



Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good Steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything – all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

CAMDEN DIOCESE
CATHOLIC RENEWAL



Save the Date
October 8, 2022

Join Us For This Full 1 Day Event
9:00 AM to 9:00 PM

Speakers: Fr. Rene Canales, Fr. Franklin Opara and Fr. Damian Anumba
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Healing Service, Rosary, Mass, Eucharistic Procession & Benediction.
Music by Tommy Doyle.
Confession and Adoration during the day.

Location: Saint John Paul II Regional School
55 Warwick Road, Stratford, NJ 08084

TICKETS: PRE-REGISTRATION - \$40.00

WALK IN TICKETS AT THE DOOR - \$50.00

www.CamdenDioceseCatholicRenewal.org
(609) 652-7729



Attend the ManUp
South Jersey Men's
Spirituality Conference
November 12, 2022

To Purchase Tickets and
For More Information:
www.manupsouthjersey.com

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To Be!*

ST. ISIDORE CHURCH
1655 MAGNOLIA RD.
VINELAND NJ 08361

Bishop Schad Reginal School
Presents
CAMPUS MINISTRY
CHRIST THE GOOD SHEPHERD PARISH

NOVEMBER 6, 2022

MASS AT 11:30AM

12:30PM - THE TALK! Introduction on teen violence and teen dating

1:00PM - Basketball Game

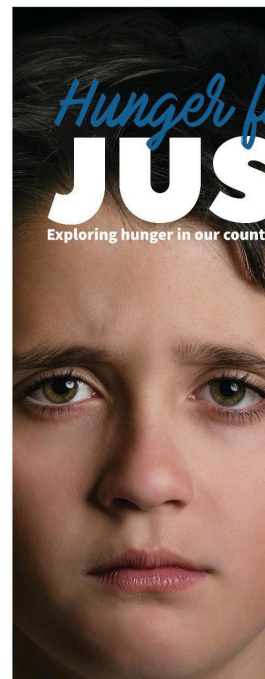
2:15PM - Food, Refreshments and discussion

Administrator
FATHER JUNIOR FLORES

Coordinator
Joe Vasturia

Coordinator of Catholic Charities
JOAN B. FARREL

Hunger for
JUSTICE
Exploring hunger in our country and our world and long-term solutions



22
October
2022
9-3pm

Entrance Fee: a
non-perishable
food item
to support the
food bank

Church of the Holy Family
Aquin Center
226 Huffville Road
Sewell, NJ 08080

Scan here



Registration closes on October 14, 2022
CAMDENDIOCESE.ORG/HFJ

For more information: Ann Marie Ours:
(856) 583-2904 | annmarie.ours@camdendiocese.org



Understanding the Mass

Part I

The Introductory Rites

When does Mass begin?

Remotely, Mass begins when you are sent from Mass the previous Sunday as everything you do during the week is preparation for the coming Sunday. Key to this time is actually preparing for Mass by reading the Scriptures assigned to the next Sunday. They are easily available online.

In a more immediate way, Mass begins when you decide you are going to Church. The manner of your dress and the positive attitude you take with you sets the tone for your experience of the Liturgy. Remember your action is prophetic as those around you see you witness to the centrality of your faith.

Significance of the Church Bell

The ringing of church bells in the Catholic tradition dates back to the end of the 4th century and was sanctioned by Pope Sabinianus in the 604. Prior to this bells were rung by pagans to ward off evil spirits. While some of this understanding may have carried over in the early Church, today bells are rung to symbolize the Voice of God calling people to come forth from their homes or workplaces and to assemble for worship. At the end of Mass, the bells are rung to signify the joy that the assembly has in being sent as the voice of God to proclaim the Good News.

Arrival at the Church

Whether you walk to church or drive, once you arrive at the church grounds, your preparation for Mass should become more serious. Why are you

here? What do you need from God? What is God asking of you? The church grounds should be well maintained so that the lawns, flowers, trees, statues and shrines direct attention to the sacred nature of this space.

Greeting Others before Mass

The communal nature of worship means that others will be present. Taking time to greet others is perfectly acceptable. At the same time, we must be aware of those who are preparing themselves for Mass by quiet prayer.

Entering the Church

The doors of a church are significant and symbolize the person of Christ who is the Way and the One through whom we enter into union with God. Holy water is placed near the entrance to remind us that we first entered into Christ through the Sacrament of Baptism. Here we make the simplest of all prayers as we sign ourselves with the Cross and call upon the Holy Trinity.



Genuflecting or Bowing Profoundly

Before entering a pew or finding a seat, we take a moment to acknowledge God's presence among us by "bending the knee" in adoration, especially when the

Most Blessed Sacrament is reserved in the tabernacle behind the main altar. Those unable to genuflect may make a profound bow.

The Purpose of the Introductory Rites

So far everything we have done has been done individually. The remaining parts of the Introductory Rites are intended to "gather" individuals together and to make them one community that is ready to listen, to celebrate, and to manifest the presence of Christ.

The Entrance Song

The old adage reminds us that "those who sing, pray twice." By joining together in song, the assembly unites their voices and, if done well, lifts their minds to Sacred Mysteries about to be celebrated.

The Procession

The ministers along with the deacon and priest make their way from the gathering space to the sanctuary. In so doing, they are supposed to direct the attention of the assembly to the altar which is Christ. This is not a time for high fives or hellos, but of focusing on the mysteries at hand. The deacon and priest reverence the altar with a kiss acknowledging Christ's presence.



The Sign of the Cross and Greeting

Though all too often done without thinking, the Sign of the Cross at the beginning of Mass invites us into the mystery of the Holy Trinity and work of salvation accomplished by Christ on the

cross. The words of the greeting which follow likewise make real this invitation.

The Act of Penance

After the greeting and welcome, the presider invites the assembly to a moment of silent reflection wherein each person acknowledge that they have sinned and are in need of God's forgiveness.

The Confiteor is one of the Acts of Penitence that may be prayed...*I confess to Almighty God...*it helps us to understand that we sin by commission and omission and that ask the Blessed Mother, the Angels and Saints together with those gathered to pray that we be forgiven. During the Confiteor we strike our breast, according to Saint Jerome, as a physical sign that we wish to dispel evil from our hearts. Only one strike of the breast is required even though the common practice is to strike the breast three times.

Kyrie Eleison is the Greek text for the English, Lord, have mercy. This phrase is meant to praise God as we call upon His mercy. The focus is not us as sinners, but on God who loves us despite knowing that we have sinned. The prayer of absolution that follows does not have the same effect as celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.

Blessing and Sprinkling of Holy Water is an option that replaces the two Acts of Penitence above. On Sundays, especially during the Easter Season, the blessing and sprinkling of holy water during the introductory rites again unifies the assembly which in this act recalls baptism, the sacrament through which we enter the Church, the Body of Christ.

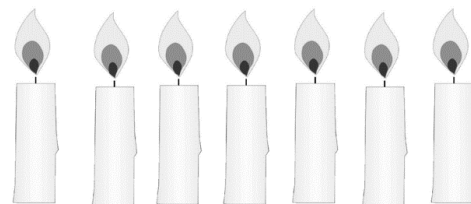
The Glory to God

"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will" (Luke 2:14) is an ancient hymn of praise, echoing the song of the angels at Bethlehem proclaiming Jesus' birth. Having asked for God's forgiveness, now we praise Him for His goodness. We can think of this as being meant to cheer us up in case we get down about our sins. The Gloria is omitted during Advent as a reminder we are waiting for Jesus to come, so we hold off doing anything joyful until His birth; and it is also omitted during Lent because, in light of our sins, we subdue our joy until the celebration of His resurrection.

The text elaborates on this message of the angels, recognizing the goodness and mercy of the Lord God through his Son, Jesus Christ. This prayer dates back to the sixth century and began to be used only at Masses when a bishop was the celebrant, and then only on solemn feasts. However, the beauty of this prayer captivated the priests and faithful. Slowly, permission was granted for priests to use it, but at first only for Easter. By the 12th century, the Glory to God reached its current level of use within the Mass. Today, the Glory to God is sung or said at all Sunday Masses, solemnities, and feasts except during the seasons of Advent and Lent. Even during Advent and Lent, the Glory to God is sung or said at weddings, ordinations and other festive occasions in the life of the Church. Whether sung or said, this prayer is one of praise, and our voices should be lifted in praise as we say it!

The Collect or Opening Prayer

Rather than Opening Prayer this prayer is more properly called the Collect. The presider announces "Let us pray." During a moment of silence, the assembly does just that as they call to mind their needs before God. The prayer which follows and is particular to the Sunday or the particular celebration has the purpose of "collecting" the prayers of the assembly into one and offering them to the Father in the Son and through the Holy Spirit. All are then invited to say "amen" (I believe) in unison having been made one body ready and willing to listen to the Word of God.



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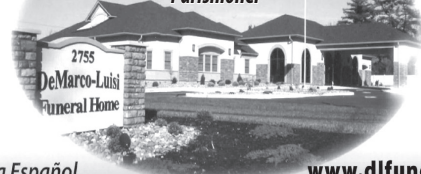


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