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OFFICE HOURS

Sunday: Closed or by appointment

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

Saturday: Closed or by appointment

INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE EUCHARIST

Sunday-----9:00 am
1:00 pm *in English*
11:00 am *in Polish*

Weekdays

Monday - Saturday -----9:00 am

Saturday -----5:00 pm
for Sunday obligation

Holy Day Vigil----- 7:00 pm, *English*

Holy Day-----9:00 am
12:00 noon *in English*
7:00 pm *bi-lingual, English & Polish*

RECONCILIATION

Saturday -----4:15 pm

Daily & Sunday: After each Mass.
Special Penance Services scheduled
seasonally in English and Polish.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Levels 1 - 8:

Wednesday, 6:30 - 7:40 pm

For information regarding Parish
Sacrament Preparation Classes, please
call the Office.

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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY: The Youth Mass is at 9:00 am on Sundays and "Get-A-Grip," grades 7-12, meets for Liturgy of the Word during the Mass on the first Sunday of the month. Youth in grades 9-12 meet at scheduled intervals.

CATECHUMENATE (RCIA): A process of faith building for those who would like to become members of, or for all who have not received full initiation into, the Roman Catholic Church. Please call the Catechetics Center for more information.

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.

Saturday – July 6... St. Maria Goretti
9:00AM...+ People of the Parish
5:00PM...+ Nell Payne, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – July 7...14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM...+ Gertrude “Trudy” Fritze,
req. Helga Gilligan, Sister
11:00AM...+Antoni Kapolka, req. Son and Family
1:00PM...+.Maureen Della Fave,
req. Macknowsky Family

Monday – July 8... Weekday
9:00AM...+ Laraine Colucci, (3rd Anniv.) req. Family

Tuesday – July 9... St. Augustine Zhao Rong
9:00AM...+ Lenny Shaughnessy, req. Johanna Merkle

Wednesday – July 10... Weekday
9:00AM... + Jackie Moore (6th. Anniv.) req. Parish Family

Thursday – July 11... St. Benedict
9:00AM... People of the Parish

Friday – July 12... Weekday
9:00AM...+ Janet Garbarini, req. Parish Family

Saturday – July 13... St. Henry
9:00AM...+ Irene Moore, (6th Anniv.) req. Family
5:00PM...+ Daniel Cash, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – July 14...15th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM...+ Lucia Simeone,
req. Mr. & Mrs. Luigi Ragozzino
11:00AM.+ Lucyna Zelińska, req. Samul Family
1:00PM...+ Eternal Life for Gertruda, req. Andy Soljan

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 2:2-5
Ezekiel is moved to respond to the call of God and to accentuate his teaching with a direct reference to the Word of God.

Second Reading: II Corinthians 12:7-10
Paul had questioned the value of his suffering, and God replied, “My grace is enough for you, for strength is made perfect in weakness.” Paul then realized that although he was weak against persecution, he was strong in faith.

Gospel: Mark 6:1-6
Jesus could do little for those in his own part of the country, for their lack of faith in him was so great. Therefore, he spent much of his time teaching in neighboring villages instead.

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for all our Parish Faithful Departed.

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of **July** is for **Kam Lam Wong at the request of the Wong Family.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Cathy and Jack Rooney and Marian Parcinski.**

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

Word

STEWARDSHIP

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, ‘Son of man, I am sending you...’ EZEKIEL 2:2-3
God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But He doesn’t leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God’s call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn’t call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

DEVOTION



The Rosary is prayed before the 9AM Mass during the week Monday – Saturday. On Thursdays after 9AM Mass the Blessed Sacrament is exposed, closing with Benediction at 11:00AM.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Mass is celebrated at the 9:00AM Mass on the First Sunday of the month. Monthly meetings will resume in September after Mass.



Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer offers many programs that invite us to be stretched and grow in relationship with ourselves, others and God.

For more information see the website: www.msmhope.org or email msmhope@msmhope.org

YOUTH

Religious Education

Registration for classes 1-8 is now open. You may register online or in person. Please be sure to register as soon as possible in order for us to be adequately supplied for the fall.

If you can give a little of your time on Wednesday evenings to be an instructor, an assistant or just to help out a little, please call the office or contact Iveth Parada in the Religious Education

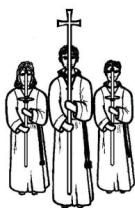
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Your help would be greatly appreciated.

ALTAR SERVERS

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

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St. Mary Recycle Group

will be collecting no longer needed religious items this year, the week of July 29th.

Please do not bring any items into the church or office before July 28th.

We cannot store them at this time.

Items Accepted: Crucifixes, statues (**any size, no out-door cement statues**), rosaries (damaged is ok), holy medals, holy cards, framed religious pictures, used musical instruments in any condition, prayer books.

Items NOT Accepted: Religious reading books, story books, pamphlets, magazines, DVD's, VHS tapes, wax candles.

The Saint of the Week

STS. AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST AND COMPANIONS, CHINESE MARTYRS

(July 9)

The Gospel first arrived in China, in the 6th century via Syria. Evangelization in the modern age began in earnest in the 16th century with the arrival of European missionaries such as the Jesuit Matteo Ricci. By the 17th century, not a few Chinese had embraced the Lord Jesus Christ and His Gospel. Over the next several centuries, they would testify to their faith with their blood.

The first Chinese martyr was in fact a Spanish Dominican friar, Fr. Francisco Fernandez de Capillas, who was captured in 1647 in Fu'an, in a wave of anti-Christian persecution. When, in 1648, Fr. de Capillas was beheaded, sealing the transformation of the Spanish priest into a Chinese saint, his spiritual children would show their worth. They followed him: 120 martyrs between 1648 and 1930, of which 87 were native-born Chinese Christians and 33 were foreign-born missionaries from various religious communities.

In the late 1700's, after the death of a number of Chinese lay catechists who refused to renounce the faith even under torture, a Chinese soldier experienced a turn of events that transformed him into the name and the face of a vast company of his fellow countrymen who had encountered the Lord. It happened that Zhao Rong was assigned to the company of guards sent to escort the French missionary, Bishop John Gabriel Taurin Dufresse, on the long journey to his execution in Beijing. There was something about this foreigner's bearing, his patience in the face of suffering and imminent death, that struck the soldier. He began to listen to this leader of an outlawed faith. Soon, the soldier asked for baptism, taking the name Augustine. The foreign-born priest was killed, but he had a spiritual son: Augustine Zhao Rong asked for holy orders, becoming the first Chinese-born diocesan priest. In 1815, Fr. Augustine followed his spiritual father to torture and martyrdom.

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



14 Niedziela Zwykła Rok B

Homilia papieża Franciszka

Ewangelia dzisiejszej niedzieli mówi nam o niedowiarstwie rodaków Jezusa. Po tym jak głosił w innych miasteczkach Galilei, Jezus powrócił do Nazaretu, gdzie dorastał z Maryją i Józefem, i w pewien szabat zaczął nauczać w synagodze. Wielu, którzy Go słuchali, pytało: „Skąd to u Niego? I co to za mądrość, która jest Mu dana? Czy nie jest on synem cieśli i Maryi, czyli naszych sąsiadów, których dobrze znamy?”. Wobec takiej reakcji Jezus potwierdza prawdę, która stała się również częścią mądrości ludowej: „Tylko w swojej ojczyźnie, wśród swoich krewnych i w swoim domu może być prorok tak lekceważony”.

Zatrzymajmy się nad postawą rodaków Jezusa. Można powiedzieć, że znają Jezusa, ale Go nie uznają. Istnieje bowiem różnica między poznaniem a uznaniem: możemy wiedzieć różne rzeczy o jakiejś osobie, wyrobić sobie o niej zdanie, polegać na tym, co mówią o niej inni, może nawet spotykać ją od czasu do czasu w sąsiedztwie, ale to wszystko nie wystarcza. Jest to wiedza powierzchowna, która nie uznaje wyjątkowości tej osoby. Wszystkim nam to grozi: wydaje się nam, że wiemy bardzo wiele o danej osobie, że przyklejamy jej etykietkę i zamykamy ją w naszych uprzedzeniach. W ten sam sposób rodacy Jezusa znają Go od trzydziestu lat i myślą, że wiedzą wszystko, a w rzeczywistości nigdy nie zdawali sobie sprawy z tego, kim On jest naprawdę. Zatrzymują się na tym, co zewnętrzne i odrzucają nowość Jezusa.

Kiedy pozwalamy, by zwyciężyła wygoda przyzwyczajenia i dyktatura uprzedzeń, trudno jest otworzyć się na nowości i dać się zaskoczyć. W końcu często od życia, od doświadczeń a nawet od osób staramy się jedynie uzyskać potwierdzenie naszych idei i schematów, abyśmy nigdy nie musieć podejmować trudu zmiany. Może się to zdarzyć także w relacji z Bogiem, właśnie nam wierzącym, nam, którym się wydaje, że znamy Jezusa, że już tyle o Nim wiemy i że wystarczy nam powtarzać to samo, co zawsze. Ale bez otwartości na nowość i niespodzianki Boga, bez zadziwienia, wiara staje się nudną litanią, która powoli wygasa.

Wreszcie możemy zapytać, dlaczego rodacy Jezusa nie uznają i nie wierzą w Niego? Jaki jest tego powód? Możemy powiedzieć, w kilku słowach, że nie akceptują oni zgorzenia Wcielenia. Skandalem jest to, że ogrom Boga objawia się w małości naszego ciała, że Syn Boży jest synem cieśli, że boskość jest ukryta w człowieczeństwie, że Bóg jest obecny w obliczu, w słowach, w gestach prostego człowieka. Oto skandal: wcielenie Boga, jego konkretność, jego „codziennosc”. W zasadzie wygodniej jest mieć boga abstrakcyjnego i dalekiego, który nie wtrąca się w sytuacje i który akceptuje wiarę oddaloną od życia, od problemów, od społeczeństwa. Albo lubimy wierzyć w Boga „z efektami specjalnymi”, który czyni jedynie rzeczy wyjątkowe i zawsze daje wielkie emocje. Tymczasem Bóg przyjął ciało: pokorny, czuły, ukryty, staje się nam bliski przebywając w normalności naszego codziennego życia. I tak, jak rodakom Jezusa, grozi nam, że kiedy przechodzi obok nas, nie rozpoznajemy Go, albo raczej jesteśmy Nim zgorzeni.

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ANNUAL ²⁰²⁴ 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. Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives.

We already collected **\$25,257.00** which is **87%** of our goal for the AA 2024. We are missing only **\$4,001.00**

Thank you for all your donations.

COMMUNITY BUILDING



Symbols are very important in successful social movements and this symbol means we are in solidarity with babies in the womb and their families. Thank you all so

very much!! Through your kind generosity we were able to donate \$200 to Lifenet.

Keep your symbol handy to be seen, you might be saving someone's life!

If you need another symbol or for someone else simply email your name and address to BabyFeetMagnet@gmail.com

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

We will continue 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**. Thank you for all your support throughout the years.

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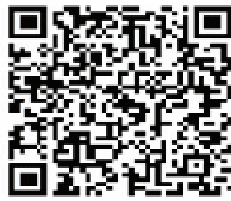
I was at lunch with an old friend & pointed to two elderly ladies across the room and said "That will be us in 10 years." She said: "That's a mirror."

Our Seniors are on a break

We will resume meetings in the fall on the third Thursday of the Month at 12:30PM for programs, fun, socialization and delightful desserts.

If you are a Senior Citizen or almost a Senior you are invited and welcome to join us.

FINANCE



ONLINE GIVING

It is possible to automate your Faith Giving to our parish. To sign up online and/or to automate giving, simply go to our parish website.

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

The Gospel tells us about the disbelief of Jesus' own people, who rejected Him because of His background. We could say they knew Jesus, but they did not recognize Him. There is a difference between knowing and recognizing. In essence, this difference makes us understand that we can know various things about a person, but all that is not enough. Jesus' fellow villagers knew Him for thirty years in the same way, and they thought they knew everything! They never realized who Jesus truly was. They remained at the exterior level and refused what was new about Jesus.

When we allow the convenience of habit and the prejudice to have the upper hand, it is difficult to open ourselves to what is new. It often happens in life that we seek from our experiences and even from people only what conforms to our own ideas and ways of thinking, so as never to have to make an effort to change. This can even happen with God and to us believers, who think we know Jesus, that we already know so much about Him and that it is enough to repeat the same things as always. This is not enough with God. Without openness to God's surprises and without amazement, faith becomes a tiring litany that slowly dies out and becomes a habit - a social habit.

Amazement, as Pope Francis said, happens when we meet God. In the Gospel, many times the people who encountered Jesus and recognized him felt amazed. And we, by encountering God, must follow this path: to feel amazement. It is like the guarantee certificate that the encounter is true and not habitual.

Without amazement, we are at risk that when Christ passes by, we will not recognize Him.

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