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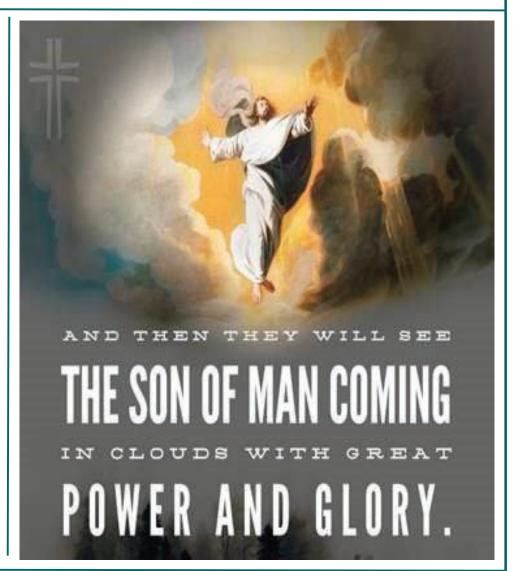
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OFFICE HOURS

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.



Saturday - November 16... St. Margaret of Scotland

9:00AM...+ All Souls

5:00PM...+ Mr. & Mrs. Charles Barrow, req. Mr. & Mrs. Michael Barrow

Sunday - November 17...33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Michael J. Onuska, Jr., req. John and Theresa

11:00AM..+ Edmund Grzymała (1st. Anniv.) req. Córka i Rodzina

+ All the Faithful Departed

1:00PM...+ John Skolka, Jr., req. Frank Morano and Fran

Monday – November 18...Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts. Peter and Paul, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

9:00AM....+ Joseph Valentino, req. Angela and Elisa Apisa

Tuesday - November 19... Weekday

9:00AM... Special Intentions for Renew International

Wednesday - November 20... Weekday

9:00AM ...Birthday Blessings for Dennis Canavesio, req. Mother

Thursday – November 21 ... Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00AM ...+ Mayra Benitez (5th Anniv.), Juan Benitez

Friday - November 22 ... St. Cecilia

9:00AM... + Rigoberto Cuartas, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Saturday – November 23... Sts. Clement, Columbian, and Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro

9:00AM...+ Cecilia Maximin, Birthday in Heaven, req. Auntie Mary

5:00PM...+ All Souls in Purgatory, req. Benitez and Cuartas Family

Sunday – November 24...Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00AM...+ Robert DeMair, req. Wife Marietta

11:00AM.+ Edmund Grzymała (1st. Anniv.) req. Córka i Rodzina

1:00PM.... Esther Amadin, Birthday Blessings

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 tithe. 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, deaconate, or the religious life are invited to speak to a priest or contact the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973-497-4365,or on the website www.rcan.org/vocation/index.htm

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for Joseph Tierno at the request of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Barrow.

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of November is in **Memory of Jerry Signorelli, requested by Kathy Merklinger**.

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

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed especially Jean Ciampa**.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Daniel discusses the end of the world, a time when the dead shall rise and everyone will be judged. He warns that some shall "be an everlasting horror and disgrace." But he promises that some will live forever, and the wise will shine brightly to lead others to justice.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Priests repeatedly offered sacrifices that were unable to take away sin. But through Jesus' one sacrifice, our sins were forgiven, leaving no need for other offerings.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus told his disciples that many signs would be seen before the end of the world. He explained that the earth would pass away but his words would not. He also told them that neither the angels nor himself, but only his Father knew when this would take place.

The Saint of the Week
St. Cecilia
(November 22)

St. Cecilia was not known or venerated in Rome until about the time when Pope Gelasius (496) introduced her name into his Sacramentary.

In the city of Rome there was a virgin named Cecilia, who came from an extremely rich family and was given in marriage to a youth named Valerian. She wore sackcloth next to her skin, fasted, and invoked the saints, angels, and virgins, beseeching them to guard her virginity.

During her wedding ceremony she was said to have sung in her heart to God, and before the consummation of her nuptials she told her husband she had taken a vow of virginity and had an angel protecting her. Valerian asked to see the angel as proof, and Cecilia told him he would have eyes to see once he traveled to the third milestone on the Via Appia (Appian Way) and was baptized by Pope Urbanus.

Following his baptism, Valerian returned to his wife and found an angel at her side. The angel then crowned Cecilia with a chaplet of rose and lily, and when Valerian's brother, Tibertius, heard of the angel and his brother's baptism, he also was baptized and together the brothers dedicated their lives to burying the saints who were murdered each day by the prefect of the city, Turcius Almachius.

Both brothers were eventually arrested and brought before the prefect where they were executed after they refused to offer a sacrifice to the gods.

As her husband and brother-in-law buried the dead, St. Cecilia spent her time preaching and in her lifetime was able to convert over four hundred people, most of whom were baptized by Pope Urban.

Cecilia was later arrested and condemned to be suffocated in the baths. She was shut in for one night and one day, as fires were heaped up and stoked to a terrifying heat - but Cecilia did not even sweat.

When Almachius heard this, he sent an executioner to cut off her head in the baths.

The executioner struck her three times but was unable to decapitate her so he left her bleeding, and she lived for three days. Crowds came to her and collected her blood while she preached to them or prayed. On the third day she died and was buried by Pope Urban and his deacons.

St. Cecilia is regarded as the patroness of music, because she heard heavenly music in her heart when she was married, and is represented in art with an organ or organ-pipes in her hand.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (18)

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.

ALTAR SERVERS

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



Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. Altar Servers make a difference! If you are interested in participating at Mass as an Altar Server, boys as well as

girls – please contact Fr. Bernardo.

There will be an Altar Server Meeting

Saturday, December 7th at 10:30 AM.

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.



Next Liturgy of the Word is November the 24th.

We are in need of assistants to help with our Liturgy of the Word. **This is also open for our Confirmation students to assist.** If you are interested or can give a little help with the Liturgy at Mass one Sunday a month, please contact Fr. Marcin for more information.

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Z komentarza św. Augustyna, biskupa, do Psalmów "Wtedy rozradują się wszystkie drzewa leśne w obliczu Pana, bo nadchodzi, bo nadchodzi, aby sądzić ziemię". Raz już przyszedł, a przyjdzie powtórnie. Najpierw Jego głos zabrzmiał w Ewangelii: "Odtąd zobaczycie Syna Człowieczego przychodzącego w obłokach niebieskich". Dlaczego: "Odtąd"? Czy Pan nie przybędzie później, gdy podniosą lament wszystkie ludy ziemi? Przybył wcześniej w swych głosicielach i napełnił cały świat. Nie sprzeciwiajmy się pierwszemu Jego przyjściu, abyśmy nie lękali się drugiego.

Cóż więc powinien czynić chrześcijanin? Korzystać ze świata, a nie służyć światu. Co to znaczy? Znaczy to, aby posiadać doczesne dobra tak, jakby się ich nie posiadało. Tak bowiem mówi Apostoł: "Zreszta, bracia, czas jest krótki. Trzeba wiec, aby ci, którzy mają żony, byli jakby nieżonaci; ci, którzy płaczą, jakby nie płakali; ci zaś, co się radują, jak gdyby się nie radowali; ci, którzy nabywają, jak gdyby nie posiadali; ci, którzy używają tego świata, jak gdyby nie używali; przemija bowiem postać tego świata. Chciałbym, żebyście byli wolni od utrapień". Ten, kto jest wolny od wszelkich trosk, w spokoju oczekuje przyjścia Pana. Cóż to byłaby za miłość ku Chrystusowi, lękać się, że przyjdzie? Miłujemy Go i boimy się, że przyjdzie. Czy naprawde miłujemy? Czy może bardziej miłujemy nasze grzechy? Miejmy zatem w nienawiści grzechy, a miłujmy Tego, który przyjdzie, aby ukarać grzechy. Chcemy czy nie chcemy, przyjdzie na pewno. To, że nie przychodzi teraz, nie oznacza, że nie przyjdzie później. Przyjdzie, a nie wiesz kiedy. Jeśli znajdzie cię przygotowanym, nie zaszkodzi ci twa niewiedza.

"I rozradują się wszystkie drzewa leśne". Przyszedł pierwszy raz, a potem powróci, aby sądzić ziemię. Ci, którzy za pierwszym Jego przyjściem uwierzyli, "że przyjdzie", spotkają Go rozradowani.

"Będzie sądził świat ze słusznością i ludy według swojej prawdy". Co znaczy: ze słusznością i według prawdy? Zgromadzi wokół siebie swoich wybranych na sąd, pozostałych zaś oddzieli; jednych zatem postawi po prawej, drugich po lewej stronie. Cóż bowiem bardziej słuszne i odpowiadające prawdzie, jeśli nie to, aby ci, którzy przed przyjściem Sędziego nie chcieli być miłosierni, nie spodziewali się miłosierdzia od Sędziego, gdy przyjdzie. Ci zaś, co pełnili miłosierdzie, sądzeni będą podług miłosierdzia. Do tych po prawicy powie: "Pójdźcie, błogosławieni Ojca mego, weźcie w posiadanie królestwo przygotowane wam od założenia świata". I przypomni czyny miłosierdzia: "Byłem głodny, a daliście Mi jeść, pragnąłem, a daliście Mi pić", i tak dalej.

Tym zaś z lewej strony cóż wypomni? Że nie chcieli pełnić czynów miłosierdzia. A co z nimi? "Idźcie w ogień wieczny". Ta straszna nowina wywoła wielki lament. Ale cóż powiada inny psalm: "W wiecznej pamięci będzie sprawiedliwy; nie będzie się lękał złej nowiny". Jakaż to zła nowina? "Idźcie w ogień wieczny, przygotowany diabłu i jego aniołom". Kogo uraduje nowina dobra, ten nie będzie się obawiał złej. To właśnie znaczy - ze słusznością; to znaczy - według prawdy.

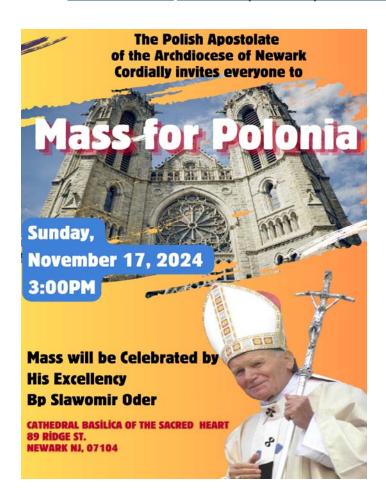
Czyż dlatego, że jesteś niesprawiedliwy, Sędzia nie będzie sprawiedliwy? Albo dlatego, że jesteś kłamcą, Prawda przestanie być prawdomówną? Jeśli jednak pragniesz dostąpić miłosierdzia, bądź i ty miłosierny. Daruj, jeśli ktoś cię obraził; podziel się tym, czego masz pod dostatkiem. Zresztą, czymże się dzielisz, jeśli nie tym, co otrzymałeś od Pana? Gdybyś darował ze swego, byłaby to hojność z twojej strony, ponieważ jednak dajesz Jego własność, twój czyn jest oddawaniem. "Cóż bowiem masz, czego byś nie otrzymał?" Oto ofiary najbardziej miłe Bogu: miłosierdzie, pokora, wyznawanie win, pokój, miłość. Jeśli przeto starać się o nie będziemy, w pokoju oczekiwać możemy Sędziego, który "będzie sądził świat ze słusznością i ludy według swojej prawdy".

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ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass, including praying the Divine Mercy.



On Thursdays the Blessed Sacrament is exposed after 9am Mass concluding with Benediction at 11am.

Have you thought about becoming a Rosarian?

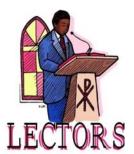
The Rosarians meet the first Sunday of the Month in the Parish Commons. If you would like more information about becoming a Rosarian, please contact Liz Smith, or call the Parish Office.

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

Ministry of Liturgical Environment (Church Decorating)

Anyone who would like to give a helping hand with the church decorating for the upcoming holidays.... 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.







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

Contact Bill Shlala

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



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!

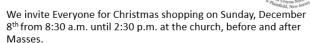
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

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.



Christmas Bazaar

December 8th and 9th



It's a great occasion to buy some gifts for your family and friends and to support the students of the Polish School.

- traditional gingerbread cookies and local honey
- * handmade Christmas centerpieces and decorations
- crochet and wooden ornaments
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Also, an opportunity to take your own pictures using the holiday background in the school cafeteria on Sunday at 12 p.m. and before or after Polish School on Monday evening.



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BestChurch Seniors



Next Senior Meeting is November 21st At 12:30 PM, when we will celebrate a moment of Thanksgiving in the Parish Community Room on George Street, using the side entrance. We will include at 1:00PM a guest speaker on...

"Don't Get Scammed!"

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

It is so important that we don't fall into the crunch of a scam... we are opening this meeting at 1PM to anyone, even if you are not a senior, who would like to attend for more information on the scamming we encounter every day.

A representative from New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs will speak about how to avoid these scams, at 1:00PM on
 Thursday, November 21st in the Parish Office.

If you are interested in joining us in this presentation, please call Karole in the office for more information or to let us know if you will be attending.

<u>Don't Get Scammed,</u> <u>Please Join Us</u> <u>On November 21st at 1:00PM</u>

More information can be found on the bulletin boards in all the entrances of the Church.



STEWARDSHIP

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (MARK 13:26)

CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN, C,SS.R. - We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news — it's never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.





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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, the Lord seeks to instruct his disciples on future events. It is not a discourse on the end of the world, but rather an invitation to live the present well, to be vigilant and ever ready for when we will be called to account for our lives. Jesus says: "In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven." These words make us envision the first page of the Book of Genesis, the narrative of creation: the sun, the moon, the stars — which from the beginning of time shine in their order and bring light, a sign of life - are described here in their decline, as they fall into darkness and chaos, a sign of the end. Instead, the light that shines on that final day will be unique and new: it will be that of the Lord Jesus who will come in glory with all the saints.

Our history cannot be understood as a simple succession of meaningless words and facts. Nor can it be interpreted in the light of a fatalistic vision, as if all were already preordained according to a fate that removes any space for freedom, preventing us from making choices as the fruit of true decision. In today's Gospel passage, however, Jesus says that the history of peoples and that of individuals have a purpose and an aim to fulfil: the definitive encounter with the Lord. We know neither the time nor the way in which it will come about; all is safeguarded in the secret of the mystery of the Father. We know, however, a basic principle with which we must confront ourselves: "Heaven and earth will pass away," Jesus says, "but my words will not pass away." On that day, each of us will have to understand whether the Word of the Son of God has illuminated our personal existence, or whether we turned our back to it, preferring to trust in our own words. More than ever, it will be the moment in which to abandon ourselves definitively to the Father's love and to entrust ourselves to his mercy.

No one can escape this moment, none of us! We will have with us nothing more than what we have accomplished in this life by believing in his Word: the all and nothing of what we have lived or neglected to fulfil. We will take with us only what we have given.

In the Love of God,

Fr. Marcin Fuks

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