

The Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux & St. Stanislaus Kostka

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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:00PM - English

1:30PM - Spanish



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Saturday – July 12... Weekday

9:00AM... People of the Parish

5:00PM... + Robert Chanda, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – July 13... 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... + Frank Kazmierski, req. Naldi and Gough Families

10:30AM... + Lucyna Zielińska, req. Samul Family

... + Gertrude Backiel, req. Córka z Rodziną

12:00 Noon... World Peace

1:30PM ... People of the Parish

Monday – July 14... St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00AM... God's Mercy

for the starving Palestine People in Gaza

Tuesday – July 15... St. Bonaventure

9:00AM... + Antonio and Lucia Simeone, req. Family

Wednesday – July 16... Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

9:00AM... + Carl and Angelo Ciallella,

req. Pat and John Zimmerman

Thursday – July 17... Weekday

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

Friday – July 18... St. Camillus de Lellis

9:00AM... + Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello

Saturday – July 19... Weekday

9:00AM... + Marie and Stan Stanley, req. Johanna Merkle

5:00PM... +

Sunday – July 20... 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... + Patricia Sullivan Amato, req. Sister, Gayle

10:30AM... People of the Parish

12:00 Noon... Health of Margaret Macknowsky,
req. Parish Family

1:30PM ... + People of the Parish

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in **Memory of Joanne Lacon at the request of the Family.**

The Bread and Wine for the **Month of July** is in **Memory of Roy Canavesio** at the **request of children Dennis Canavesio and Lindsay Canavesio.**

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

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

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses petitions the people to follow the commandments God has set before them. He reminds them that the laws are not in the sky or far away at sea, but are accessible to them and meant to be followed if they wish to prosper.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15- 20

Paul discusses the divine nature of Jesus, and explains that Jesus was created before anything else. Everything else was "created through him, and for him."

Gospel: Luke 10:25- 37

While discussing everlasting life, a lawyer mentions loving one's neighbor as oneself. The lawyer then asks Jesus, "Who is my neighbor?" Jesus tells him about a man beaten by robbers, who was ignored by both a priest and a Levite before a Samaritan stopped and offered him aid. Jesus asks the lawyer who was neighbor to the injured man. The lawyer says "the one who treated him with compassion." Jesus encourages him to go and do the same.

CHOIR

The choir will be taking a break for the Summer!!

Are you thinking about joining the Choir?

Well then... →



If you are interested in more information, you may call the office, or stop by after 9AM Sunday Mass to talk to our Cantor. There are some beautiful voices in our congregation... We would love for you to join to enhance our Choir.

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.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after the Rosary concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.





Religious

Education

2025 - 2026

Late Registration: August 18–September 8
-Plus, Late fee of \$20-

Registration received after September 8, will incur a late fee of \$50.

Mark Your Calendars!



Newark Archdiocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

**Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception**
Washington, DC

Saturday, October 18, 2025



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

We are inviting you to join our
parish for a one-day pilgrimage
to Washington DC.

**Those interested, please
contact the office!!!**





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

XV niedziela zwykła "C"

Z dzieła św. Ambrożego, biskupa, *O misteriach*

Każdego dnia, gdy odczytywano dzieje Patriarchów albo zalecenia Księgi Przysłów, przemawiałem na tematy etyczne. Chciałem, abyście w ten sposób pouczeni i kształtowani, przyzwyczaili się do wstępowania w ślady przodków oraz zachowywania Bożych przykazań, abyście odnowieni przez chrzest, przestrzegali takiego sposobu życia, jaki przystoi oczyszczonym.

Teraz natomiast nadszedł czas, abyśmy powiedzieli wam o świętych obrzędach i ujawnili znaczenie sakramentów. Gdybyśmy próbowali uczynić to wcześniej, zanim jeszcze zostaliście wprowadzeni, byłoby to raczej zdradą niż objaśnieniem. A zresztą światło misterii bardziej przenika nie przygotowanych niż wówczas, kiedy poprzedzone jest wstępnym pouczeniem.

Otwórzcie więc swe uszy i rozkoszujcie się zapachem życia wiecznego, przekazanego wam za pośrednictwem sakramentów. Właśnie to mieliśmy na uwadze podczas wstępnego obrzędu otwarcia. Mówiliśmy wtedy: "Effetha", to jest "otwórz się". Mówiliśmy tak, aby każdy, kto się zbliża do łaski, pojął, o co jest pytany, i pamiętał, co ma odpowiedzieć. Czytamy w Ewangelii, iż Chrystus dokonał tego obrzędu, kiedy uleczył głuchoniemego.

Z kolei otwarto przed tobą Miejsce Najświętsze i wszedłeś do sanktuarium odrodzenia. Przypomnij sobie, o co cię pytano, i rozważ, co odpowiedziałeś. Wyrzekłeś się szatana, jego spraw, świata, jego przepychu i rozkoszy. Twoja odpowiedź została zamknięta na zawsze nie w grobie umarłych, ale w Księdze żywych.

Zobaczyłeś tam diakona, zobaczyłeś kapłana, zobaczyłeś biskupa. Nie zważaj na ich wygląd, ale na charyzmat ich posługiwania. Przemówiłeś w obecności aniołów, jak to jest napisane: "Wargi kapłana strzegą wiedzy i u niego szuka się pouczeń, bo jest aniołem Pana wszechmocnego". Nie można się tu pomylić ani zaprzeczyć: aniołem jest ten, kto zwiastuje królestwo Chrystusa, kto zwiastuje życie wieczne. Nie oceniaj go według wyglądu, ale według zadania. Rozmyślaj nad tym, co ci przekazał, uszanuj jego posługiwanie, uznaj godność.

Wszedłszy zatem, aby spotkać nieprzyjaciela, któremu postanowiłeś sprzeciwić się w twarz, zwracasz się ku Wschodowi, ponieważ ten, kto wyrzeka się szatana, zwraca się ku Chrystusowi i patrzy w Jego oblicze.

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| | <p>Polska Szkoła Doksztalcająca im. Juliana Ursyna Niemcewicza 365 Emerson Avenue, Plainfield, NJ 07062 – adres szkoły 1232 George Street, Plainfield, NJ 07062 – adres korespondencyjny E-mail: polskaszkolaplainfield@outlook.com, Telefon Dyrektorki: 732 261 4276</p> | |
| <h2 style="text-align: center;">zapisy do polskiej szkoły</h2> <p style="text-align: center;">Odkryj bogactwo polskiej kultury i języka!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Zapisz się już dziś i bądź częścią naszej szkolnej rodziny!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Kontakt: polskaszkolaplainfield@outlook.com Tel. (732) 261-4276</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div data-bbox="292 1680 779 1974"> <p>Oferujemy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> > Zajęcia w poniedziałki: 5:30 - 8:00 pm > Klasy: Przedszkole - Liceum (klasa maturalna) > Aktywna społeczność: uczniowie, rodzice i nauczyciele > Przedstawienia, konkursy, warsztaty, wycieczki szkolne, wspaniałe wydarzenia z okazji Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Wielkanocy, bal karnawałowy, piknik szkolny, oraz dużo więcej! > Prawie 25 lat doświadczenia z wykwalifikowaną kadrą pedagogiczną </div> <div data-bbox="779 1680 1315 1974"></div> </div> | | |

The Saint of the Week



St. Kateri Tekakwitha

July 14

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.

Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri—Catherine—on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips. She was beatified in 1980 and canonized in 2012.

WOMEN OF FAITH



We are excited to announce the re-launch of the **Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group** at **St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka**! This revitalized ministry invites women of all ages and backgrounds to deepen their relationship with Christ, build meaningful connections with one another, and live out their faith through prayer, Scripture, service, and fellowship.

Our monthly gatherings will focus on the lives of women in the Bible, like Sarah, Judith, Esther, and Mary, offering rich insights and spiritual inspiration. Each session will include prayer, faith-sharing, discussion, and time for fellowship over food. We will also offer special Lenten programming, service opportunities, and parish events.

Whether you're a mother, grandmother, student, professional, or seeking a place to belong, this group is for you. We support each other wherever we are on our faith journeys, and we believe every woman has a role to play in the life of the Church.

Why are women's faith groups so important?

They provide sacred spaces for women to grow spiritually, share their struggles and joys, and find strength in community. In today's fast-paced, often isolating world, women need places where they are seen, heard, and valued, not only for what they do, but for who they are in Christ. Faith groups offer encouragement, deepen biblical understanding, and create lasting friendships rooted in Christ's love. They also empower women to become spiritual leaders in their homes, parishes, and communities.

Together, we discover that we are not alone, and that through our stories, prayers, and support, we become more fully alive in our faith. Women's groups are places of healing, purpose, and mission, where we can listen to God and to each other, discerning how the Spirit is calling us to serve and grow.

Join us and become part of a vibrant sisterhood dedicated to growing in faith and love.

Our first meeting will be held in September in the Parish Center. Stay tuned for more details, and bring a friend! For more information or to be involved in the planning, please contact Mary Landriau, mlandriau703@verizon.net.

NEWARK ARCHDIOCESE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

October 18th

If you are interested in going to Washington for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please call the office. We need to know how many people are interested in order to arrange for a bus. Buses book early, and we need to be assured we are able to reserve one, or share with another Parish.

STEWARDSHIP

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Jesus said to him, 'Go and do likewise.'"

Luke 10:37

This was Jesus' command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbor. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don't like. All without expecting anything in return.

*Return to God with all your heart
and you will live.*



Domingo 15^o del Tiempo Ordinario

"Y Jesús le dijo: Ve y haz tú lo mismo."

LUCAS 10:37

Este fue el mandato de Jesús al final de la historia del Buen Samaritano. ¿Sabía que los Samaritanos y los Judíos se despreciaban mutuamente? La enseñanza de la historia es amar al prójimo. Eso significa amar a alguien que no conocemos, que luce diferente a nosotros, que tiene creencias diferentes o a alguien que nos disgusta. Todo esto sin esperar nada a cambio.

Glorifiquen a Dios

Den Gracias

ANNUAL²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

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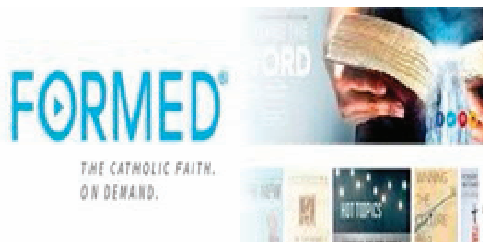
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From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The brigands who beat the man, left him half dead; the priest who when he saw the wounded man "passed by" without taking into account his mission, thinking only of the imminent "hour of Mass." So did the Levite, "a cultured man of the Law." Dwell on "passing by," a concept which must enter our hearts today. It is that of two "officials" who, consistent with being who they were, said: "it is not for me" to help the injured person. On the contrary, the one who "did not pass by" was the Samaritan, "who was a sinner, one excommunicated by the people of Israel." He had compassion. Perhaps he was a merchant who was traveling for business, too.

He did not look at his watch, did not think about blood. He came close to the beaten man, he got off his donkey, he tied his wounds, pouring oil and wine. He got his hands and clothes dirty. Then he loaded him, all dirty, on his mount and took him to a hotel. He took care of him. He was not an official; he was a man with a heart, a man with an open heart.

The innkeeper was stunned to see that it was a Samaritan, a foreigner, a pagan, who stopped to rescue the man, paying two denari and promising to pay any expenses on his return. The innkeeper did not doubt that he would receive what was owed; it is the reaction of one who lives a testimony, one open to the surprises of God, just like the Samaritan.

To be a disciple of Christ it is not enough to go to Sunday Mass and to try to do the right thing. To be a Christian means to be open to God's surprises, to be a witness to God's love and mercy.

Like the two "officials" who fulfilled all the precepts, there are those who go to Mass on Sunday, Communion, Confession once a year, but are not open to the surprises of God. There are those who know much about God but do not actually meet God, and never enter into amazement before a testimony. On the contrary: they are incapable of giving witness.

Each of us is the man there, wounded, and the Samaritan is Jesus. He healed our wounds. He drew near to us. He took care of us. He paid for us, and He said to his Church: "If you need more, you pay, I will come back and I will pay." Think about this: in this passage there is the whole Gospel.

Fr. Marcin

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