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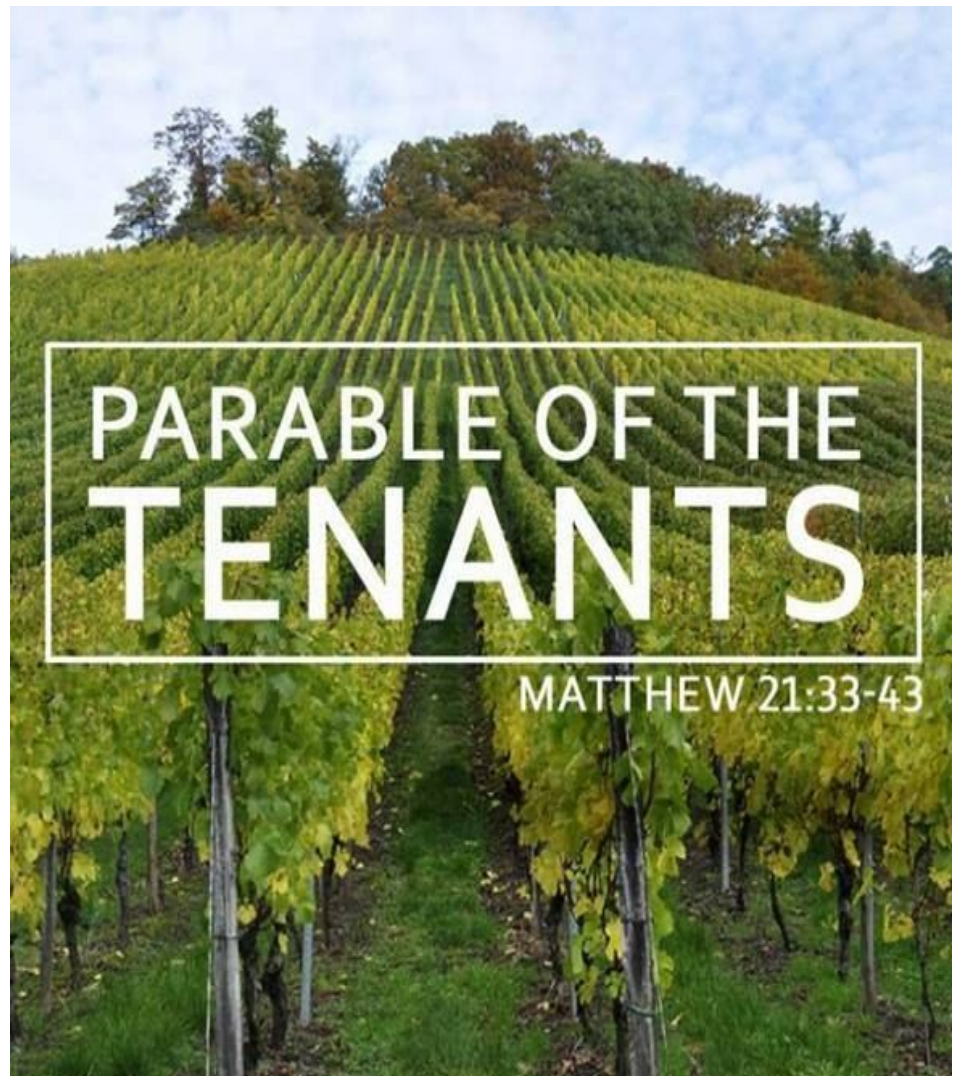
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MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM – English

10:30AM – Polish

12:30PM – Spanish

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1235 George Street
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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 – October 3... Weekday

9:00AM...+Alfred Schneider, req. Johanna Merkle

5:00PM...+Frank Morano, req. Family

Sunday – October 4...27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... +Frank Apisa, req. Maria and David Fame

10:30AM...+Kazimierz i Karol Wojewodka,
od przyjaciele z So. Plainfield
... Krystina, Boże błogosławieństwa w dniu
twoich urodzin, od twoich rodziców.

12:30PM...+Nidia Salgado, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Monday – October 5... St. Faustina Kowalska and Blessed Francis Xavier

9:00AM...+Catherine Onuska, req. John and Theresa

Tuesday – October 6... St. Bruno, and Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

9:00AM...+Frank Apisa, req. Angela Negri

Wednesday – October 7...Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00AM ...+ Frank Apisa, req. John and Nancy Apisa

Thursday – October 8... Weekday

9:00AM...+Amerigo Pericolo, req. Pina and John

Friday – October 9...St. Denis and St. John Leonardi

9:00AM ...+Amparo Salgado, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Saturday – October 10... Weekday

9:00AM...+Rose and Elwood Shaughnessy,
req. Johanna Merkle

5:00PM...+Peter Gregory Maioriello,
req. Jim and Julia Maioriello

Sunday – October 11...28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30AM...+Gregorz Gezelak, siostra z rodziną

12:30PM... People of the Parish

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week
for our Parish Family.

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER
is in memory of **Michael Parise** at the request of
Kathy Merklinger.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For those whose health is challenged in any way
especially for **Marian Parcinski, Giovani Todaro,**
Margaret Honora, Olga Skolka, Helga Gilligan
Zena Kazmierski, Sherif R., and Eric Johansen

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the
Faithful Departed especially **Peter Scavuzzo.**

ANNUAL ²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The Appeal is continuing. 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 within our Archdiocese. Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**, and we already collected **\$26,230.00!** Please make a gift online today:



STEWARDSHIP

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - MATTHEW 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

Domingo 27^o del Tiempo Ordinario

"La piedra que los constructores rechazaron se ha convertido en la piedra angular..." - MATEO 21:42

Jesús fue rechazado por los líderes políticos y religiosos de su época, así como también por ciudadanos ordinarios, pero él siguió obedeciendo a Dios Padre. De la misma manera, tener un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad puede hacer que usted sea "rechazado" por los demás. Dar gracias antes del inicio de una comida en un restaurant puede atraer miradas extrañas de algunas personas, ¡pero para otras es una señal de que Dios está vivo y bien!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

This passage about the failure of the Lord's vineyard is a metaphor for the ingratitude of the people of Israel and Judah. In tones of sadness and rebuke, the Lord asks, "What more was there to do for my vineyard?"

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

In a moving appeal to the Philippians, Paul exhorts them to embrace all that is pure, decent, and admirable; then God's peace will be theirs.

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

In another rebuke to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus recounts a parable in which the owner of a vineyard leases his vineyard to tenant farmers. When the owner sends his servants and even his son to claim his rightful share of the crops, the tenants kill all of them. With some bitterness, Jesus warns the chief priests that "the Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people that will yield a rich harvest."

Religious Education**2026-2027****Religious Education Class Wednesdays****6:30PM-7:40PM****Liturgy of the Word**

On Sundays we offer Liturgy of the Word at the 9AM Mass for children K-3 during the Homily in the church Chapel Room. If you are willing to assist with the class once a month, please contact Karole in the office.

ROSARY

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 Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM

During the Month of October the Rosary is prayed in the church at 1:00PM on Tuesdays.

MASS SCHEDULE**Saturdays:****5:00PM English Mass of Anticipation****Sundays:****9:00 AM English****10:30 AM Polish****12:30 PM Spanish****Monday - Saturday:****9:00 AM English****Office Hours:****Monday – Friday 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM*****After hours by appointment*****FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**

Blessing of the Animals is this Sunday at 1:30 PM in the church courtyard on Sumner Avenue (weather permitting). Please be sure to have your animals restrained and prepared for clean-up.

Calling All Women of Faith!**Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group.**

This 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, reflection, service, and fellowship.

Whether you are a mother, grandmother, student, professional, retiree, or simply seeking a place to belong, this group is for you. We welcome women wherever they are on their faith journey and believe that every woman has a unique gift to share in the life of the Church.

Why Are Women's Faith Groups So Important?

Women's faith groups provide sacred spaces where women can grow spiritually, share their joys and challenges, and find strength in community. In today's busy and often isolating world, women need places where they are seen, heard, and valued, not only for what they do, but for who they are as beloved daughters of God.

Faith groups offer encouragement, deepen understanding of our Catholic faith, and foster lasting friendships rooted in Christ's love. They help women discover new ways to pray, serve, and lead within their families, parish, and community. Together, we learn that we are not alone and that God works powerfully through the support, wisdom, and witness of others.

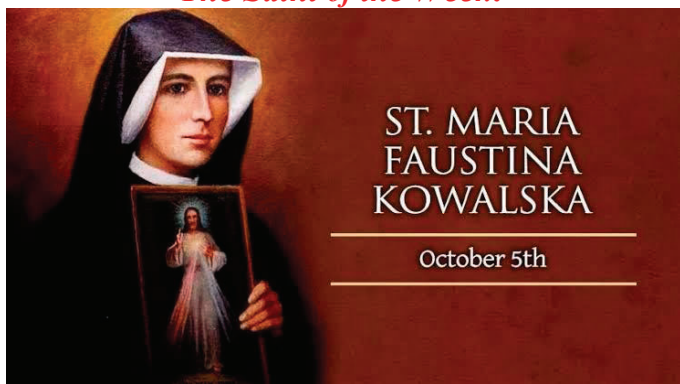
Women's groups are places of healing, purpose, and mission, where we listen to God and to one another as we discern how the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow and serve.

Join Us!**Next Meeting****October 27****5:00 PM - 7:00PM**

Bring a friend and join us for an evening of prayer, conversation, encouragement, and fellowship.

please contact:

Mary Landriau at mlandriau703@verizon.net.

The Saint of the Week:

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska of the Blessed Sacrament was born as Helena Kowalska, in Glogowiec, Leczyca County, north-west of Łódź in Poland on August 25, 1905. She was the third of 10 children from a poor and religious family.

Faustina first felt a calling to the religious life when she was just seven-years-old and attended the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. After finishing her schooling, Faustina wanted to immediately join a convent. However, her parents refused to let her.

Instead, at 16-years-old, Faustina became a housekeeper to help her parents and support herself.

In 1924, Faustina experienced her first vision of Jesus. While at a dance with her sister, Natalia, Faustina saw a suffering Jesus and then went to a Cathedral. According to Faustina, Jesus instructed her to leave for Warsaw immediately and join a convent.

Faustina packed her bags at once and departed the following morning. While in Warsaw, Faustina approached many different convents, but was turned away every time. Finally, the mother superior for the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy decided to take in Faustina on the condition that she could pay for her own religious habit by working as a housekeeper,

On April 30, 1926, at 20-years-old, she finally received her habit and took the religious name of Sister Maria Faustina of the Blessed Sacrament, and in 1928, she took her first religious vows as a nun.

On February 22, 1931, Faustina was visited by Jesus, who presented Himself as the "King of Divine Mercy" wearing a white garment with red and pale rays coming from His heart. She was asked to become the apostle and secretary of God's mercy, a model of how to be merciful to others, and an instrument for reemphasizing God's plan of mercy for the world.

Jesus said to her, "paint an image according to the pattern you see, with the inscription: Jesus, I trust in You." Faustina also describes during that same message that Jesus explained He wanted the Divine Mercy image to be "solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter; that Sunday is to be the Feast of Mercy."

Faustina, not knowing how to paint, asked around her convent for help but was denied. It wasn't until three years later, in 1934, that the first painting of the image was created by Eugene Kazimierowski.

In 1932, Faustina returned to Warsaw. On May 1, 1933 she took her final vows in Lagiewniki and became a perpetual sister of Our Lady of Mercy.

After taking her vows, Faustina was transferred to Vilnius, where she met Father Michael Sopocko, the appointed confessor to the nuns. Sopocko encouraged her to start keeping a diary and to record all of her conversations with Jesus. Faustina told Sopocko about the Divine Mercy image and it was Sopocko who introduced her to Kazimierowski, the artist of the first Divine Mercy painting.

In September 1935, Faustina wrote about her vision of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, used to obtain mercy, trust in Christ's mercy and to show mercy to others.

In July 1937, the first holy cards with the Divine Mercy image were created and Faustina provided instructions for the Novena of Divine Mercy, which she reported was a message from Jesus. Throughout the rest of 1937, the Divine Mercy image continued to be promoted and grow in popularity.

Faustina's health significantly deteriorated by the end of 1937. Her visions intensified and she was said to be looking forward to the end of her life. On October 5, 1938, Faustina passed away. She was buried on October 7 and currently rests at the Basilica of Divine Mercy in Krakow, Poland.

Her entire life, in imitation of Christ's, was to be a sacrifice - a life lived for others. At the Divine Lord's request, she willingly offered her personal sufferings in union with Him to atone for the sins of others. In her daily life she was to become a doer of mercy, bringing joy and peace to others, and by writing about God's mercy, she was to encourage others to trust in Him and thus prepare the world for His coming again.

The message of mercy that Sister Faustina received is now being spread throughout the world; her diary, Divine Mercy in My Soul, has become the handbook for devotion to the Divine Mercy.

St. Faustina Kowalska was beatified on April 18, 1993 and canonized on April 30, 2000, both by Pope St. John Paul II. Her feast day is celebrated on October 5, and she is the patron saint of Mercy.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

For all the engaged couples who are planning to get married or those who are married civilly and would like to receive the sacrament of matrimony, we offer a course of Pre-Cana in the Parish Office

Friday nights at 8:00PM.

CLOTHING DRIVE

What do we collect? Used clothes, shoes, handbags, backpacks, belts, towels, curtains, table linens, bed sheets, comforters, stuffed animals, and small plastic toys.

(Not accepted: puzzles, board games, Legos, or toys with small pieces.)

How to pack? Please deliver items in bags and separate shoes and toys from clothing.

Where? Polish School in Plainfield, NJ (building next to St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus Church).

When? Mondays: Sept 28 and Oct 5, 12, 19 | 5 PM to 8 PM



The fundraising drive is organized by the 10th-grade students:

Anna, Jessica, Maya, Natalia, David, Filip, and Jacob.

Contact: Ula Grzyb, phone: 973-592-7475

Thank you for your support!!!

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

For those Catholics who did not complete their full initiation (Catholics who may have been baptized but who were never confirmed or received First Communion), or are non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic.

Mondays at 7:00pm in the parish office.

If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Catholic Church, or about becoming Catholic, please contact:

Fr. Bernardo, at vicar@bestchurch.net.

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From Fr. Marcín

Today, the Gospel presents us with a dramatic parable where a landowner planted a vineyard and took good care of it. Then, needing to go away, he entrusted it to some tenants. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to collect his harvest. But the tenants maltreated and killed them. So, the owner sent his son, and those tenants even killed him.

The landowner did everything well, with love. He himself toiled to plant the vineyard; he surrounded it with a fence to protect it, dug a winepress, and built a watchtower. Then he entrusted his vineyard to some tenants, leasing his prized possession to them, thus treating them on an equal plane, so that his vineyard might be well cultivated and might bear fruit. Given these circumstances, the harvest should have come to a happy end, in a festive atmosphere, with a fair division of the produce to everyone's satisfaction.

Instead, ungrateful and greedy thoughts insinuated themselves into the minds of the tenants. "We do not need to give anything to the owner. The product of our work belongs to us alone. We need not give an account to anyone!" We know that they should be grateful for what they received and for how they had been treated. Instead, ingratitude gave rise to greed, and a progressive sense of rebellion grew within them, which led them to see the situation in a distorted way, to feel that the owner was in their debt rather than that they were in debt to the owner who had given them work. When they saw the son, they ended up saying: "This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance!" From being tenants, they become assassins. It is a whole process. Many times, this process takes place in the hearts of people, even in our hearts.

With this parable, Jesus reminds us what happens when a person deceives him/herself into thinking that he or she does things on their own, and they forget to be grateful, they forget the real basis of life: that good comes from the grace of God, that good comes from his free gift. When someone forgets this gratitude to God, he or she ends up no longer facing their own situation and their own limits with the joy of feeling loved and saved, but with the sad illusion of needing neither love nor salvation. That person stops letting him/herself be loved and finds him/herself a prisoner of their own greed, a prisoner to the need to have more than others, of the desire to stand out over others. This process is ugly, and many times it happens to us. This in turn gives rise to many dissatisfactions and recriminations, so many misunderstandings and so many feelings of envy; and, driven by resentment, the person can fall headlong into a spiral of violence.

Fr. Marcín

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