

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

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MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

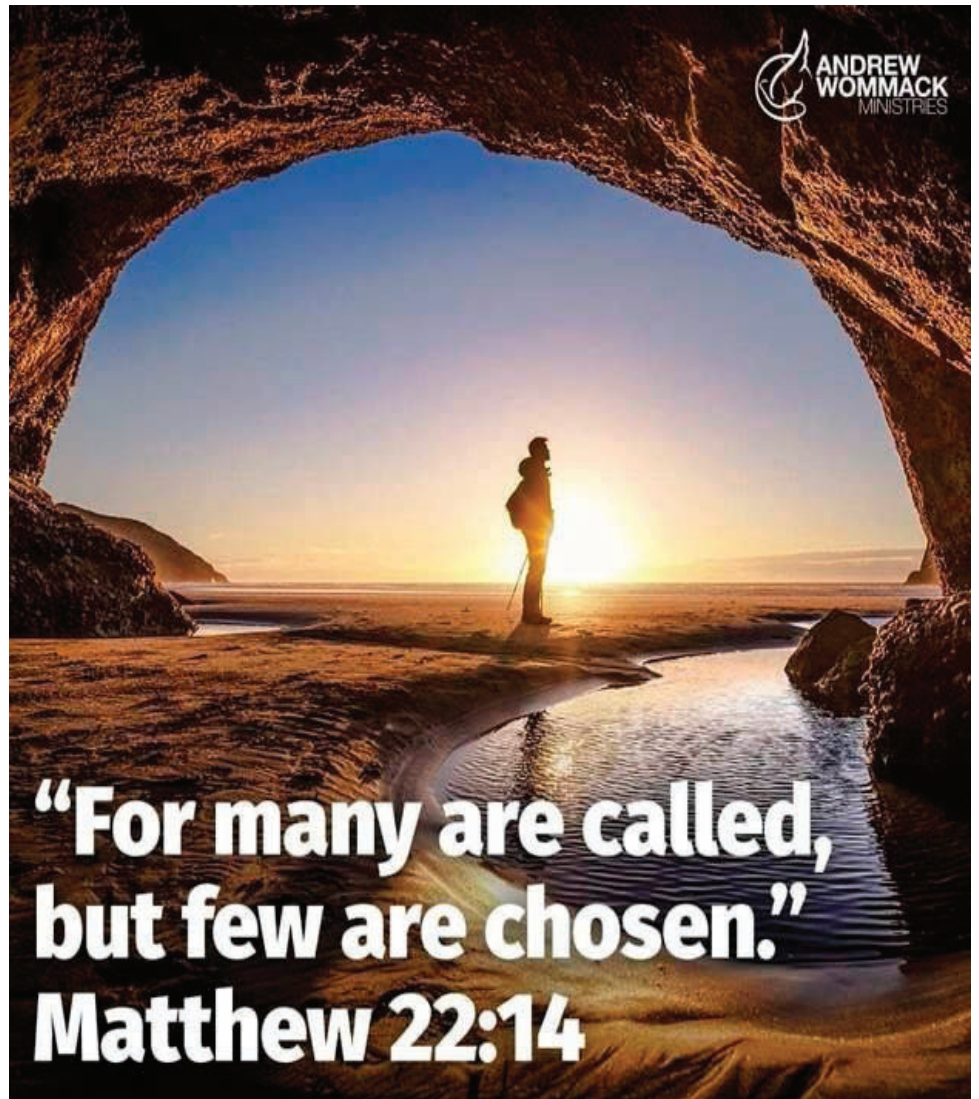
5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM – English

10:30AM – Polish

12:30PM – Spanish



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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

**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 Grzelak, siostra z rodziną
+Sylwester Jemiolo (7th Anniv.),
corika i rodzina

12:30PM.. People of the Parish

Monday – October 12... Weekday

9:00AM...+Maria Clentilde Molina

Tuesday – October 13... Weekday

9:00AM...+Michael Parise, req. Antonia Riello

Wednesday – October 14...St. Callistus I

9:00AM ...+ AR, req. Johanna Merkle

Thursday – October 15... St. Teresa of Jesus

9:00AM...Cynthia Amadin Blessings for Birthday,
req. Mother Esther,

**Friday – October 16...St Hedwig and
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque**

9:00AM ...+Pat and Jim Rushforth, req. Johanna Merkle

Saturday – October 17... Weekday

9:00AM...+Robert Sopko, req. Karole and Richie

5:00PM...+Giovanna Mone,
req. Angela Negri and Children

Sunday – October 18...29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...Continued Good Health, V. Rev. Frank Rose
and Rev. Jan K. Lebdowicz,
req. Johanna Merkle

10:30AM...+Franciszek Kapolka, od Brat z rodziną
Urodzinowe życzenia dla Aly, od rodziny Soljan

12:30PM.. + Jacinto Guillen and Maria Eva DeGuillen
(6° Aniv.) se requiere familia

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week
for **Michael Parise** at the request of Beverly and Peter
Cirino.

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, Giovanni Todaro,
Olga Skolka, Helga Gilligan, Zena Kazmierski,
Sherif R., and Eric Johansen.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the
Faithful Departed especially **Robert Sopko.**

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ 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 **\$27,230.00!** Please make a gift online today:

**STEWARDSHIP****28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - PHILIPPIANS 4:19
God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Domingo 28° del Tiempo Ordinario

"Mi Dios les dará todo lo que necesiten..." FILIPENSES 4:19
Dios realmente provee a aquellos que son agradecidos y generosos. Eso es muy difícil de creer para las personas que no viven un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad. Las personas son escépticas y dicen que es solo una coincidencia. Si usted es escéptico, trate de llevar un estilo de vida de corresponsabilidad por un mes - sea generoso con sus dones de tiempo en oración, su talento en obras de caridad, y sus tesoros, y luego verá como Dios provee para satisfacer sus necesidades.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a**

This passage describes the new Jerusalem as a heavenly banquet on the mountain with the Lord God wiping away all tears.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

In simple, direct words, Paul thanks the Philippians for alleviating his hardships. He stresses, though, that he is as accustomed to poverty as to abundance and finds all his strength in Christ.

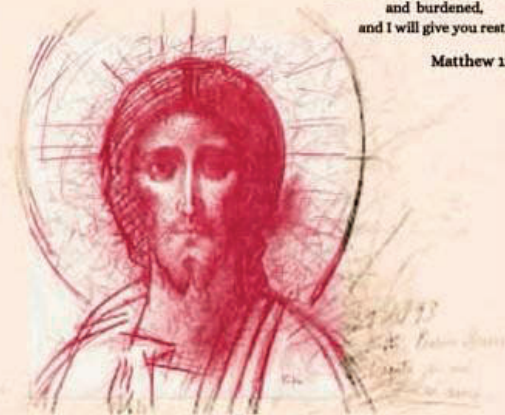
Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Once more speaking to the chief priests and the elders, Jesus relates the parable of the wedding banquet. A King, preparing a wedding banquet for his son, summons all the invited guests. When, after several invitations, no guests arrive, the King commands his servants to "go out into the byroads and invite anyone you come upon." Again, Jesus warns the elders, "the invited are many, the elect are few."

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

"Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened,
and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



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Religious Education Class Wednesdays

6:30PM-7:45PM

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.



Chair Exercises begins again!

Patty Casterline will once again present Chair Exercises on Tuesdays for 4 weeks in the Parish Office starting October 20th at

1:30PM. This is open for anyone in the parish and you are welcome to bring a friend.



**BEST CHURCH SENIORS WILL
MEET ON OCTOBER 15TH AT
1:00PM**

FOR OUR HALLOWEEN PARTY.

SENIORS AND ALMOST SENIORS

**ARE INVITED TO ATTEND FOR REFRESHMENTS AND AN
EXCITING VIDEO ON THE 10 MOST HAUNTED HOUSES IN
NEW JERSEY!**

**SO BEWARE FOR AN EXCITING AFTERNOON! PLEASE
CALL AND LET US KNOW YOU ARE ATTENDING.....
AND BRING A FRIEND.**

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.

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.

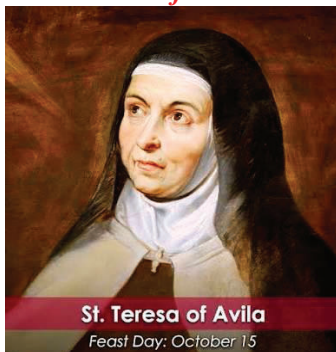
Whether you are a mother, grandmother, student, professional, retiree, or simply seeking a place to belong, this group is for you. We welcome women wherever they are on their faith journey and believe that every woman has a unique gift to share in the life of the Church.

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

The Saint of the Week:

Born on March 28, 1515, in either Ávila or the nearby town of Gotarrendura, Saint Teresa of Ávila entered the world at a time of deep religious upheaval and renewal in the Church. She was born into a devout and noble Spanish family. As a child, Teresa was captivated by the lives of the saints, and her heart burned with a desire for holiness so intense that at the age of seven she attempted to run away with her brother in hopes of dying a martyr for Christ.

The death of her mother when Teresa was fourteen left a lasting impression on her soul, leading her to entrust herself more fully to the Blessed Virgin Mary as her spiritual mother. Though she was sent to be educated by the Augustinian nuns, Teresa struggled, like many young people, with the pull of worldly interests. Yet beneath this struggle, God was preparing her for a deeper calling. At the age of twenty, after much interior conflict, she entered the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation in Ávila, choosing a life dedicated to God despite her natural hesitations.

Her early years in religious life were marked by spiritual inconsistency. The convent itself had grown relaxed in discipline, and frequent social visits disrupted the silence necessary for deep prayer. It was through suffering that God began to draw her closer. A serious illness left her bedridden for nearly a year and brought her to the brink of death. During this time, she turned more fully to prayer and spiritual reading.

After her recovery, Teresa experienced a profound and lasting conversion. She began to practice mental prayer with renewed dedication and gradually entered into deeper forms of union with God. Over time, she was granted extraordinary mystical experiences, including visions of Christ and moments of deep spiritual ecstasy.

As her relationship with God deepened, Teresa became increasingly aware of the need for reform within her religious community. She saw clearly that the Carmelite life had lost much of its original fervor and simplicity. Moved by a desire to restore a life of prayer, poverty, and silence, she set out to found a new kind of convent. In 1562, she established the Convent of St. Joseph in Ávila, embracing a stricter observance rooted in contemplation and total dependence on God. Though her efforts were initially met with suspicion and resistance, her trust in God never wavered.

Her reform soon spread beyond a single convent. With the help of Saint John of the Cross and

other collaborators, Teresa helped establish the Discalced Carmelites, a renewed expression of Carmelite life committed to prayer and sacrifice. Over the course of twenty years, she traveled tirelessly across Spain, often in poor health and under difficult conditions, founding seventeen convents for women and supporting the establishment of monasteries for men.

This work was not without suffering. Teresa faced opposition from members of her own order, misunderstandings, and even formal restrictions on her ability to continue her foundations. At one point, she was ordered to cease her work and withdraw into one of her convents. Yet through humility, obedience, and perseverance, she continued to trust in God's providence. With the eventual support of Church authorities and the Spanish crown, her reform was allowed to continue and flourish.

Alongside her work as a reformer, Teresa became one of the Church's greatest spiritual writers. Her autobiography, *The Life of Teresa of Jesus*, recounts her journey of conversion and prayer. In *The Way of Perfection*, she offers practical guidance for those seeking to grow in holiness. Her masterpiece, *The Interior Castle*, describes the soul as a castle with many dwelling places, leading ultimately to union with God at its center.

In her later years, Teresa continued her mission despite increasing physical weakness. While traveling to found yet another convent, she fell ill. In 1582, her earthly journey came to an end. Her final words reflected the deep love that had guided her entire life: "My Lord, it is time to move on... the hour that I have longed for has come."

Forty years after her death, she was canonized by Pope Gregory XV, and centuries later, in 1970, Pope Paul VI declared her a Doctor of the Church, making her the first woman to receive this title. St Teresa of Ávila's life stands as a powerful witness to the transforming love of God. Through suffering, perseverance, and unwavering trust, she discovered that the deepest truth of the Christian life is found in prayer.

THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12
IN OBSERVANCE OF
COLUMBUS DAY
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

**MARRIAGE PREPARATION**

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!!!

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From Fr. Marcin

With the narrative of the Parable of the Wedding Banquet, in today's Gospel passage, Jesus outlines the plan that God envisaged for humanity. The king who gave a marriage feast for his son is the image of the Father who prepared for us a wonderful celebration of love and communion around His only begotten Son. Two times the king sends his servants to call the invited guests, but they refuse; they do not want to go to the feast because they have other things to think about: fields and business. So often we too put our interests and material things ahead of the Lord who calls us – and He calls us to a feast. The king in the parable does not want the hall to remain empty, because he wants to offer the treasures of his kingdom. So he tells his servants: "Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find." This is how God reacts: when He is rejected, rather than giving up, He starts over and asks that all those found at the thoroughfares be called, excluding no one. No one is excluded from the house of God.

Today in our parish we are beginning again the announcements of the Good News that will prepare us to experience the wedding feast. During the Masses, we are joined by the team of young people who are extending an invitation to come and listen on Mondays and Thursdays at 8PM in the Gym of the school. The cycle of the talks for the adults and young people will continue for several weeks!!!

I am very excited; I want to invite all of you to come and listen!!! These talks are amazing and will transform the life of those who will come, and will transform the life of our parish!!!

As a young person, I attended the same talks 25 years ago. At that time, I was a teenager who was in crisis, going to church, but without faith. Those talks changed my life completely and helped me to experience the mercy and love of God! Today, I am here: a priest, thanks to the same talks that you are about to listen to! If you are in some difficulty, searching for the answers, or without faith come and listen!

In the Gospel, the banquet hall is filled with the "excluded," those who are "outside," those who never seemed worthy to partake in a feast, in a wedding banquet. In fact, the king tells the messengers: "Call everyone, both good and bad. Everyone!" Those in Catechesis are at a banquet that God prepared for everyone: the just and sinners, good and bad, intelligent and uneducated.

Fr. Marcin

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