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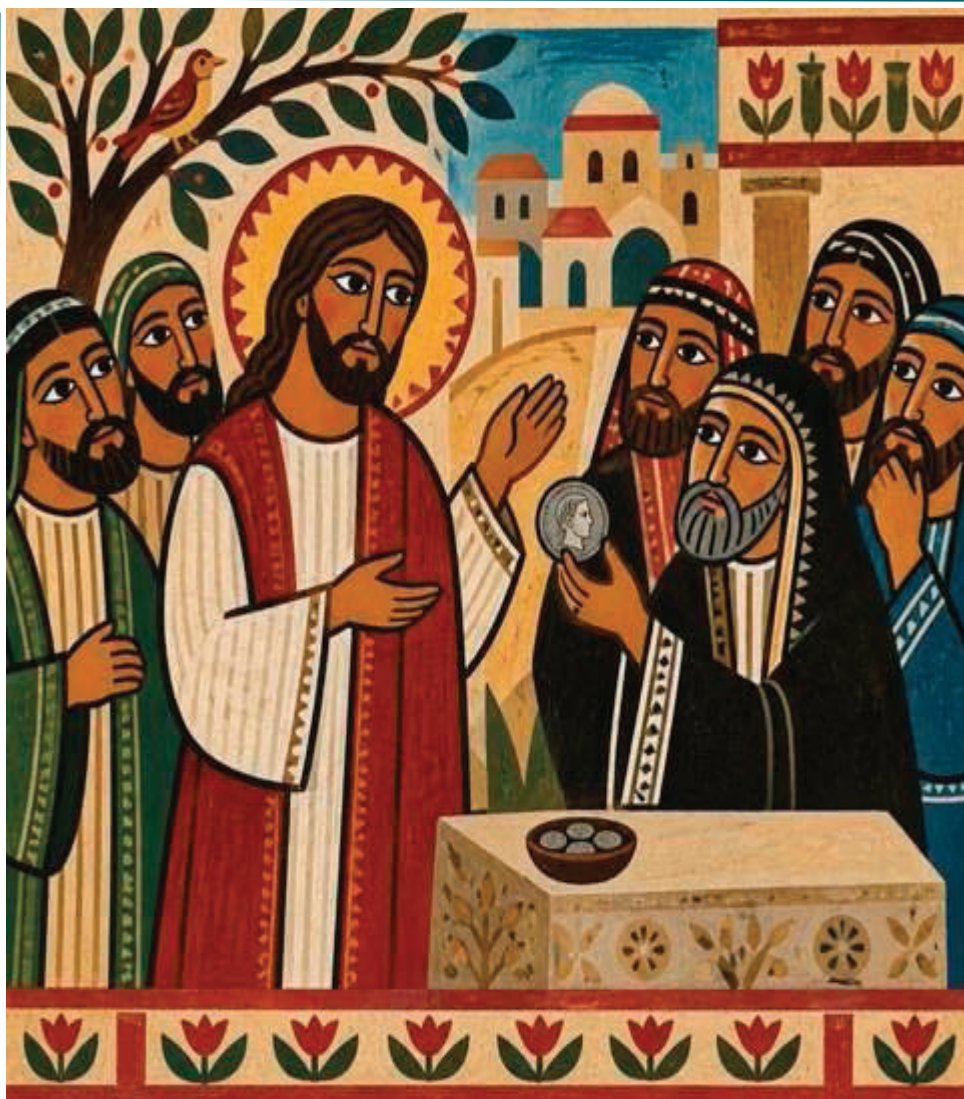
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MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:30PM - Spanish

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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 17... St. Ignatius of Antioch**

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 Merkle10:30AM...+Franciszek Kapolka, od Brat z rodziną
Urodzinowe życzenia dla Aly, od rodziny Soljan12:30PM.. + Jacinto Guillen and Maria Eva DeGuillen
(6° Aniv.) se requiere familia
+ Maria de Hernandez, (40 days after death)**Monday – October 19... Sts. John de Brebeuf
and Isaac Jogues**

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

Tuesday – October 20... St. Paul of the Cross9:00AM...+Giovanni and Antonetta Mone,
req. Angelia Negri**Wednesday – October 21...Weekday**

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

Thursday – October 22... St. John Paul II

9:00AM...+Michael Parise, req. Morano Family

Friday – October 23...St. John of Capistrano9:00AM ...John and Bridget, Blessings for
5th Wedding Anniv., req. Mom and Dad**Saturday – October 24... St. Anthony Mary Claret**9:00AM...+Paula Maricela DeLeon Solicitado, por la hija
5:00PM...+Frank Apisa, req. Pina and John Mastroianni**Sunday – October 25...30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM...+ Jim Rushforth, req. Zena Kazmierski

10:30AM...+Tadeusz Deręgowski, od żony i dzieci
Joanta Błażejowicz, 40 lat,
od twojej kochanej teściowej12:30PM...+Eulalia Duque García,
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

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

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the
Faithful Departed.

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****29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. - MATTHEW 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God.

We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Domingo 29^o del Tiempo Ordinario

"Dad al Cesar lo que es del Cesar y a Dios lo que es de Dios"
- MATEO 22:21

Todo lo que somos y todo lo que tenemos le pertenece a Dios.

No somos los dueños de nada, somos simples

"administradores" de los dones que hemos recibido de Dios.

Todo lo que Dios nos pide es que demos parte de lo que Él nos ha dado. Esa es la esencia de la Corresponsabilidad.

Dios debe ser nuestra prioridad en todo. Todo lo demás viene en segundo lugar, especialmente nuestro dinero.

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6**

Cyrus, King of Persia and friend to the Jewish people, becomes the Lord's anointed one, and through God's intervention, returns the Jews to their own country.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

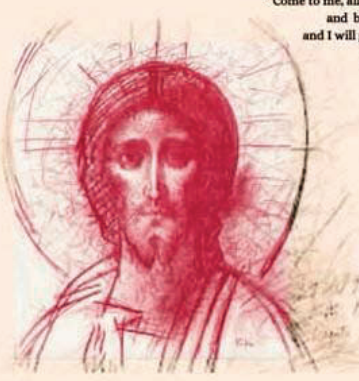
Paul rejoices that the Thessalonians, newly converted to Christianity, are displaying remarkable constancy in their new-found faith.

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

Seeking to entrap Jesus in his speech, the hostile and hypocritical Pharisees ask him this dangerous question, "Is it lawful to pay tax to the emperor or not?" Realizing their treacherous motives, Jesus asks for a Roman coin, and pointing to the inscription of Caesar's, he answers, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, but give to God what is God's."

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

"Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened,
and I will give you rest."
Matthew 11:28



STARTING OCTOBER 12th, 2026 at 8:00PM

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Dominick: (551)-697-6722
Fr. Marcin: (929) 320-8376

Free Babysitting

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers to visit the home bound once a month for communion. Anyone who is a Eucharistic Minister or who would like to be, please contact
Fr. Marcin or Fr. Benardo for more information.

**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

Religious Education**2026-2027****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.

ROSARY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers.

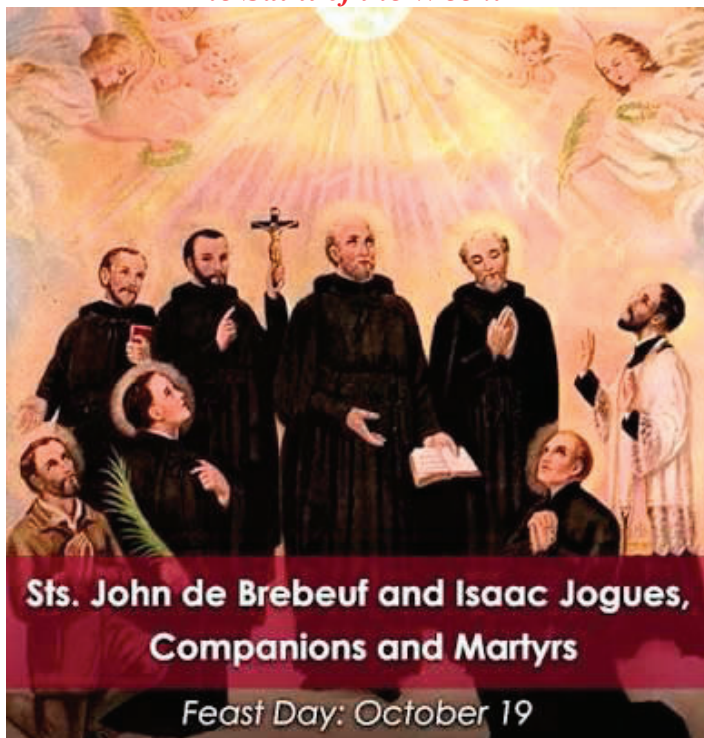
The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after the Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM



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

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Pre-Cana in the Parish Office
Friday nights at 8:00PM.

The Saint of the Week:

Isaac Jogues and his companions were the first martyrs of the North American continent officially recognized by the Church. As a young Jesuit, Isaac Jogues, a man of learning and culture, taught literature in France. He gave up that career to work among the Huron Indians in the New World, and in 1636, he and his companions, under the leadership of Jean de Brébeuf, arrived in Quebec.

The Hurons were constantly warred upon by the Iroquois, and in a few years Father Jogues was captured by the Iroquois and imprisoned for 13 months. His letters and journals tell how he and his companions were led from village to village, how they were beaten, tortured, and forced to watch as their Huron converts were mangled and killed.

An unexpected chance for escape came to Isaac Jogues through the Dutch, and he returned to France, bearing the marks of his sufferings. Several fingers had been cut, chewed, or burnt off. Pope Urban VIII gave him permission to offer Mass with his mutilated hands: "It would be shameful that a martyr of Christ not be allowed to drink the Blood of Christ."

Welcomed home as a hero, Father Jogues might have sat back, thanked God for his safe return, and died peacefully in his homeland. But his zeal led him back once more to the fulfillment of his dreams. In a few months he sailed for his missions among the Hurons.

In 1646, he and Jean de Lalande, who had offered his services to the missionaries, set out for Iroquois country in the belief that a recently signed peace treaty would be observed. They were captured by a Mohawk war party, and on October 18, Father Jogues was tomahawked and beheaded. Jean de Lalande was killed the next day at Ossernenon, a village near Albany, New York.

The first of the Jesuit missionaries to be martyred was René Goupil who with Lalande, had offered his services as an oblate. He was tortured along with Isaac Jogues in 1642, and was tomahawked for having made the sign of the cross on the brow of some children.

Father Anthony Daniel, working among Hurons who were gradually becoming Christian, was killed by Iroquois on July 4, 1648. His body was thrown into his chapel, which was set on fire.

Jean de Brébeuf was a French Jesuit who came to Canada at the age of 32 and labored there for 24 years. He went back to France when the English captured Quebec in 1629 and expelled the Jesuits, but returned to his missions four years later. Although medicine men blamed the Jesuits for a smallpox epidemic among the Hurons, Jean remained with them.

He composed catechisms and a dictionary in Huron, and saw 7,000 converted before his death in 1649. Having been captured by the Iroquois at Sainte Marie, near Georgian Bay, Canada, Father Brébeuf died after four hours of extreme torture.

Gabriel Lalemant had taken a fourth vow—to sacrifice his life for the Native Americans. He was horribly tortured to death along with Father Brébeuf.

Father Charles Garnier was shot to death in 1649 as he baptized children and catechumens during an Iroquois attack.

Father Noel Chabanel also was killed in 1649, before he could answer his recall to France. He had found it exceedingly hard to adapt to mission life. He could not learn the language, and the food and life of the Indians revolted him, plus he suffered spiritual dryness during his whole stay in Canada. Yet he made a vow to remain in his mission until death.

These eight Jesuit martyrs of North America were canonized in 1930.

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!!!

Chair Exercise



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.



New Roof in the School Building

Brothers and sisters, the work on the roof just finished!!! The total cost of the work was \$72,800.00. The Archdiocese supplemented us with \$50,000.00 and the total amount of the donations for the new roof was 14,310.00. I would like to thank all of those who donated for the roof!!!

Collection for October 11

On Line...\$ 1,228.00
In Pew....\$ 4,356.00
Total..... \$ 5,584.00



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The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the coordinator for the church of accompaniment on the Archdiocesan Department for the protection of the faithful 201-407-3256.

From Fr. Marcin

This Sunday's Gospel presents to us a new face-to-face encounter between Jesus and His adversaries. The theme addressed is that of the tribute to Caesar: a "thorny" issue about whether or not it was lawful to pay taxes to the Roman Emperor. There were various positions. Thus, the question that the Pharisees posed to Him — "Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" — was meant to ensnare the Teacher. In fact, depending on how He responded, He could have been accused of being either for or against Rome.

However, in this case too, Jesus responds calmly and takes advantage of the malicious question in order to teach an important lesson, rising above the polemics and the alliance of His adversaries. He tells the Pharisees: "Show me the money for the tax." They present Him a coin, and, observing the coin, Jesus asks: "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" The Pharisees can only answer: "Caesar's." Then Jesus concludes: "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God, the things that are God's." On the one hand, suggesting they return to the emperor what belongs to him, Jesus declares that paying tax is not an act of idolatry, but a legal obligation to the earthly authority; on the other — and it is here that Jesus presents the "thrust" of His response: recalling the primacy of God, He asks them to render to Him that which is His due as the Lord of the life and history of mankind.

The reference to Caesar's image engraved on the coin says that it is right that they feel fully — with rights and duties — citizens of the State; however symbolically, it makes them think about the other image that is imprinted on every man and woman: the image of God. He is the Lord of all, and we, who were created "in His image" belong to Him first and foremost. From the question posed to him by the Pharisees, Jesus draws a more radical and vital question for each of us, a question we can ask ourselves: to whom do I belong? To family, to the city, to friends, to work, to politics, to the State? You belong to God. This is the fundamental belonging. It is He who has given you all that you are and have. Therefore, day by day, we can and must live our lives in recognition of this fundamental belonging and in heartfelt gratitude toward our Father, who creates each one of us individually, unrepeatable, but always according to the image of His beloved Son, Jesus. It is a wondrous mystery.

I am again extending my invitation to the Catechesis/talks for the adults and youths on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Gym.

Fr. Marcin

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