



*Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka
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September 17, 2023*

*I give you a new commandment,
says the Lord;
Love one another as I have loved you*

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 children and adults rehearses and 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.

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

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

2032 Westfield Ave., Scotch Plains NJ
908-322-4265 OR www.STBACADEMY



Saturday – September 16... Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian

9:00AM... People of the Parish

5:00PM...+ Kathleen Byrne, req. Kruse Family

Sunday – September 17... 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Emilio Badolato, req. Armond and Anna Apisa

11:00AM...+ Maria Keder (2nd Anniversary),
req. Daughter and Family

1:00PM...+ Ida Egan, req. Family

Monday – September 18... Weekday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... + Marianne D'Errico, req. John and Pat Zimmerman

Tuesday – September 19... St. Januarius

9:00AM... Birthday Blessings for Mark Amadin,
req. Mother and Family

Wednesday – September 20... Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn and Paul Chông Ha-sang

9:00AM...+ Kenneth Biddulph req. Brother Keith

Thursday – September 21... St. Matthew

9:00AM...+ Eulalia Duque, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Friday – September 22 ... Weekday in Ordinary Time Native American Day

9:00AM...+ Raymond Silizura, req. Pat and John Zimmerman

Saturday – September 23... St. Pius

9:00AM...+ Linda Burdick, req. Johanna Merkle

5:00PM...+ Allison Jennnings, req. Mosley Family

Sunday – September 24... 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Julie C. Farnoly, req. Anna Bonacorso

11:00AM...+ Janina Ksiazek, req. Son and Family

1:00PM.... Blessings for Marianski Family,
req. Babcia Józefa

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for
The Parish Faithful Departed.

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of
**September is in memory of Stella Sopko at the request
of daughter and family.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose
health is challenged in any way especially **Lisa Motos,**
Ray Van Haute, Nancy Toth, Gloria DeMatteo,
John Skolka, Jr., and Kate Rooney.

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the Faithful
Departed.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:9

Sirach advises all to forgive the faults of their neighbor. Only by forgiving the sins of others, can a person expect to be forgiven his sins.

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

Paul stresses that no one is his own master; we are responsible to the Lord, and we belong to him in both life and death.

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

This narrative points out the difference between mercy and justice. When Peter asks how often he should forgive someone who wrongs him, Jesus answers, "...not seven times: I say seventy times seven times." Jesus then narrates the story of the king who was merciful to his official by forgiving him all his debts, but this same official showed no mercy to his own servant.

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

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The Saint of the Week

St. Andrew Kim Taegon

(September 20)

He was born on 21 August 1821, in Chungchong Province, Korea. His parents, being converts to Catholicism, were subject to persecution, to avoid which they moved to Kyonggi Province. At 15 years old, Kim Tae-gon was chosen by a visiting priest to be a seminarian, and was sent with two other seminarians to Macao. He arrived in 1837 and began his studies with the missionaries of the Far Eastern Procure of the Parish Foreign Mission Society. In 1842 Kim Tae-gon left Macao as an interpreter for a French admiral aboard a warship. When the admiral returned to France, Kim Tae-gon tried to return to his homeland through the strictly guarded northern frontier, but he failed. He was ordained a deacon in China in 1844 and managed to return to Korea the next year, arriving in Seoul early in 1845. He then led the French missionaries by sea to Shanghai, where Bishop Ferreol ordained him the first Korean priest in the Church's 60-year history in Korea. He returned to Korea with Bishop Ferreol, reaching Chungchong Province in October of the same year. In his home town and vicinity, he catechized the faithful, until Bishop Ferreol summoned him to Seoul. At the Bishop's command, he tried to introduce French missionaries from China into Korea, enlisting the aid of Chinese fishermen. For this, Father Kim Tae-gon was arrested and sent to the central prison in Seoul, where he was charged as the ringleader of a heretical sect and traitor to his country. He was sentenced to death and was beheaded on 16 September 1846. He was canonized by Pope John-Paul II on 6 May 1984.

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated throughout the month on Saturdays and Sundays, except during Lent. First-time parents are required to complete Baptismal Preparation. Call the office at (908) 756-3393.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made one year in advance to begin your preparation process. Please reach out to us as soon as engagement is announced, and we will help make the arrangements. Visit our website or call the office at (908) 756-3393 for an appointment.

Eucharist for Homebound

If you or someone you know is homebound or unable to attend Mass in person and would like to have a Eucharistic Minister, bring Communion at home, please reach out to Fr. Marcin Fuks at: Pastor@bestchurch.net. We will make arrangements for Communion visits on a weekly basis.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact office for appointment for homebound or infirmed.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) introduces adults to the Catholic faith and tradition. The RCIA Process is for adults who seek full initiation in the Catholic Church, including those who have never been baptized, Christians desiring to convert from other denominations, and baptized Catholics desiring to receive Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Please contact the office for an appointment.

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Saturday

9:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM Mass

In English

Sunday: 9:00 AM Mass

In English

11:00 AM Mass in Polish

1:00 PM in English

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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



24 Niedziela Zwykła

W przypowieści, którą czytamy w dzisiejszej Ewangelii, mówiącej o miłosiernym królu, spotykamy dwukrotnie tę prośbę: „Okaz mi swą cierpliwość, a oddam tobie”. Za pierwszym razem wypowiada ją sługa, który winien jest swojemu panu dziesięć tysięcy talentów – ogromną sumę, dziś byłoby to wiele milionów dolarów. Drugi raz wypowiada ją inny sługa tego samego pana. Również on jest zadłużony, nie u swojego pana, lecz u tamtego sługi, który ma ów olbrzymi dług. A jego dług jest bardzo znikomy, może taki jak tygodniowa zapłata.

Sednem przypowieści jest wyrozumiałość, okazana przez pana słudze mającemu największy dług. Ewangelista podkreśla, że „pan ulitował się – nie należy nigdy zapominać tego słowa, które jest właściwe Jezusowi: 'ulitował się', Jezus zawsze się litował – [ulitował się] nad owym sługą, uwolnił go i dług mu darował”. Olbrzymi dług, a zatem ogromne umorzenie! Lecz ów sługa zaraz po tym okazuje się bezlitosny wobec swojego kolegi, który winien mu jest niewielką sumę. Nie słucha go, pomstuje na niego i wtrąca go do więzienia, dopóki nie odda długu, tego niewielkiego długu. Pan dowiaduje się o tym i, oburzony, przywołuje niegodziwego sługę i go skazuje. „Ja ci darowałem tak wiele, a ty nie potrafisz darować mało?”

W przypowieści widzimy dwie różne postawy: postawę Boga - reprezentowanego przez króla – który przebacza bardzo wiele, bo Bóg zawsze przebacza, i postawę człowieka. W postawie Boga sprawiedliwość jest przeniknięta miłosierdziem, natomiast postawa ludzka ogranicza się do sprawiedliwości. Jezus nas zachęca do odważnego otwarcia się na moc przebaczenia, bo w życiu nie wszystko rozwiązuje się przez sprawiedliwość, wiemy o tym. Potrzeba owej miłosiernej miłości, która jest także u podstawy odpowiedzi Pana na pytanie Piotra, które poprzedza tę przypowieść. Pytanie Piotra brzmi: „Panie, ile razy mam przebaczyć, jeśli mój brat zawini względem mnie?”. A Jezus mu odpowiada: „Nie mówię ci, że aż siedem razy, lecz aż siedemdziesiąt siedem razy”. W symbolicznym języku Biblii oznacza to, że mamy przebaczać zawsze!

Jak wiele cierpienia, jak wielu podziałów, jak wielu wojen można by uniknąć, gdyby stylem naszego życia były przebaczenie i miłosierdzie! Także w rodzinie, jakże wiele jest rodzin podzielonych, które nie potrafią sobie przebaczyć, jak wielu braci i siostr ma w sobie tę urazę. Konieczne jest zastosowanie miłości miłosiernej we wszystkich relacjach ludzkich.

Mądrości Syracha mówi: „Pamiętaj o rzeczach ostatecznych i przestań nienawidzić”. Dobre zdanie! Pomyśl o końcu! Pomyśl o tym, że będziesz w trumnie... I zabierzesz tam ze sobą nienawiść? Pomyśl o końcu, przestań nienawidzić. Puść w niepamięć urazę.

Nie jest łatwo przebaczać, bowiem w chwilach spokojnych człowiek mówi: „Tak, ten źle postąpił wobec mnie wielokrotnie, ale ja też wiele razy źle postąpiłem. Lepiej przebaczyć, żeby uzyskać przebaczenie”. Ale potem uraza powraca, jak natrętna mucha latem, która wraca, wciąż wraca i wraca... Przebaczenie nie jest sprawą tylko jednej chwili, to rzecz ciągła na przekór tej urazie, tej nienawiści, które powracają. Pomyślmy o końcu, przestańmy nienawidzić.

Dzisiejsza przypowieść pomaga nam w pełni zrozumieć znaczenie tego zdania, które wypowiadamy w modlitwie Ojcie nasz: „Przebac nam nasze winy, tak jak i my przebaczymy tym, którzy przeciw nam zawinili”. Te słowa zawierają decydującą prawdę. Nie możemy domagać się dla siebie przebaczenia Bożego, jeżeli my sami nie przebaczymy naszemu bliźniemu. Jest pewien warunek – pomyśl o końcu, o przebaczeniu Bożym, i przestań nienawidzić - odpędź urazę, tę uprzykrzoną muchę, która wciąż wraca. Jeżeli nie zdobędziemy się na wysilek, żeby przebaczyć i kochać, to również my nie uzyskamy przebaczenia i nie będziemy kochani.

Papież Franciszek, Anioł Pański 13 września 2020 r.

17 Wrzesnia, 12:15AM –zebraniem rodziców.
18 Wrzesnia, 5:30PM – Pierwszy dzień zajęc

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WORD

STEWARDSHIP *"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."*

(ROMANS 14:8)

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, CSs. R.

This is the essence of stewardship-everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

WORSHIP

THE CHOIR



Why not be a member?

Rehearsals have begun and are on Thursdays in the church at 7:00 PM.

If you are interested in joining our Choir, please contact the office, or simply just come on a Thursday evening to one of our rehearsals.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND LECTORS

We are in need of Eucharistic Ministers (EM's) and Lectors for the 5:00PM Saturday and 1:00PM Sunday Masses. If you would like to be a Eucharistic Minister or a Lector for these Masses, please contact Bill Shlala at wqshlala@gmail.com or call (908) 755-8560. Bill will be glad to instruct on you on how to serve.

ROSARY DEVOTION

The Rosary is prayed on a regular basis every day before the 9:00AM Mass.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after the Mass on Thursdays with Benediction at 11:00AM

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Rosary Mass is celebrated on the First Sunday of the month. After the 9 AM Mass, Rosarians gather together at the Blessed Mother's Altar to pray the Rosary. Anyone who would like to pray with us after Mass is welcome to join us.



MOUNT ST. MARY HOUSE OF PRAYER

Mt. St. Mary House of Prayer offers many programs that us to be stretched and grow in relationship with ourselves, others and God. For more information see the website: www.msmhope.org or email msmhope@msmhope.org

YOUTH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Registration forms, fees and paperwork are due now. *Online registration is now closed.* If you are planning to register your child, contact Yvette Parada at bestreligioused@gmail.com or call the office. Completed forms can also be left in the Sacristy in the appropriate basket. Classes begin **Wednesday, October 4th 6:30PM.**

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

Throughout the year, St. Bart's Academy in Scotch Plains hosts open houses to welcome interested students and their families to experience all the Academy has to offer. To schedule a tour or for more information call 908-322-4265.

ORATORY PREP SCHOOL - OPEN HOUSE

For boys grades 7-12, Sunday, October 1 from 1-3 PM and on Thursday, October 26 from 6:30-8:30 PM. Oratory Prep is located at 425 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ. You may register to attend on the website under the *Admissions* tab. For further information, call 908-273-1084, ext. 1 or visit www.oratoryprep.org

UNION CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FALL OPEN HOUSE

October 11th 7:00PM; November 4th 12:00 Noon
Contact 908-889-1600 ext. 301 or 328 or www.unioncatholic.org for more information.

SAINT PETER'S PREP

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Fall Open House on Sunday, October 15, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information, please call 201-547-6389 or visit www.spprep.org

COMMUNITY BUILDING

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus is open to all men of the parish. If you would like more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact John Beckman at

jabeckman111@gmail.com.

NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

The food we collect in the open area of the Church is ongoing and will be distributed in conjunction with STARFISH in Plainfield. You are welcome to bring any non-perishable foods whose dates are current to the open area of the church.

PRAYER SHAWL

Our current members are busy making blankets for our newly baptized children and lap covers for the nursing homes and hospitals. We now have plenty of yarn!!! However, we need volunteers to knit or crochet this yarn. If you have this talent or would like to learn, call the office for more information. This ministry can be done at home.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW BEREAVEMENT

St. Bart's in Scotch Plains is offering a grief support group starting Wednesday, October 4th and continuing October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15. Meeting times are 7 PM to 8:30 PM. Meetings will be held in the cafeteria at St Bartholomew Academy. If you choose to attend, please contact Jo-Anne 908-889-7790 or Bernadette 908-510-0995.

All conversations are held in confidence.

ST. HELEN'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

A support group for those caring for elderly or chronically ill loved ones meets on the first Wednesday of the month at the St. Helen's Parish Center in Westfield. The next meeting is Wednesday, October 3rd at 7:30PM. For more information call Marilyn Ryan at 908-232-1214.

RETIRO DE PAREJAS

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Sabado, 23 de Septiembre de 23 8am a 4pm

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Informacion: 973-951-7547



L-R Rev. Jan K. Lebdowicz (Elizabeth), Rev. Jacek Marchewka (Mahwah), Rev. Darren Santo Tomas (Glen Rock), Fr. Marcin Fuks (Plainfield), Bishop Elias Lorenzo, (Archdiocese of Newark), Manoel J. Oliveria (Plainfield), Very Reverend Frank Rose (Retired), Rev. Benardo Garcia (Plainfield).



Thank you to all who participated in celebrating this special Mass as Bishop Elias Lorenzo installed Fr. Marcin

*Pastor of
St. Bernard of Clairvaux
& St. Stanislaus Kostka
Parish*

Congratulations Pastor Marcin Fuks

FINANCE



ONLINE GIVING

It is possible to automate your Faith Giving to our Parish Giving, simply go to our parish website.

Faith Giving for St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus

Collection for September 10

Online \$ 1,458.00

In Pew.....\$ 3,138.00

Total for September 10... \$ 4,596.00

Collection for Catholic University... \$ 144.00

Calendar of Events

SUNDAYS:

September 17...24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM, 1:00PM...Mass in English

11:00AM...Mass in Polish

September 24...25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM, 1:00PM...Mass in English

11:00AM...Mass in Polish

October 1...26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

World Communion Sunday

9:00AM, 1:00PM...Mass in English

11:00AM...Mass in Polish

MONDAYS:

September ... 18, 25: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

5:30PM...Polish School

TUESDAYS:

WEDNESDAYS:

October 4, 11, 18, 25

6:30PM...Religious Education

THURSDAYS:

September 14, 21, 28

7:00PM...Choir Rehearsal in the Church

FRIDAYS:

October 6

7:00PM...First Friday Mass...Polish

SATURDAYS:

September 16, 23, 30

4:30PM...Confession

September 16

6:00AM... Pilgrimage to Washington, DC

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,

I am very grateful for your presence at the Installation Mass last Sunday. It was a beautiful liturgy, celebrated by Bishop Elias Lorenzo. I was very happy to see so many of you.

The liturgical celebration, as well as the feast prepared afterwards, was possible through the hard work of many volunteers: either singing or serving at Mass, cooking, setting the table, or helping to clean after. It was a beautiful moment of communion and joy. It was a real feast of the Parish. From the depth of my heart, I want to thank you so much for being there and for your help and continued support since my arrival at St. Bernard and Stanislaus Parish.

The readings of today speak again about the community and the continuous need of forgiving each other. We should be grateful for God's forgiveness and the presence of the community where we can practice the art of loving one another.

As forgiveness is hard and needs a lot of work, time and grace from God, the same way our parish community is on a hard journey of being disciples of Christ. Hopefully, the last celebration was a sign of things to come in the near future for our Parish. Please pray for me that as your new Pastor I will be able to fulfil the mission that God has given me: to be like a Good Shepherd.

Thank you, and let us work together to continue to make St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka a vibrant, thriving Parish.

In the Love of God,

Fr. Marcin Fuks


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