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Miraculous Medal Novena: Mondays after
8:00 am Mass

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First Fridays: 12:30 to 1:30 pm
Saturdays: 12:30 to 1:00 pm (*September - May*)

Baptisms

The sacrament of Baptism is administered by the priests of the parish. Please call the rectory to arrange the time and date of Baptism and the individual instruction appointment with the priest assigned to the particular month.

Marriages

Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

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Masses

Sunday Masses

Saturday at 5:00 pm (*Vigil Mass*)
8:00, 9:30, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm

Holy Days

Consult Bulletin

Weekdays & Saturdays

8:00 am & 12:00 noon

First Fridays

8:00 am & 12:00 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 4:00 pm

Mass Intentions



All Saints

Monday, November 1

- 8:00 Amelia Quaranta
12:00 Kathleen & James D'Agostino
7:30 Pietro Elia & Giuseppe Bartolotta

All Souls' Day

Tuesday, November 2

- 8:00 Dec'd. Mem's. Amarucci & Nassani Families
12:00 Salvatore Terrasi

Wednesday, November 3

- 8:00 Dorothea DiGrandis Sudol
12:00 St. Benilde Castro

St. Charles Borromeo

Thursday, November 4

- 8:00 John Dooner
12:00 Donald Thron & Anna Bonivisa

Friday, November 5

- 8:00 John McMahon
12:00 Celso & Maria Isabel Ferreras

Saturday, November 6

- 8:00 Ronald Pielli
12:00 Raffaella Cicchetti
5:00 Maria Lucia Grippo & Nicola Pennella

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, November 7

- 8:00 For the People of the Parish
9:30 John White
11:00 The Souls in Purgatory
12:30 Francesco Imperati

Bread and Wine



For: Dec'd. Mem's. Sullivan Family
By: Penny Berman



Sanctuary Lamp

For: Maria Lucia Grippo & Nicola Pennella
By: The DiPietro Family

Time Change

Remember to set your clock
back one hour next Saturday
evening November 6.



From the Pastor

The scribes knew God's law. They loved God's law. When a scribe, then, asks Jesus which is the first or greatest of the commandments, he is testing the Lord. Jesus answers the query by naming the two "love commandments": love God and love your neighbor. The command itself explains how to love God—with all one's soul, mind, and strength. That is, with your entire being, from head to toe. The scribe agrees; Jesus has identified the heart of the law.

The psalmist provide another illustration of what it means to love God, by expressing that love in song, praising God as his deliverer and stronghold, his rock and salvation. Deuteronomy provides another example. To love God is to fear God—that is, to show appropriate reverence and awe toward the Creator of the universe. To love is also to obey, to honor only the Lord and no other gods.

While the reading from the Gospel of Mark portrays Jesus as the wisest of scribes, the Book of Hebrews reveals his identity as a high priest. Jesus is like the high priests because he offered a sacrifice that atoned for the sins of the people. But the Risen Christ is unlike them because he will never die; his priesthood endures forever. He is also unlike them because the other high priests had to continually offer sacrifices. Christ needed to offer only one sacrifice; himself. As both priest and sacrificial lamb, Christ made one perfect sacrifice on the cross, "once for all."

Despite this, Jesus' work as priest is not done. Although he no longer offers sacrifices to atone for sin, the author of Hebrews writes that "he lives forever to make intercession" for those who approach God through him. That is his priestly role now: when we come to Jesus, he intercedes with God on our behalf.

Pray For



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Report of Parish Giving

Offering 10/24/21 - \$6,108.10

WeShare: \$1,940.00

Total Offering: \$8,048.10

Adults: 330 Children: 43



From the Church Office

Sts. Peter & Paul and
St. Ursula Church
October 31, 2021

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

New Guidelines for Attending Mass

We have created a "physical distance section" within the Church for those who continue to wear masks and engage in physical distancing. The right side of the Church (as you face the altar) is reserved for those who prefer to wear a mask and maintain social distance. Please sit at an orange tape marker located at the back of an available seat. Every other pew will remain roped off to ensure social distancing.

The left side of the Church is non-restricted, open seating reserved for people who prefer not to wear a mask nor maintain social distance. All of the pews on the left side will be open for those who choose this option.

All Saints Day

This Monday, November 1st is All Saints Day. Our Masses will be as follows: 8:00 a.m., 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Cardinal's Appeal

Thank you to those Parishioners who have participated in this year's Cardinal's Appeal. If you have not participated, please consider joining me and your fellow Parishioners today by making a difference. Our goal is \$55,000. To date, we have received \$37,705 from 122 families.

Few organizations were as well equipped to respond to the needs of the community at the peak of the pandemic as the Catholic Church, but the work is far from over. We are able to serve not only the faithful, but our neighbors and all who approach our Church doors in their time of need with spiritual, physical, and medical support. To help, simply use an Appeal envelope and drop it in the offertory basket or mail it in. You can also contribute by visiting cardinalsappeal.org

Christmas Fair

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, Shrub Oak, needs vendors for their annual Christmas/Crafts Fair to be held on Saturday, December 4th. For information and registration forms, email **Addie DeSouza** at Seton.christmasfair@gmail.com. Forms and fees must be submitted by October 31st.



Senior Leisure Group

The Senior Leisure Group will meet Wednesday, November 10 after the 12:00 Noon Mass in the Gym.

Mass and the Eucharist

Covid 19 has certainly affected our lives but as Catholic Christians, we know that nothing has any greater power over us than the Eucharist. The Eucharist brings us peace, joy and hope like nothing else. Receiving Christ in the Eucharist is a privilege given us by almighty God to make us a community of faith. This is why we are back in Church to worship and be strengthened by the bread of Life, the Eucharist.

Besides receiving the Lord in the Eucharist at Mass, we invite you to come and worship the Lord in adoration each First Friday after the 12 Noon Mass and also each Saturday after the 12:00 Mass. Christ has done so much for us; we need to give him the praise and worship He so richly deserves.

Men's Discussion Group

Interested in learning more about the Scriptures?
Interested in applying the word of God to your daily life?
Join us on Saturday mornings at 10:30 for a Zoom meeting with your fellow parishioners. If interested, send an email to flroma@aol.com.

Please pray for the
repose of the soul of
Ronald Pielli

Faith and the Rights of Parents

By Claudia McDonnell, Catholic New York 10/21/21

I have been watching with concern the news about parents protesting what their children are being taught in school. The parents say that their kids are being indoctrinated with leftist political ideology, and that what their children are learning is in conflict with their own convictions. Some educators are saying in response that parents have no right to demand changes in school curricula.

The protests are directed at both public and private schools. Many parents disagree with what their children are being taught on topics including race, gender and sexuality, as well as history and political movements. They are rightly concerned, because teachers and school administrators have the opportunity to shape the minds and beliefs of children and adolescents in ways that conflict with what their parents believe and teach at home.

The parents have truth on their side. It is their right to shape their children's beliefs and attitudes in accord with their own faith and convictions; the schools cannot usurp that right. Yet some in the governmental education bureaucracies are labeling the parents "domestic terrorists." That's outrageous. And when the schools in question are public schools, then it is, ultimately, the government that is usurping parents' rights. That's ominous.

Parents of students in Catholic schools don't have to worry about this. They know that their children are being instructed well and wisely, not according to the notions of a popular movement, a fad, or the current political climate, but in timeless wisdom, and in accord with Catholic teaching.

When parents are fulfilling their obligations and defending their rights with regard to education, they have no stronger ally than the Catholic Church. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states it plainly: "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children." The Catechism presents the parents' duties in handing on the faith. Then it states, "As those first responsible for the education of their children, parents have the right to *choose a school for them* which corresponds to their own convictions."

Obviously, many parents believe that their religious and political convictions are being disregarded, or even trashed, by those who administer and teach in the schools their children attend. They want changes. They want to make certain that what their children are being taught does not conflict with the moral values the parents are instilling at home. That is their right. Government has no authority to violate it.

There is ample precedent for parents who stand up for their rights as the moral educators of their children. In the 19th century, when several million Irish immigrants fled their famine-stricken country and came to the United States, they faced bitter prejudice, including animosity toward Catholics. The public school system in New York City - run at that time by a private society - used the King James Bible in the classroom. Archbishop John Hughes protested against its use for Catholic students, and founded an independent system of Catholic schools based in parishes.

Parents who protest the indoctrination of their children today are, in one sense, walking in the footsteps of Archbishop Hughes. They are fighting against a culture that often rejects religion outright or demands that a religion change its teaching to suit the popular opinion of the moment. Biblical morality does not change to fit the fashion.

Parents who can afford private-school tuition can choose schools that uphold and teach the values they are teaching their children at home. But the right of parents to form their children's minds and consciences according to traditional faith and values must not depend on income. If it does, then freedom of religion means nothing.

The parents who are fighting to keep objectionable material out of school curricula deserve strong support. If they lose, the country drifts even further away from the values its founders enshrined in the U.S. Constitution. And farther from freedom.

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