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SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Weekdays

Monday-Friday at 12:05pm

Weekends

Saturday *(Sunday Vigil)* at 5:00pm
Sunday at 8:00am, 9:30am,
11:30am and 5:00pm

Misa en Español todos los Domingos a las 2:30pm
y tambien, el tercer Lunes del Mes a las 7:00pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at 4:00-4:30pm or by appointment

ALL OTHER SACRAMENTS

by Appointment

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

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WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9/28	5:00pm	Pauline Pompilio Carmela & Salvatore Giacino
Sunday *September 29th*	8:00am	Potenza Casella Ann L. Crane
	9:30am	Louis Verrico Robert Morsell Patricia Fitzpatrick
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:30am	Anne Savacool Anna & Joseph Plevyak
	5:00pm	Theresa Clemens
Monday 09/30	12:05pm	Ethan Soltis
Tuesday 10/1	12:05pm	*Intentions of Alicia Glennon*
Wednesday 10/2	12:05pm	Parents of Tiffany Torres Special Intentions
Thursday 10/3	12:05pm	Eileen Yoquinto
Friday 10/4	12:05pm	Father Thomas Stransky, C.S.P.
Saturday 10/5	5:00pm	Conrad Lajeunesse Kelly Nicole
Sunday *September 6th*	8:00am	Anna Garrera Michael Volpe
	9:30am	Anne Savacool Anne Lundgren Patricia Fitzpatrick
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	11:30am	Otto Schmidt Father Val Plevyak
	5:00pm	Vincent Marchese

WEEKLY REMEMBRANCE

The Sanctuary Lamp,
which burns near the Tabernacle
as a reminder of our Lord's presence
in the Most Holy Eucharist,
burns this week in loving memory of:

Anne Savacool

And the hosts and wine, which
will become the Holy Body and
Precious Blood
of our Lord, were given
in loving memory of:

Andrew George Major, Jr.

May they now be resting in the peace of the Lord's heavenly kingdom!

"OREMUS PRO INVICEM"

We pray for all those who have asked us to pray for them, those we have forgotten to pray for and those who pray for us, as we remember the following people from our parish family in need of the Lord's healing power:

Aaron Armstrong, Gary Arvary, Ron Ayers, Gene Belcher, Fred Bender, Mary Benziger, Egon Berninger, Louise Crann, Father Angelus Croce, Cecilia DeFeo, Alex DeMartino, Derya Demirtas, Jennifer DiNardo, John Fedash, Anthony Flora, Chris Flora, Linda Flynn, Theresa Fusco, Monsignor Mark Giordani, John Greed, Joy Grenewicz, Suzanne Hammond, Finnuala Hanifan, Jessica & Hannah Joseph, Susan Kadar, Father Daniel Kelly, Jessica Kirby, Kerri Knight, Stanley Kozlowski, Valerie Landell, Shirley Lavin, Elaine LeFever, Roberto Leyva, Bill Matulewicz, Joe Mazzarella, Deirdre Metzger, Sharon Milles, Jake Michael Miraldi, Virginia Morville, Selina Neunert, Mike Palumbo, Matthew Parsons, Cheryl Piritz, Michael Porfido, James Proulx, Joan Riccardi, John Rokicki, Alexia Russ, George Scarpa, Crystal Siro, Francis Siro, Ben Sellitto, Ernest Sprague, Gloria Steets, Evelyn Strauss, Joni Strauss, John Taschler & Rita Zimich.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - SEPTEMBER 29, 2019

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, September 29
10:30am Confirmation Class (*School*)
Monday, September 30
4:00pm Faith Formation [Grades 1-7] (*School*)
Wednesday, October 2
10:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry *(Parish Center)*
Thursday, October 3
1:00pm Legion of Mary (*Parish Center*)
6:00pm Blessing of Animals (*Saint Francis Garden*)
7:00pm Columbiettes Executive Meeting (*Parish Center*)
Friday, October 4
12:30pm Adoration of Blessed Sacrament (*Church*)
Sunday, October 6
10:30am Confirmation Class (*School*)
7:00pm Boy Scout Medal (*School Library*)

PARISH WEEKEND DONATIONS

September 22, 2019

Collection $7,378
Online Giving $531
Total: $7,909

Weekend Mass attendance: 691

WEEKEND READINGS

October 6, 2019

Hebrews 1:2-3, 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Saint Luke 17:5-10

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY

Respect Life

Sunday, October 6th is Respect Life Sunday. There will be a "Life Chain" at the Green in downtown Newton on the circle sponsored by The National Life Chain of New Jersey from 2:00-3:30pm which will include prayer and peaceful demonstration.
For more information, please contact Jerry Woodring at 973-383-0450.

FOOD PANTRY

Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry

"Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier."
~ *Saint Mother Teresa*

This week, the Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry is in need of the items listed below. Thank you for your continued generosity.

- Cookies
- Coffee
- Ketchup & Mayo
- Mustard
- Dish liquid
- Laundry Detergent
- Paper towels
- Toilet paper
- Pancake syrup

We no longer are in need of large / economy sized products.

We also have plenty of pasta or Mac & Cheese.

Thank you for your generosity!

R.C.I.A.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process of conversion that will help you travel on your spiritual journey and follow Christ in your life.

If you would like more information, please call Deacon Tom and Joanne Zayac at 973-300-4758.

CORRECTION

Dear "Chez Moi;" 1 Corinthians 10:13 speaks about temptations NOT crosses. FWIW! Next time, you might want to have the courage to sign your name. Thank you!

MOVIE DATE CHANGE

Movie and Pizza with the Pastor has been cancelled for October 18th, and has been rescheduled for January 17, 2020 from 6:00 to 10:00pm in the School Library.

FOOD PANTRY SOIREE

Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry

We are proud to be able to once again host our Annual Food Pantry Soiree on **Friday, November 15** and we are inviting you to join us again this year with the Jimmy Ray Band at a dinner dance at **Perona Farms** to benefit the Saint Mother Teresa Food Pantry. This year marks the third annual dinner where you will see the immediate effects of your good will by touching the lives of those less fortunate than we in offering them food and some basic household necessities.

Once again, tickets are seventy dollars ($70) per person and sponsorships are also available in our memorial book:

Full Page Sponsorship (includes 4 tickets and a full page ad) $500
Half Page Sponsorship (includes 2 tickets and a half page ad) $250
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Looking forward to hearing from you soon. With all my gratitude for your support of this worthy cause.

Jude DiGidio
Chair

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ADORATION

There will be Benediction and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament on

Friday, October 6th
from 12:30 until 3:00pm.

"All Are Welcome"
to spend some time before our Eucharistic Lord!

50/50 TICKETS

It is time for our Annual Super 50/50 Raffle, which will be drawn on November 15, 2019. We will sell 200 tickets for $100 each. Buy one yourself or share the cost with a friend. Tickets are available after all the Masses or in the Parish Center during the week.

First prize is 80% of 1/2 the total amount collected. 2nd-5th prizes are 5% of 1/2 the money collected. All proceeds benefit our Faith Formation Programs.

Our goal this year is to sell ALL 200 tickets. If you have friends or family that would like to support your parish, invite them to join you for a chance to win.

Thank you for your support and generosity!

FEAST OF SAINT FRANCIS

please join Father at the Saint Francis Shrine (located at the rear sacristy entrance of the church, along the side path) on **Thursday, October 3rd 6:00pm** to have your dog, cat, bird or other small animals blessed on this special day for pets and animals!

HIGH TEA THANKS

Special thanks to the many people who helped prepare for our Third Annual "High Tea" this year in honor of Anne Savacool. I cannot tell you how many compliments and positive feedback I received about the food, the decorations, the service and the wonderful sense of community in our parish. I want to add my personal gratitude to those who cooked, decorated, wrote a poem, served and cleaned up afterwards. There is certainly no "I" in team and in the spirit of Anne Savacool's life, it was truly a great tribute to her selfless dedication to so many people in our parish, in her parish. Thank you again for all those who made this parish event the success it was and I look forward to sipping some tea with you again next year. May the Lord have mercy on Anne's soul and may her prayers continue to help and guide us!

WHAT HAPPENED TO COMMUNICATION?

Conversation, dialogue and debating are dead. I remember when I was in Seminary College, I wanted so badly to be on the debate team. Unfortunately, when I was finally allowed on and was on one side of a topic, no one wanted to ever debate me.

When I look at the current political and religious climate (I could almost cry) and even on my private Facebook account, I see how quickly simple questions of inquiry turn to *ad hominem* attacks with vicious words and biting accusations.

Saint James reminds us: *"But no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren,* ***these things ought not to be this way****." (James 3:8-11).*

It seems that if someone does not agree with you or your opinions, then you are automatically a homophobe, xenophobe or a hater of some kind and should be silenced at all costs. When colleges uninvited guest speakers because their philosophy or theology was different from ours, communication has died. When people resorted to name calling or worse, actual violence, then society has lost its grip on reality. Communication does not mean monologue or diatribe, it actually and literally means "The imparting or exchanging of information or news." When we do not give another individual the right to express their ideas, no matter how different they are from ours, we have at best lost the ability to debate and at worse, lost the civility of our world.

I remember one time when I was leaving the Adoration Chapel of a parish I was assigned to and I ran into a woman, whom after I said hello just ignored me. At first, I thought she did not hear me, so I stopped her and asked "Did you hear me?" She said "I heard you" with a less than loving tone. I told her that if she acted like this outside the Adoration Chapel, then maybe she needed to spend a little more time on her knees praying for herself and for the one who consecrated the host that she is adoring.

It truly amazes me how the Holy Body and Precious Blood have not been completely digested, and yet people immediately begin to gossip, spread rumors and even add to vicious comments about others right outside the church doors. Again, it never ceases to amaze me how people can come to church and be rude to their neighbor or even me, their priest.

I remember another time (before I was a priest) I was up in the balcony of a church practicing the organ before Mass and there were four ladies in the back of the church "thumbing their beads." However, while they were "praying," they were also talking about the pastor (and shall I say NOT in appropriate or positive terms). I remember leaning over the balcony and shushing them. One of the woman looked up and said: "Are you speaking to us?" I said: "Yes, there are people trying to pray before Mass and all they can hear is your gossip." She then quickly replied" "Just shut up and play the organ" and went right back to her beads and gossip.

No one says you have to like everyone, but someone very important said: *"Love your enemy and pray for those who persecute you" (Matthew 5:44).* Loving always includes being civil, polite, respectful and kind to others. If you come to church and ignore your neighbor, if you constantly and persistently spread rumors and gossip about them, then I believe you are what Jesus was referring to when He said: *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, you hypocrites. You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of dead men's bones and every kind of filth" (Matthew 23:27).*

In this weekend's Gospel of Saint Luke, Jesus warns us once again when He tells about the rich man who is *"suffering torment in the flames"* who wants a second chance, if not for himself, then for his five brothers. I hope that it will never be too late for you to follow the command of Jesus: *"Whatsoever you do to the least of my people you do to me" (Matthew 25:40).* If we take the Lord at His word, then when we ignore others, we ignore Him. When we turn our noses at others, we turn them up on Him. When we speak falsely against our neighbor, when we spread gossip and calumny, we do it to Christ Himself.

I think by now, you get my point. So if you are coming to church and still persist in your negative and sinful behaviors, then I think it is time to spend some time in the "sin bin," either here on Saturdays from 4:00-4:30pm (or by appointment) or at any other Catholic Church you may feel more comfortable.

Maybe we should take to heart the words of encouragement of Saint Paul who reminds us *"But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Timothy 6:11).*

Being a nice person is not always easy, but it is our calling. Being a polite, civil and just person is not always easy, but who said it was supposed to be easy? Remember, is it **not about being easy, but about being better.**

I pray that we may never be that "Complacent Zion" which Amos spoke about in this weekend's First Reading, but, we shall come before the Lord, bowing our heads and praying *"O God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Luke 18:13b).*

I will be waiting for you in the confessional, come return to the Lord with all your hearts, minds and souls and promise Him you will at least be nice!

SALVATION OF SOULS

The Don Bosco Columbiettes #7784 are sponsoring a campaign to seek our Blessed Mother's intercession for the Salvation Of Souls. Please support this endeavor to pray **ONE MILLION HAIL MARYS.** The campaign will continue until May 31, 2020. You can e-mail your tallies to: hailmarysforpeace@gmail.com or write the number on a slip of paper and drop it into the container by Mary's statue.

The tally so far is 56,040

RIGHT TO LIFE ROSES

The Knights of Columbus will be distributing Right to Life roses after all Masses on October 5th and 6th. All proceeds benefit Right to Life causes.

HIGH TEA

"High" Tea

(A message from above)

Today you may be missing me
I'm now where I'm supposed to be
He took me Home
Don't shed a tear
Just look around, You'll see me here

More than glad to fill your cup
I'm in the kitchen cleaning up
You'll see my smile
And know it's me
So, take a sip, a sip for me

Let's have some sweets
I'll join you too
I'd love to share a bite with you
So, par "tea" on my friends, today
For I am just a sip away

And now if you will raise your cup,
Think of me and then look up
A happy face I know you'll see
For in my heart
You'll always be.

ANNIVERSARY MASS

Were you married in 1969 or 1994?

The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your Silver or Golden Wedding Anniversary during a special Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Serratelli

on Sunday, November 3rd at 3:30pm

at The Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist

Arrangements can be made by contacting the Parish Center before Friday, October 11th. You will receive additional information from the Office of Family Life once your registration has been processed.

Congratulations to you and your family on this joyous occasion!

FIRST THURSDAY RETREAT

Come join us for our monthly First Thursday Retreat at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center on **October 3rd**. Our theme for this year is "Living As Missionary Disciples!" Our topic for this month is "What Does It Mean to Be a Disciple?" The day begins at 9:00am with "Coffee and" and includes an opening prayer, a short talk, Eucharistic Adoration, the opportunity for Confession, Mass at 12:00 Noon and a light lunch. The day concludes at about 1:30pm. Fifteen dollars is the suggested offering. There is no need to pre-register – "All Are Welcome."

For further information, visit our web site: sacredheartspiritualitycenter.org, e-mail us at shretreatcenter@gmail.com. or call 973-383-2620.

RESPECT LIFE

"Human Life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life."

Catechism of the Catholic Church

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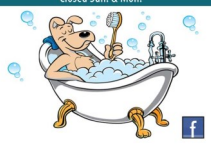

We remember Mandeville Captain Vincent Liberto, Jr. and Meade County Deputy Sheriff Chris Hulsey

who were killed in the line of duty this past week. May the Lord be with them and their families.

Father Brian Tomlinson, C.F.R. Cap.

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