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SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS:

First Friday: 12:30-7pm Adoration, 6pm Confessions,
7pm Mass

First Saturday: 8:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

First Saturday: 12:00pm, Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Novenas prayed after 8:00 a.m. Mass:

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal: Monday

St. Anthony: Tuesday

St. Joseph: Wednesday

St. Jude: Thursday

Infant of Prague: 25th of the month

Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich: Friday

St. Peregrine: First Friday of the Month

Rosary: Recited M - Sat after 8:00am & after 12:00Noon Mass

Sunday, August 24, 2025 A.D.
Jubilee Year of Hope



ADORATIONS

Wednesday 8:30AM-11:50AM

First Thursday NO HOLY HOUR in summer

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm & 5pm

Sunday: 7am, 8am Latin, 9:30am,
10:45am, 12pm, 1pm Spanish, 6pm

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Fr. Wojciech's Corner ...

Our new CCD year is fast approaching. Classes will start on Sunday, September 28th. I am so pleased with the example the families give their children in keeping Sunday as the Day of the Lord by attending Mass, even when there is no CCD. Kudos to so many who put God first before everything else. As every year, I appeal to coaches and parents please schedule your games to accommodate kids with Sunday Mass and CCD. In Jesus' words: *Seek first the Kingdom of God and ... everything will be added unto you (cf. Mt 6:33)*. Our Family Mass will resume on September 28th at 9:30AM. We look forward to seeing you. Enjoy the last days of summer.

Three Saints for Back-To-School

St. Joseph of Cupertino, the patron saint of studying, was born in Cupertino in the 17th century. As a young boy, he was frequently absent-minded and had a great deal of difficulty learning. It is now thought that he must have lived with some kind of learning disability, but at the time, his challenges only caused others to become impatient with him. He was not well-liked, even by his own family members, and he struggled to find his way in the world. He eventually wound up with the Franciscans and there, in community, he grew in holiness and humility.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was the first U.S. citizen to become a saint. She was born in a well-to-do family in New York City in 1774. She was the mother to 5 children of her own, but also raised her late husband's younger siblings after his death. She founded a religious order for women and the first Catholic schools in the United States. As the founder of the American system of Catholic education, she is considered the patron saint of Catholic schools.

St. Thomas Aquinas, a Dominican who studied and taught theology, is traditionally considered the patron saint of students. When he was a student himself, he was large and slow to speak, and so he was originally thought to be rather dull-minded, and his fellow classmates even nicknamed him the "Dumb Ox." But this "Dumb Ox" went on to become one of the most brilliant theologians in the history of the Church. When you're packing your backpack for back-to-school this year, don't forget to pack along a prayer or two. Remember to pray for students, teachers, and all families. May all the saints, our heavenly helpers, pray for us as we learn and grow in the year to come. -aleteia.org

Pray for Vocations

"If there is no priest, then there is no Holy Mass; if there is no Holy Mass, then there is no consecration of the Sacred Host; if there is not consecration of the Sacred Host then there is no Holy Communion; then if there is no Holy Communion there is no Sacramental Presence of Jesus."

What if you are CALLED! ???

Call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - or call Fr. Wojciech at our parish 201-768-1706, ext. 11.

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It is the Supper of the Lord - formal dinner. Please keep it in mind, especially now in the summer months. Let us be an inspiration rather than a distraction.

GOING ON VACATION

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St. Monica - Mother of St. Augustine **August 27th**

Patron of difficult marriages, homemakers, and mothers

Saint Monica was born in 333. As soon as she was old enough she was married to Patricius, a pagan citizen of Tagaste. Although Patricius was a difficult man, she bore all trials with great patience. Monica's example and influence resulted in Patricius' conversion to Christianity. He died a year after his baptism, leaving Monica a widow at age 40.

Saint Monica's cross in life was the conduct of her son Augustine, who was 17 when his father died. She wept, she fasted and she prayed long and fervently for his conversion.

When he left her in Africa to go to Italy, she followed him and found him in Milan. In Milan, Monica befriended the great Saint Ambrose, who played a key role in Augustine's conversion. The seed of her prayers bore fruit when Augustine abandoned his sinful life, was baptized, and decided to return to North Africa as a Christian leader. Her son had come home to the Church and was returning to his native land. Her life's mission accomplished, Saint Monica died in her late fifties in the Roman port of Ostia, while waiting to board the ship to cross over to Africa. Her remains are now found in the Basilica of Saint Augustine in central Rome. -Lives of the Saints; My Catholic Life!

St. Augustine - August 28th

Patron of those who struggle with the 6th commandment, the Confused, the Lost, the Theologians,

This famous son of St. Monica was born on November 13, 354 in Africa and spent many years of his life in wicked living and in false beliefs. Though he was one of the most intelligent men who ever lived and though he had been brought up a Christian, his sins of impurity and his pride darkened his mind so much, that he could not see or understand the Divine Truth anymore. Through the prayers of his holy mother and the marvelous preaching of St. Ambrose, Augustine finally became convinced that Christianity was the one true religion.

He was baptized, became a priest, a bishop, a famous Catholic writer, Founder of religious orders, and one of the greatest saints that ever lived. He became very devout and charitable, too. On the wall of his room he had the following sentence written in large letters: "Here we do not speak evil of anyone." St. Augustine overcame strong heresies, practiced great poverty and supported the poor, preached very often and prayed with great fervor right up until his death. "Too late have I loved You!" he once cried to God, but with his holy life he certainly made up for the sins he committed before his conversion. His humility prompted him to write his Confessions about the year 397, and from this work we have a detailed account of his early life.

- Lives of the Saints; www.Catholic.org

**You spoke to your son about God
now is the time to speak to God
about your son .**

-St. Ambrose to St. Monica

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Colonel John McLaughlin
Sergeant Major Marc Medina
Captain John G. Miele
Captain Joseph W. Niece
1st Lieutenant Megan Niece
Captain Jack Ottomanelli
Staff Sergeant David Petersen
Specialist John Petersen

US Marine Corps.

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Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Corporal Mark Fredrick
Private Nicholas Giron
Major Stephen Ikalowych
Captain J.P. Maher
Corporal Cody McGrath

US Navy

Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
Airman Cody Massa

US Air Force

1st Lieutenant Brian Kearney
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick Please Pray in the name of JESUS, the Healer, that the sick of the Parish may be restored to health and all those who assist and care for the sick will be given the strength to continue God's Will: infants Jack Merritt, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Cheryl Alonso, Annie Baklycki, Kevin Douglas Barry, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Paul Brennan, James Buckley, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Pat Halligan, Cara Hansen, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovaleski, Artie Latz, Kenneth Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, Adolfo Mendoza, David Mercur, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gian-na Moscatello, Kevin Mullaney, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Ronald Peterson, Louis Peduto, Bob Phillips, Cathy Pommert, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Roseanne Stella, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Felicia Veneruso, Jim Vlantes, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Melinda, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

- 1. St. Joseph Calasanz.
2. St. John the Baptist.
3. St. Monica.
4. St. Augustine.
5. St. Joseph of Cupertino.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

7:00 Martha Bland
8:00 Kathleen Foley R/b Tish and Michael Oates
9:30 Jordan Pedersen Sr. R/b the Pedersen Family
10:45 Ana Lucia Arias R/b Maria Arias
Kevin and Dianne O'Leary - Anniversary R/b the Mugno Family
12:00 Oliver Fitzgerald R/b the Gaffney Family
1:00 Intentions of Sandra Giron R/b Rafael and Margoth Giron
6:00 People of the Parish

Monday, August 25 - St. Louis of France; St. Joseph Calasanz

8:00 Mary Pantalon R/b Michael and Barbara Fizulich
12:00 Carmelita Bernardo R/b Crispin and Lenor Mariano

Tuesday, August 26 - St. Caesarius of France, Bishop of Arles

8:00 Kathleen Falotico R/b Leo and Eileen DeBartolo
12:00 Emilia Karpinecz R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet

Wednesday, August 27 - St. Monica of Africa, Patron of Mothers

8:00 Nancy Ruperty R/b Nick and Regina Senicar
12:00 Andrew Oakes

Thursday, August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor

8:00 Mary Hofbauer R/b William and Diana Lynch
12:00 Joan Schweizer R/b Guy and Patti Schweizer

Friday, August 29 - Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist

8:00 Mary and Bob Connolly R/b Margaret Brandes & Family
12:00 Carole Stonitsch R/b Pete Stonitsch

Saturday, August 30 - St. Fiace, Hermit-Ireland

8:00 Margaret Oates R/b Michael and Tish Oates
12:00 Selena Piazza R/b Pete Stonitsch
4:00 Michelle Paparella R/b loving parents
5:00 Penny Terzini R/b Jim and Louise Cook

Sunday, August 31 - St. Aristedes, Athenian Philosopher

7:00 Rose Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family
8:00 Intentions of Bridget and Michael Ryan R/b Bridget Walsh
9:30 Intentions of Susan DeBrino R/b Bill and Carole DeBrino
10:45 Mark Plescia Sr. R/b the Coulter Family
12:00 Selena Piazza R/b Ann Diller
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Barbara Sherman R/b Lisa Unanue

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for those who serve in defense of our country.

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the intentions of the students returning to college.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the souls in Purgatory.

The Flowers August 14 and August 29 have been donated in memory of Carole Stonitsch, r/b Pete Stonitsch.

My Parish-My Responsibility Thank you to those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some are experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time. Donations may be mailed to OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn St., Harrington Park, NJ 07640.

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Beware the Noonday Devil

By Fr. Paul Scalia

The Church's monastic tradition sees as one of the most dangerous enemies of the spiritual life what the psalmist calls "the noonday devil" (Ps 91:6). The monks took this phrase as an apt description of the lethargy or fatigue they battled at about midday.

By that time, they had already risen early for prayers, returned to prayer a number of times, and still had a good chunk of the day ahead of them. They were tired, of course, but not just physically. They were spiritually tired - weary of prayer, exhausted with the things of God. The noonday devil precipitated thoughts of "What's the use? This is pointless." Thus, in the Eastern tradition, Psalm 91 was prayed at midday, to ask for strength against this assault. "Stay awake," Our Lord says (Mt 24:42). And we can hear His words as a warning against the noonday devil. They echo the psalmist's plea for wakefulness: "Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death ... Open my eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law" (Ps 13:3; 119:18).

Our Lord and the psalmist both refer not to physical sleep (our bodies need rest at some point) but to that spiritual drowsiness and slumber that deaden us to God's presence, goodness and truth. Once we have fallen asleep spiritually, then all kinds of mischief creep into our souls. Dozing off spiritually brings about a much greater destruction than falling asleep at the wheel.

"Stay awake." Our Lord's words caution us against sloth - that capital vice that brings about spiritual slumber. Sloth is not, as many think, simple laziness (although that is usually a side-effect). Instead, it is a sadness about the good set before us, a boredom with the things of God, a failure to respond with the proper repentance, joy, zeal or love to God's works and goodness. Sloth is a spiritual "ho-hum" or "whatever" in the face of Christ crucified. Once this spiritual languor sets in, we can easily become lazy louts - because we see no reason to make an effort.

But the slothful man can also be tremendously busy. He fills his time with activities to avoid the difficulty of reflection and thought, of facing his sadness with the divine. This describes our culture well. We are constantly on the go, but at the same time bored with the most important things. We rush around in what we call the "real world," as a way of avoiding that most important reality.

We resemble the people in the days of Noah: "they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away" (Mt 24:38-39). They did not know. They were busy enough, alright, but asleep to the very things that matter. And in the end their slumber undid them.

We do not need to look far to find sloth's damaging effects. Sloth first robs us of the energy needed for the moral life, so we fall into sin more easily. Further, spiritual boredom leads us to seek pleasure elsewhere, in various forms of immorality. If God's works bore us, we will find our happiness in lesser things and make them gods. Sloth also deadens our sense of morality because the drama of good and evil, of right and wrong, tires us. So sloth not only deters us from seeking moral excellence, it also keeps us from perceiving moral truth.

"Stay awake." Our Lord wants us to avoid spiritual slumber. The solution is simple, but not easy. It demands, first, that we fill our minds with thoughts of the divine. The many trivial, worldly thoughts we take in each day leave little room for the supernatural thoughts that inspire us. Accordingly, the battle against sloth demands perseverance in prayer - not just reciting prayers, but mental prayer. We need to reflect deliberately and often on the truths of our faith, the attributes of God, the events of our Lord's life, etc. And when, not if, we grow tired, we need to look to Our Lord and push through the difficulty. We need to remain with Him and not fear the one who lays waste at noon.

- catholicexchange.com

Are you an **ADULT** without **Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?**

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old * **Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.** Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*). * Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. * If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only. * **Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.** Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (CanonLaw872874)

Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

"ceremony" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church, not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

Respect Life Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350 * Gateway Pregnancy Center: 908-353-0604 * Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379 * Lifecall: 800-662-2678 * Birthright: 201-845-4646.

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

OLV Knights of Columbus All men over 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. As Catholic men we are called to lead, serve, protect and defend our Faith, families, and our parish. The Knights of Columbus will help you grow as a husband, father and Catholic. Join us!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' contact Marie 201-741-0499.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat

Healing the pain of abortion...

September 19-21, 2025

For info contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or Cheryl.riley@rcan.org.

Don Bosco Prep Events: Attention 8th graders! Experience Ironman for a Day - walk our halls, meet our students and teachers - see what makes Don Bosco Prep truly exceptional. 6th, 7th, 8th graders & families are invited to our Open Houses on Thursday, September 25th 6:30-8:30PM and Sunday, October 19th 1-3PM. Sign up at donboscoprep.org and create your Admissions Portal & register for your visit.

Bergen Catholic Open Houses: Families invited Wednesdays, October 8th and November 5th from 6:30-8:30PM. Meet our students, faculty, and staff, and see what makes Bergen Catholic such a special place to learn and grow. Register online at www.bergencatholic.org. For more information, please email admissions@bergencatholic.org.

Saint Joseph Calasanz - August 25

From Aragon where he was born in 1556, to Rome where he died 92 years later, fortune alternately smiled and frowned on the work of Joseph Calasanz. A priest with university training in canon law and theology, respected for his wisdom and administrative expertise, he put aside his career because he was deeply concerned with the need for education of poor children.



When he was unable to get other institutes to undertake this apostolate at Rome, Joseph and several companions personally provided a free school for deprived children. So overwhelming was the response that there was a constant need for larger facilities to house their effort. Soon, Pope Clement VIII gave support to the school, and this aid continued under Pope Paul V. Other schools were opened; other men were attracted to the work, and in 1621 the community - for so the teachers lived - was recognized as a religious community, the Clerks Regular of Religious Schools - Piarists or Scolopi. Not long after, Joseph was appointed superior for life.

A combination of various prejudices and political ambition and maneuvering caused the institute much turmoil. Some did not favor educating the poor, for education would leave the poor dissatisfied with their lowly tasks for society! Others were shocked that some of the Piarists were sent for instruction to Galileo - a friend of Joseph - as superior, thus dividing the members into opposite camps. Repeatedly investigated by papal commissions, Joseph was demoted; when the struggle within the institute persisted, the Piarists were suppressed. Only after Joseph's death were they formally recognized as a religious community.

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Martyrdom of Saint John the Baptist-August 29

Besides Our Lord and Our Lady, St. John the Baptist is the only person in the liturgical calendar who gets a feast day for both his entrance into the world (June 24) and his entrance into heaven (August 29, the feast of his martyrdom). Most saints are celebrated only on or near the day of their death. St. John the Baptist was special, though. He was both our Lord's blood relative and His appointed herald. Both his birth and his martyrdom are recounted in the Gospels; both are interwoven with Our Lord's own early life and public ministry.

The drunken oath of a king with a shallow sense of honor, a seductive dance and the hateful heart of a queen combined to bring about the martyrdom of John the Baptist. The greatest of prophets suffered the fate of so many Old Testament prophets before him: rejection and martyrdom. The "voice crying in the desert" did not hesitate to accuse the guilty, did not hesitate to speak the truth. But why? What possesses a man that he would give up his very life?

This great religious reformer was sent by God to prepare the people for the Messiah. His vocation was one of selfless giving. The only power that he claimed was the Spirit of Yahweh. "I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11). Scripture tells us that many people followed John looking to him for hope, perhaps in anticipation of some great messianic power. John never allowed himself the false honor of receiving these people for his own glory. He knew his calling was one of preparation. When the time came, he led his disciples to Jesus: "The next day John was there again with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, 'Behold, the Lamb of God.' The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus" (John 1:35-37).

It is John the Baptist who has pointed the way to Christ. John's life and death were a giving over of self for God and other people. His simple style of life was one of complete detachment from earthly possessions. His heart was centered on God and the call that he heard from the Spirit of God speaking to his heart. Confident of God's grace, he had the courage to speak words of condemnation, repentance, and salvation

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What an awesome and orderly GOD!!

God's accuracy may be observed in the hatching of eggs.

For example:

- the eggs of the potato bug hatch in 7 days;
- those of the canary in 14 days;
- those of the barnyard hen in 21 days;
- the eggs of ducks and geese hatch in 28 days;
- those of the mallard in 35 days;
- the eggs of the parrot and the ostrich hatch in 42 days.

(Notice, they are all divisible by seven, the number of days in a week!)

The lives of each of you may be ordered by the Lord in a beautiful way for His glory, if you will only entrust Him with your life. If you try to regulate your own life, it will only be a mess and a failure. Only the One Who made the brain and the heart can successfully guide them to a profitable end.

God's wisdom is seen in the making of an elephant. The four legs of this great beast all bend forward in the same direction. No other quadruped is so made. God planned that this animal would have a huge body, too large to live on two legs. For this reason He gave it four fulcrums so that it can rise from the ground easily.

The horse rises from the ground on its two front legs first. A cow rises from the ground with its two hind legs first. How wise the Lord is in all His works of creation!

God's wisdom is revealed in His arrangement of sections and segments, as well as in the number of grains.

- Each watermelon has an even number of stripes on the rind.
- Each orange has an even number of segments.
- Each ear of corn has an even number of rows.
- Each stalk of wheat has an even number of grains.
- Every bunch of bananas has on its lowest row an even number of bananas, and each row decreases by one, so that one row has an even number and the next row an odd number.
- The waves of the sea roll in on shore twenty-six to the minute in all kinds of weather.
- All grains are found in even numbers on the stalks, and the Lord specified thirty fold, sixty fold, and a hundredfold - all even numbers.

God has caused the flowers to blossom at certain specified times during the day, so that Linnaeus, the great botanist, once said that if he had a conservatory containing the right kind of soil, moisture and temperature, he could tell the time of day or night by the flowers that were open and those that were closed!

Thus the Lord in His wonderful grace can arrange the life that is entrusted to His care in such a way that it will carry out His purposes and plans, and will be fragrant with His presence. Only the God-planned safe life is successful. Only the life given over to the care of the Lord is fulfilled.

Faith is a gift of God. Without it there would be no life. And our work, to be fruitful, and to be all for God, and to be beautiful, has to be built on faith - faith in Christ, who has said, I was hungry, I was naked, I was sick, and I was homeless, and you ministered to me. On these words of His, our work is based. -St. Teresa of Calcutta

KIDZ KORNER

1. What Saint was concerned with education for poor children?
2. What Saint has a feast day for both his entrance into the world and his entrance into heaven?
3. What Saint prayed for her son and he, too, became a saint?
4. What Saint is the son of St. Monica?
5. What Saint had difficulty learning as a child and is patron of studying?

Answers on page three.

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