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12 noon & 6:15 pm

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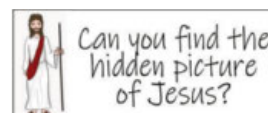
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Last week, we celebrated the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In Greek, her title is “Theotokos”, which literally means “God-bearer”. This title was given to Our Lady at the beginning of Christianity, and 1st century Christians often sought her intercession by calling out to her as the Mother of God. Even though the title “Theotokos” was the first title given to Our Lady, it is not her only title. She has many more titles that signify and highlight who she is, and they reveal how her intercession can help us. Many of you may know some of her other titles: Undoer of Knots, Perpetual Help, Queen of Heaven and Earth, etc. There is even a litany of Our lady’s many titles, the Litany of Loreto, used by the faithful in seeking Our Lady’s intercession.

One of the most interesting titles of Our Lady in the Litany of Loreto is the Ark of the Covenant, and I think it is quite beautiful and appropriate to call Mary the Ark of the Covenant. The original Ark of the Covenant was created by God’s order during the time after the Israelites escaped from Egypt and were in the desert. It was the most sacred relic of the Israelites and represented the presence of God amongst the Israelites. Later, under King Solomon, the Ark of the Covenant was kept at the most sacred space in the Temple. The Ark was eventually lost after the Israelites were exiled from their homeland.

Then why is Mary called the Ark of the Covenant? The Ark of Covenant carried three things within it as the Israelites were traveling in the desert. First were the stone tablets which contained the Ten Commandments given to Moses by God. Second was a golden jar filled with manna, a miraculous food the Israelites received in the desert, also known as “bread from heaven”. Last was Aaron’s rod, the rod of a high priest. All three of these things are embodied and made new in Jesus Christ. Christ is the new law given to us from God the Father, reminding us that the greatest commandment is to love God and to love our neighbor. Christ gives us His body and blood in the Most Holy Eucharist. He became the new bread from heaven. Lastly, Christ is the high priest who mediates between God the Father and humanity, and it is through His sacrifice that we are united to the Father!

The one who physically carried Jesus was Mary! She is called the Ark of the Covenant, for she carried within her what the original Ark carried. I recall that in the movie “Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark,” those people who opened the Ark perished while Indiana Jones and Marion survived by closing their eyes. There are some truths to this story in a sense that the presence of God which was with the Ark in the Old Testament was too powerful for anyone to gaze upon (Exodus 33). When humanity tries to become equal to God in one way or another, it perishes, for humanity cannot contain the Lord. However, through the new Ark of the Covenant, Mary, the presence of Our Lord became tangible, visible, understandable! God, Himself, contained His Divinity in a single person, Jesus Christ! The Ark of the Old Testament was so powerful that it brought victory in war, but the new Ark brought forth the victor over sin and death!

Father Jae

NEWS AND EVENTS

A Special Collection for Communicating God’s Word will be held on the weekend of January 21-22. This campaign engages and builds Catholic communities in the US and developing countries using the internet, television and radio, and print media. Your support helps spread the Gospel message.

Prayer Chain: Become a link in our prayer chain! Once a month a list of those who would like to be remembered in prayer will be mailed to you. The praying is done at home with respect for the confidentiality of those seeking prayer. With prayer, all things are possible. If you would like to join our prayer chain, or have someone prayed for, please contact Lisa Tota at the Parish Center, 201-891-1122 ext. 212.

Collections For The Week Ending January 1
Offertory \$ | Online \$ | Total \$ will be announced in next bulletin

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 7

9:00 am Dorothy & Andrew Marsico
5:00 pm Wanda, William
and Joseph Murphy

Sunday, January 8

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Dave & Elizabeth Calandra
10:30 am Rosemarie Favara
12 noon Frank & Carmela Uzzi
6:15 pm Tim Jones 35th birthday

Monday, January 9

7:00 am Sue Villano
9:00 am Margaret Connelly

Tuesday, January 10

7:00 am Mary Jane Costanza
9:00 am Frank Miller

Wednesday, January 11

7:00 am Walter Lee
9:00 am William S Molloy Sr

Thursday, January 12

7:00 am Sproha Family
9:00 am Julia McNamara

Friday, January 13

7:00 am Eric Mazzola
9:00 am Margaret Borghi

Saturday, January 14

9:00 am Philip Veli - 1st Anniv.
5:00 pm Ellen Finley Flach,
Philip Veli

Sunday, January 15

7:30 am People of the Parish
9:00 am Mario Claudio
10:30 am Antonio Cascio 1st Anniv.
12 noon Joseph Shadiack 14th Anniv.
6:15 pm Fr. James Joyce - 1st Anniv.

NEWS AND EVENTS

Donations for Right to Life Causes: The Knights of Columbus will have collection receptacles for Right to Life donations in the Narthex after all Masses on the weekend of January 14/15. The funds raised will go to Birthright in Maywood and the Bergen County RTL Chapter. Checks may be made out to the St. Elizabeth K of C. Contributions may also be made online on the council website, www.kofc13678.org, or by scanning the QR code image with your smartphone camera. Thank you in advance for your support.

R.C.I.A.—Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA is designed to welcome adults into our Catholic faith. Preparation is a year-long ongoing process culminating at the Easter Vigil Mass. The goal is to receive the Sacraments of Baptism (for non-Christians), Confirmation, and Holy Eucharist. IS RCIA FOR YOU or SOMEONE YOU KNOW? Do you know someone or are you someone who is interested in becoming Catholic? Are you Catholic but have not yet received all of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist)? The RCIA is a process of prayer, reflection, and learning that allows for the continual discernment of God's will in our lives. Candidates include: Non-baptized adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church, baptized adult Christians of another denomination (i.e. Lutheran, Anglican, Presbyterian) who wish to continue their Christian faith in the Catholic Church, adult baptized Catholics who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation (Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) and wish to do so. Now is a great time to get information and find out more! For more details contact Father Jae at FrJae@saintelizabeths.org.

Gather the Children: Children's Liturgy of the Word will take place at the **in the Chapel** during 10:30 am Mass on Sunday on January 29, February 12, March 5 & 26, April 23 & May 9. Children will begin in the church with their families and are invited to the chapel after the Introductory Rites. They return to the church for the celebration of the Eucharist. Any adults who would like to help with Gather the Children may contact Donna Gormley at dgormley27@gmail.com.

Sharing Group: Need new interests? If you want your mornings filled with conversational prayer, spiritual and philosophical questions, and want to meet new friends, join us in the Parish Center on Tuesday mornings from 9:30am-11am in the Good Shepherd Room. All are welcome. Please contact Ronnie Gringeri at 201-891-5560 if you have any questions.

"To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven."

Recently deceased: Peter C. Mosca Sr, Catherine Anne Browne, Raymond Springman, Theresa Clarke, Mario Selvaggi, Eric Blatz and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Memorials for the week of January 8

Altar Bread and Wine: In memory of Ted Hennessy
donated by Jane and Joe Mailly

Candles on the Altar: In memory of Mary Avagliano
donated by the LoPresti family

Sanctuary Light: In memory of Joanne Palmieri
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Saint Elizabeth's
Gather the Children
Grades K-5



LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME - MATTHEW 19:14

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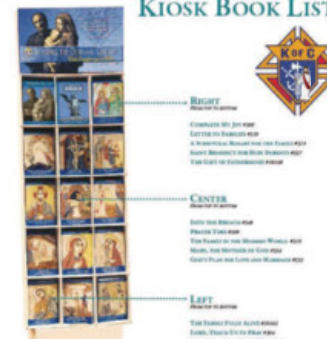
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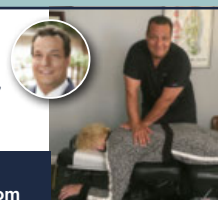
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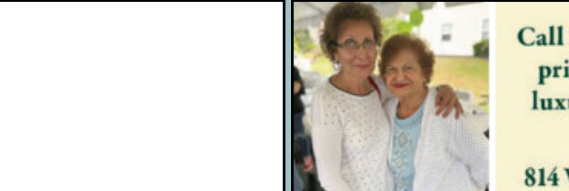
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