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THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



WELCOME!

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat | 5pm
Sun | 9am, 11:30am, 6pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Mon-Fri | 7:30am (in the Church)
12:15pm (in the Catholic
Center Chapel, next
door)
Sat | 9am (in the Church)

CONFESSION

Sat | 11am-12pm (in the Church)
Mon-Fri | 11:30-12pm (in the
Catholic Center
Chapel Office)
& by appointment

ADORATION

Thurs | 12:45pm-7pm (in the
Catholic Center Chapel)


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 Parish Office Hours:
Mon & Wed | 9am-12pm
Tues & Thur | 2pm-4pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Daily Mass Cancellations

Please note: Next Monday, October 13th, there will be no 12:15pm mass. In addition, both normal daily masses on Wednesday, October 15th, and Thursday, October 16th, will instead be communion services.

1000 Strong Rosary for Life

Monday, October 13th, 2025 | 7pm | Zoom

Please join us for the 108th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima. Our goal is 1000+ people praying in reparation for the sin of abortion and for equal rights for babies in the womb. Rosary will be lead by priests from all over NJ. Please register at lifeneteducation.org/1000strong Call in number 401-252-0031 and access code: 759297#

Young Adult Marian Retreat

Saturday, October 25th, 2025 | 9am-1pm | St. Joseph's Parish, 34 Yorktown Rd, Hillsborough, NJ | \$20

All young adults (ages 18-39) are invited for a morning of spiritual nourishment and talks from Gabriel Castillo! Gabriel is a Catholic Youtuber, Youth Minister, and Author. He will be talking about the Power of Mary and the Power of the Holy Rosary. Gabriel's YouTube channel "GabiAfterhours" has amassed tens of millions of views! The day will include Holy Mass, Breakfast, Inspiring Talks, and Eucharistic Adoration. Information including details and registration can be found of the Diocesan Website under the Office of Youth and Young Adults Page <https://diometuchen.org/gabriel-castillo-events>

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Celebrate Black Catholic History Month

Saturday, November 8th, 2025 | 9am | St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, 146 Metlars Lane, Piscataway | Free

Please join us to celebrate Black Catholic History Month. The morning begins at 9:00am with a welcome, 9:30am Mass celebrated by Reverend Patrick Winbush, O.S.B., then brunch and fellowship. Registration (by October 24th) is required. Please register at <https://diometuchen.org/multiculturalministry> If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sr. Miriam Perez at mperez@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7933.

OCTOBER 12, 2025 | THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Oct 13, Weekday

7:30am |

No 12:15pm mass today.

Tuesday, Oct 14, Weekday; *Saint Callistus I, Pope, Martyr*

7:30am |

12:15pm | Marianne Mina

Wednesday, Oct 15, *Saint Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church*

7:30am | **Communion Service**

12:15pm | **Communion Service**

Thursday, Oct 16, Weekday; *Saint Hedwig, Religious; Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin*

7:30am | **Communion Service**

12:15pm | **Communion Service**

Friday, Oct 17, *St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr*

7:30am | Mikel Brown

12:15pm | Eleuterio Mina

Saturday, Oct 18, SAINT LUKE, EVANGELIST

9am | Daniel Lawler

5pm | William Manley

Sunday, Oct 19, THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9am | Blessing on 60 th Wedding Anniversary for Robert and Mary Ann Takash

11:30am | Carl Jordan

6pm | For the Clergy, Religious, Staff and Parishioners of St. Peter's

"Pray for one another, that you may be healed. The **prayer** of a righteous man has great power." - **James 5:16**

In your charity, please pray for...

the sick, the homebound, the hospitalized, & all those in the military.

If you would like to add a name to the updated prayer list, please contact Colleen at the parish office.

To reserve a mass, light a tabernacle sanctuary lamp, or provide altar flowers for an intention...

please contact Colleen at the Parish Office via email or 732-545-6663, x12.

FEES

\$10 | to reserve a mass

\$15 | to light a sanctuary lamp

\$1 | postage for mass cards

Upcoming Second Collections

October 18 & 19 | World Mission Sunday

The proceeds benefits the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, the American Board for Catholic Mission and The Catholic Near East Welfare Association.

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" -Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

What does the Church Say about Holiness and Flourishing?

“The truth is that only in the mystery of the incarnate Word does the mystery of man take on light” (Gaudium et Spes, 22). These are words taken from the Second Vatican Council, in their Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World (also called Gaudium et Spes, after the first two words of the document “joy and hope”). It is a cause for joy and source of hope to know that there are satisfying answers to the deep questions of our life. Too often people reject the teaching of the church, especially as regards holiness and the call to model our lives after Christ, as something inhuman. The truth is otherwise, man comes alive when he lives in relationship to God in light of His divine love and purpose. The path to holiness and the path of human fulfillment are integrally related. Today we will reflect upon the words of the Second Vatican Council on this subject.

“For by his innermost nature man is a social being, and unless he relates himself to others he can neither live nor develop his potential” (Gaudium et Spes, 12). Made in the image and likeness of God, man is inherently relational. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God in three persons, they are always in perfect communion with one another and we are made to be in communion as well. As we authentically develop our relational capacities we should see ourselves becoming more like Christ.

“For by his interior qualities he outstrips the whole sum of mere things. He plunges into the depths of reality whenever he enters into his own heart; God, who probes the heart, awaits him there; there he discerns his proper destiny beneath the eyes of God” (GS, 14). In our fast paced, materialistic world it can be too easy to ignore our depths. When we slow down and listen in quiet we recognize in our depths something transcendent, an eternal longing for relationship with the Divine.

“The intellectual nature of the human person is perfected by wisdom and needs to be, for wisdom gently attracts the mind of man to a quest and a love for what is true and good” (GS, 15). The church has always affirmed that by our intellect we can truly grasp and understand the world around us. Made in God’s image, our mind shares in the divine light of truth, as we grow and purify our minds from the attachments and effects of sin we are better able to grasp the truth.

“In the depths of his conscience, man detects a law which he does not impose upon himself, but which holds him to obedience...For man has in his heart a law written by God; to obey it is the very dignity of man” (GS, 16). Far from encouraging blind obedience, the church advocates for fidelity to conscience. Only by such fidelity can we remain in right relationship with God who never ceases to call us to Himself. The more we purify our hearts of sinful desires and the noise of the world, the better we are able to hear and heed the small voice of conscience.

Perhaps no other nation has ever valued freedom as much as ours. We recognize that freedom is an expression of our dignity as persons, and the church affirms this: “authentic freedom is an exceptional sign of the divine image within man” (GS 17). Yet freedom must always be in relationship to pursuit of the highest good or it devolves into license: “Man achieves such dignity when emancipating himself from all captivity to passion, he pursues his goal in a spontaneous choice of what is good” (GS 17).

Let us seek to develop the capacities God gave us so we may glorify him by our lives!

-Fr. Mike Tabernero

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