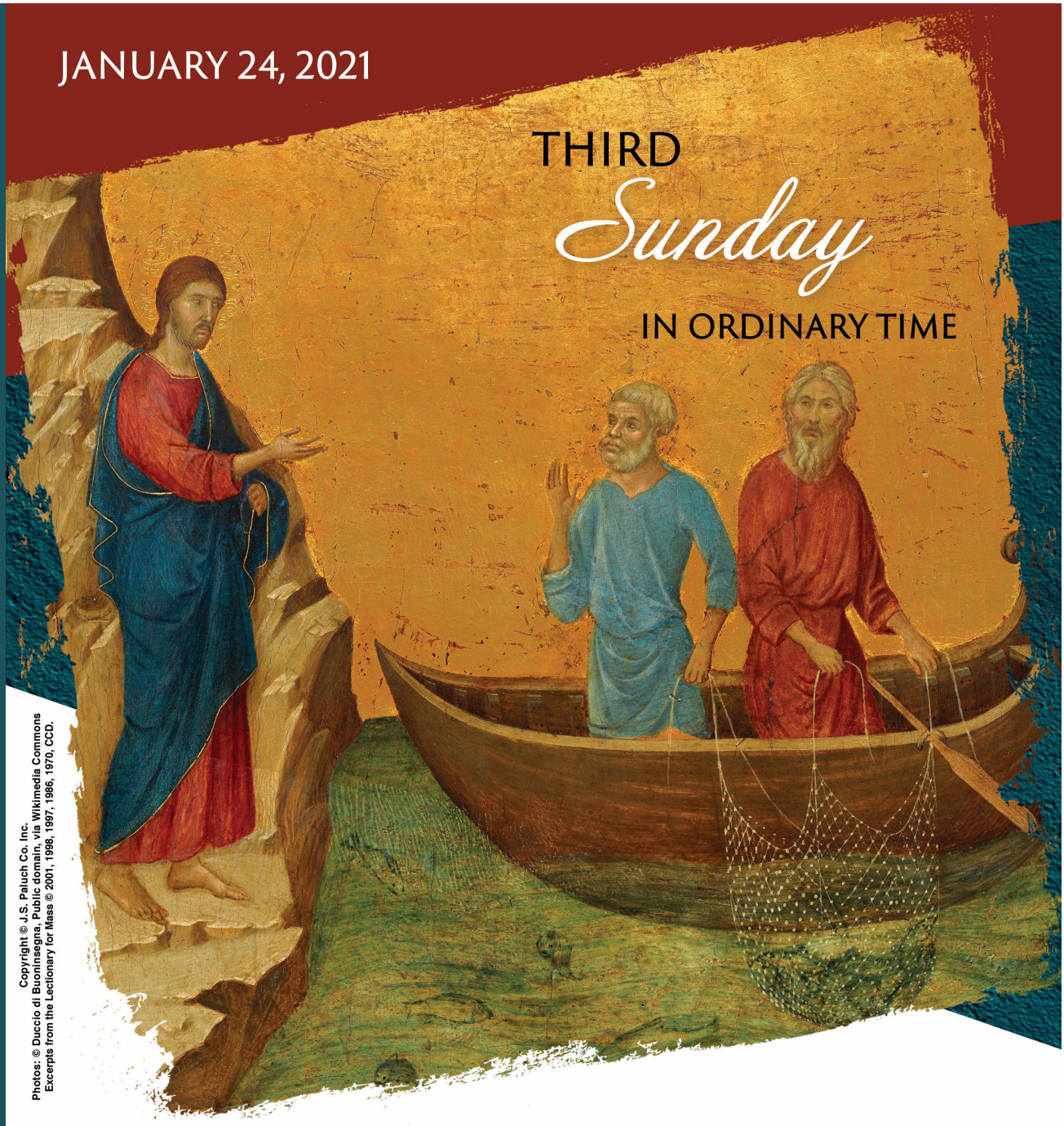
St. Cecelia's Roman Catholic Church

JANUARY 24, 2021

THIRD *Sunday* IN ORDINARY TIME



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THEY ABANDONED THEIR NETS AND FOLLOWED *Jesus.*

MARK 1:18

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(For quick reference–See pages 2 &3)

Parish Directory

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Mass Schedule

Monday—Friday	7:00 & 9:15 am
Saturday	8:00 am—4:30 pm
Sunday	7:30, 9:30, 11:30 am
Spanish	1:30 pm

Holy Day Mass Times

Weekday Evening before—Vigil 7 pm, day of: 7:00, 9:15 am, 12:05 pm, and 7 pm.

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Friday 9:00 am—4:00 pm

Confession

Saturday
11:00 am—12:00 pm / 3:15—4:15 pm

Gift Shop

Gift Shop—732-283-1775

Monday	Closed
Tuesday—Friday	10:00 am—1:00 pm
Saturday	Closed
Sunday	10:00 am—12:30 pm

Hours may vary, please call before you come.

Registration

To enable us to better serve you, all parishioners are asked to register at the Parish Office. Family members over the age of 18 should register as individuals. To receive a letter of recommendation you should be registered for at least three months.

Social Ministry Office—732-283-0150

FOOD PANTRY is open for food pick-up **TUESDAYS from 10 AM to 2 PM ONLY**. Call or email stcecelia.socialministry@gmail.com for food requests/appointments for pick-up. OTHER SERVICES provided by the Social Ministry Office.

House Blessing

If you would like to have a home visitation or blessing, please call the Parish Office.

The Sacraments

SPONSOR LETTERS: Church law mandates that a sponsor for Baptism and Confirmation be an active Confirmed Catholic. An active Catholic is a parishioner who is registered, attends Mass weekly, contributes to the support of the Church, is in a valid Catholic Marriage, and publicly leads a life compatible with Church teaching. We can only write letters of eligibility for parishioners who meet these criteria.
BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish Office for all information and to make arrangements.
MARRIAGE: Make arrangements one year in advance of the proposed wedding date. One party must be a parishioner; call the Parish Office.
MINISTRY TO THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND: If any of your loved ones are in need of a priest and need the sacraments, please call the Parish Office at any time. The priests are always on call! Regular communion calls to the sick, aged or homebound should be arranged in advance.

Altar Servers

Children in grades 3 and up are invited join. Contact Ann Cecilia Trinh, Coordinator at the parish office 732-283-2300.

Our Lady of Fatima Statue—Home Visit

If you are interested in having the statue visit your home, please call Carol 732-494-8697.

Education—732-283-2816

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES for grammar school students are held on Mondays from 5:45 to 7:15 PM at the former St. Cecelia School Building.
R.C.I.A.: If you know anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or are baptized and want to receive other sacraments, please invite them to join RCIA! Call Anne Banks at 732-713-4502 or Denise Kolibas at 732-634-8515.

Devotions

CENACLE FOR MARIAN MOVEMENT OF PRIESTS every Wednesday after 9:15 AM Mass.
NOVENAS to St. Jude and Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after 8 AM Mass on Saturday.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET—Fridays after the 9:15 AM Mass.
2,000 HAIL MARY'S every 2nd Saturday of the month, in the Chapel starting at 7:00 AM.
ADORATION CHAPEL—Daily starting after 7 AM Mass to 4 PM. Please arrive before 4 PM for admittance to church. When you come in the Chapel and the Tabernacle doors are closed, open them. If you are the last one in the Chapel, please close the Tabernacle doors and **shut off the light** (make sure they are completely pressed down).
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION—6:00 pm Adoration followed by Holy Mass at 7:00 pm

Societies/Organizations

LEGION OF MARY—Saturdays—9 AM, Conference Room
ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY—The Rosary is prayed before every daily/weekend Mass. The meetings are the 1st Monday after 1st Sunday at 7 PM in the Church Conference Room.
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE— 2nd & 4th Mondays, 7:30 PM in the Parish Office.
SPIRITUALITY GROUP—Every other Thursday evenings from 7:00—9:00 pm in the Conf. Room. Contact—George Madden 732-634-8031.
YOUNG ADULT ADORATION—Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Chapel. Contact Anthony Chin 732-589-4182.

Music Ministry

CLASSICAL CHOIR—Practice Tuesday evenings from September—June at 7:30 PM in the church. Coordinator—Aida Gamboa.
CONTEMPORARY CHOIR—Practice on Tuesday evenings with Classical Choir.

Youth Ministry

The meeting will be held on the first Saturday of every month after the 4:30 pm Mass in the Youth Ministry Room. Coordinator—Break Ministry.

Church Etiquette

Upon entering the church, make the sign of the Cross and bless yourself with Holy Water and genuflect before you sit. Please participate in the singing and responses. **Come to Mass early enough not to disrupt and leave late enough not to insult the Lord.** The Mass does not end until the final song has been completed. Worship reverently enough not to distract. This includes silence in the church and vestibule before Mass. Be mindful to turn off your electronic devices and quietly put the kneelers up and down during the Mass. Dress modestly and appropriately as you would for a special occasion.

Mass Intentions: January 23 – January 31

THE INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEKEND WILL BE SAID AT THE 4:30 PM VIGIL, 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, AND 11:30 AM MASSES

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGIL MASS – 1/23
4:30 PM Lucille Ricca req, Josephine Gorman

SUNDAY– 1/24
7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED OF THE PARISH
9:30 AM *William Honeker req, Olenchak Family
*Joseph Herold req, Richard & Constance Parker
11:30 AM *William H. Honekar, Sr. req, Sr. Anna Nguyen
*Margaret Cerria req, Sheena Fitzsimmons
1:30 PM SPANISH MASS

MONDAY–CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL– 1/25
7:00 AM Bob Kennedy req, Jack & Rita Bryson
9:15 AM William Koneker req, Book Club Friends

TUESDAY–STS. TIMOTHY & TITUS– 1/26
7:00 AM Francis Kelly req, Christine & William Kelly
9:15 AM Robert Kuzma req, Genevieve Vitale

WEDNESDAY–ST. ANGELA MERICI– 1/27
7:00 AM Joslin, Basil, Kumar & Wije req, Sasha
9:15 AM Lola Marie Theodos req, Nick & Stephanie Theodos

THURSDAY–ST. THOMAS AQUINAS– 1/28
7:00 AM Marlene Stiuso req, McCormac Family
9:15 AM Salvatore Aloe req, Eleonora & Family

FRIDAY–WEEKDAY– 1/29
7:00 AM John Forstenhausler req, Stella Tylicki
9:15 AM Harro Van Hoek req, Yvonne Ellong

SATURDAY— 1/30
8:00 AM Renedios Mendoza req, Legion of Mary

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
VIGIL MASS – 1/30
4:30 PM Mae Kristofcak req, Carol LaRouche

SUNDAY– 1/31
7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED OF THE PARISH
9:30 AM *Michael Brigando req, Ann Cecilia Trinh
*Ellen Collett req, Ann Cecilia Trinh
11:30 AM *John Craig req, Family
*Philip Cerria req, Mary Ellen & Bob Jakubowski
1:30 PM SPANISH MASS

Responsorial Psalm
Teach me your ways, O Lord (Psalm 25)

Readings for the Week
Monday:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Tuesday:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10;Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday:	Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20
Thursday:	Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25
Friday:	Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34
Saturday:	Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41
Sunday:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk1:21-28

Questions of the Week
Question for Children: What do you think it was like for the people in today's Gospel to be called by Jesus? What did they have to give up in order to follow him?

Question for Youth: At the start of Jesus' ministry, Jesus invites people to "believe in the Good News." What are some ways that you could be more open to the truth and challenge contained within the Gospels?

Question for Adults: If someone asked you, "To what work has Jesus called you?" how would you answer?

Sick Relatives & Friends
Mirabella Parota, Cathy (Napiorski) Harris, Jamie Nestor, Joseph Jonathan Cem, Ryan Michael, Lena Zimbardo, Nicole C. Rossi, Marieta M, Samuel & Rose M., Marina Gomez, Gloria Reichley, Shawn Ekatan, Alberto Batista, Thomas, Amanda & Christine Porcelli, Ligia Riezenman, Kat T., Marilyn Rentko, Robert & Mary Maurer, Raymond Kneckel, Craig Soper, Gail Rezmerski, Howard Chubbuck, Martin & Diane Petrucci, Anita Pintozzi, Ellen Morales, Kayla Chrostowski, Sue Romanosky, Rose Cappiello, Olga Barritta, Arnold & Luisa Franco, Lois Donohue, Franklin Pfeifer, Jr., Dan Conway, Steve Colligan, Alberto Castillo, Frank Honkisz, Nikki Honkisz, Maria Julia Perez, Ann Fitzsimmons, Judy Mraz, Wiletta Boswell, Elaine Dziuban, Jeff Beglan, Peggy Sheridan, Richard Dzivban, Eileen Donovan

In Loving Remembrance
Let us remember all our departed brothers and sisters, ***especially William Donovan and Anthony Sabba*** asking God to reward them with eternal joy and peace.

Altar Flowers
In memory of Jorge Rocha
requested by Maria Rocha

Reflection

THE VOCATION AND MISSION OF THE LAY FAITHFUL IN THE CHURCH AND IN THE WORLD (CHRISTIFIDELES LAICI of Pope St. John Paul II)

This Apostolic Exhortation was given on the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, December 30, 1988. The Pope is making a plea for a more active laity and outlines the pressing challenges posed by the world to the Church, and proposes Jesus as the hope of humanity.

#1. The lay members of Christ's faithful people (Christifideles laici), whose "Vocation and Mission in the Church and in the World Twenty Years after the Second Vatican Council" was the topic of the 1987 Synod of Bishops, are those who form that part of the People of God which might be likened to the laborers in the vineyard mentioned in Matthew's Gospel: "For the Kingdom of heaven is like a householder who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into the vineyard" (Mt 20:1-2).

#1.2 The Gospel parable sets before our eyes the Lord's vast vineyard and the multitude of persons, both women and men, who are called and sent forth by him to labor in it. The vineyard is the whole world (cf. Mt 13:38), which is to be transformed according to the plan of God in view of the final coming of the Kingdom of God.

#2.1 "And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too'" (Mt 20:3-4).

#2.2 From that distant day the call of the Lord Jesus, "You go into my vineyard too," never fails to resound in the course of history: it is addressed to every person who comes into this world.

#2.3 In our times, the Church after Vatican II, in a renewed outpouring of the Spirit of Pentecost, has come to a more lively awareness of our missionary nature and has listened again to the voice of her Lord who sends her forth into the world as "the universal sacrament of salvation." (Lumen Gentium, 48)

#2.4 "You go too." The call is a concern not only of Pastors, clergy, and men and women Religious. The call is addressed to everyone: lay people as well are personally called by the Lord, from whom they receive a mission on behalf of the Church and the world. In preaching to the people, Saint Gregory the Great recalls this fact and comments on the parable of the laborers in the vineyard: "Keep watch over your manner of life, dear people, and make sure that you are indeed the Lord's laborers. Each person should take into account what he does and consider if he is laboring in the vineyard of the Lord." (Homiliae in Evangelium 1, 19, 2: PL 76, 1155).

#2.5 The Council, in particular, with its rich doctrinal, spiritual and pastoral patrimony, has written as never before on the nature, dignity, spirituality, mission and responsibility of the lay faithful. And the Council Fathers, reechoing the call of Christ, have summoned all the lay faithful, both women and men, to labor in the vineyard: The Council, then, makes an earnest plea in the Lord's name that all lay people give a glad, generous, and prompt response to the impulse of the Holy Spirit and to the voice of Christ, who is giving them an especially urgent invitation at this moment. Young people should feel that this call is directed to them in particular, and they should respond to it eagerly and magnanimously. The Lord himself renews his invitation to all the lay faithful to come closer to him every day, and with the recognition that what is his is also their own (cf. Phil 2:5), they ought to associate themselves with him in his saving mission. Once again he sends them into every town and place where he himself is to come (cf. Lk 10:1)." (Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity Apostolicam Actuositatem, 33).

Fr. Vernon

Religious Education News

Religious Education Office phone number is 732-283-2816; the CELL number is 732-343-1132. **Our Religious Education Office is located on the second floor of the** Church.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 25**—Rel. Ed. Classes—Gr. 1—8
- **January. 26** – Parents Meeting for First Holy Communion at 7:00 – 8:30 in Church (Tuesday)
- **February 1** – Rel. Ed. Classes Gr. 1 – 8
- **February 8** – Rel. Ed. Classes Gr. 1 – 8 Second Grade – Practice in Church for First Penance
- **February 9** – First Penance at 6:30 pm. Students to be in Church at 6:00 pm(Tuesday)
- **February 15** – No Rel. Ed. Classes – Presidents' Day
- **February. 17** – Ash Wednesday

January Wedding Anniversaries

Ronald & Marietta D'Souza, 20 years
Robert & Bobbie Williams, 25 years
Mahendrakumr & Marietta Macwan, 35 years
Arthur & Lucille Grosskopf, 52 years
Norbert & Eileen Neidenbach, 55 years
Clifford & Barbara Kraft, 63 years

ST. JAMES SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week is January 30/31. Now more than ever, we need Catholic Education. Catholic Schools are one of the essential elements of our parishes and faith formation. We all have to decide to support Catholic Education and help the schools survive in these challenging times. Please consider sending your children and grandchildren to Catholic School. Fr. Thomas asks especially for your prayers and support in choosing Catholic Schools. If anyone would like to help St. James School directly, please call Fr. Thomas at 732-634-0500.

As we cannot have visitors in school right now to show all the great things we do, but you can learn all about us at the Virtual Open House Tours on our website! Click on any class to learn what makes St. James School the very best place for your child, whether a three-year-old or an eighth-grader. We are proud to show off what makes our school such a special place.

Visit our website at www.sj-school.org for a tour. Please contact Mrs. Brenda Stone at 732-634-0500 ext. 301 for enrollment questions for the 2021-2022 school year.

Offering — *giving back to God*

January 17, 2021		January 19, 2020	
In-pew	$ 7,771.50	In-pew	$ 9,313.50
Faith Direct	$ 2,558.60	Faith Direct	$ 1,493.50
Total	$10,330.10	Total	$10,807.00

Catholic Education '21		Catholic Education '20	
In-pew	$ 1,430.50	In-pew	$ 1,646.50
Faith Direct	$ 189.00	Faith Direct	$ 152.00
Total	$ 1,619.50	Total	$ 1,798.50

Dear Parishioners,

I want to thank you all for your continued tithing generosity during these still challenging times. Every donation is crucially needed.

When donating through your envelopes, I humbly ask you to place your offering in **each** envelope for current and future dates.

Mail-in/drop-off donations make up over 1/2 of our weekly collections, and at times it is complicated to break down the single checks received and make sure each weekly envelope gets the credit. With the proper breakdown, the weekly contributions are a true reflection of what is received.

Thank you, and God Bless you all!

Fr. Deniskingsley

ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

St. Francis Cathedral School, Metuchen will host informational Zoom meetings for prospective families on Sunday, January 31, 2021. Additional information and meeting links will be posted on their website, stfranciscathedralschool.org. Families interested in PreK can attend the 1pm session, grades K -3 at 2pm and grades 4-8 at 3pm. Be sure to check out the virtual tour on their website to learn more about their programs and school. Registration information will be available on their website by February 1, 2021.

For Statements of 2020 Donations

✠ Please submit a stamped, self-addressed envelope to the Parish Office.

✠ Be sure to include your envelope number with your request.

✠ Please note that all envelopes from the holidays must be posted in our offertory program before statements are issued.

✠ A statement of ***Faith Direct*** offerings must be obtained directly through your ***Faith Direct*** account.

IN GENERAL, SOME POINTS TO REMEMBER:

✠ You must be a registered parishioner for us to record your offerings and provide statements.

✠ If you must use a blank envelope or one of the non-numbered ones in the atrium and do not have your envelope number, please indicate that you have one—we will look it up.

✠ Our Counting Teams remind you to please indicate the amount you enclose in your envelopes, printing clearly.

Once we "close" the year, we can send your statement. Please be patient!

COME PRAY A ROSARY FOR LIFE

with Bishop James F. Checchio

In solidarity with those at the March for Life in Washington, DC and across the country

January 29, 2021 | 1:00 PM

Main Street
Woodbridge

You are asked to park and meet in the St. James Parish parking lot at 12:45 pm
369 Amboy Ave, Woodbridge, NJ

The rosary will be prayed in English and Spanish after the 12:10 pm daily Mass at St. James, for those who wish to attend.

FACE COVERINGS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
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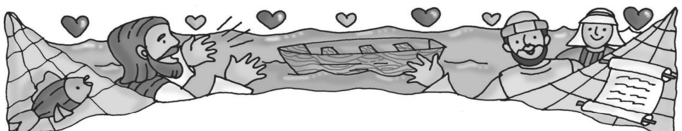
God's Word for Children



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

God had a message for Jonah to tell.
Read the sentences.
Then unscramble the last word in each to find out what happened.
(If you need help, read Jonah 3:1–5, 10.)

God sent Jonah to the city of ____________. (vnheiNe)

The people there were very ____________. (ewcikd)

To show they were sorry they wore ____________. (tccaokhsl)

God forgave them and showed them ____________. (ecmyr)

Letters from Heaven

Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make ...

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Answer: you fishers of men

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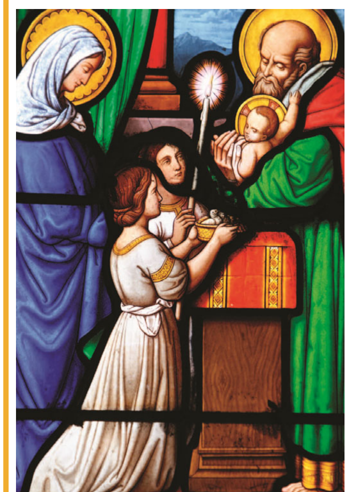
Adult Confirmation

Classes are forming for Adult Confirmation. Candidates should be baptized and received Communion. Please contact Denise Kolibas at 732-634-8515.

World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on February 2, 2020. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.



The Presentation at the Temple
WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

Prayer for Consecrated Persons

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you, and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

saint snippets

January 28

Everything I have written seems like straw compared to what I have seen and what has been revealed to me.

St. Thomas Aquinas

13th-century Dominican philosopher and theologian; patron saint of Catholic schools

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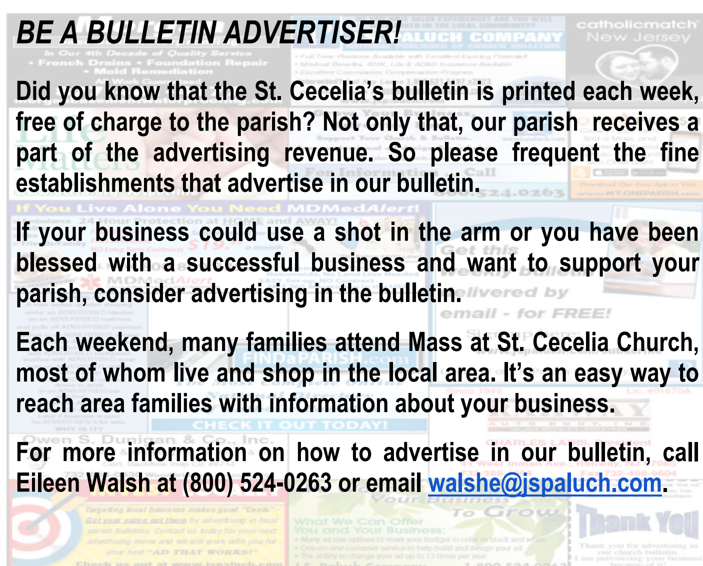

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For more information on how to advertise in our bulletin, call Eileen Walsh at (800) 524-0263 or email walshe@jspaluch.com.

January/February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
						23 *9 am Legion of Mary *11 am-12:00 pm & 3:15-4:15 pm Confessions *Collection—Parish Improvement Fund
24 *Collection—Parish Improvement Fund	25 *5:45—7:15 pm—Rel. Ed. Classes	26 *7—8:30 pm Parents meeting for Holy Communion	27 *7—9 pm RCIA	28	29	30 *9 am Legion of Mary *11 am-12:00 pm & 3:15-4:15 pm Confessions
31	1 FEBRUARY *5:45—7:15 pm—Rel. Ed. Classes	2	3 *7—9 pm RCIA	4	5 FIRST FRIDAY *No 9:15 am Mass *6 pm Adoration *7:00 pm Mass	6 *9 am Legion of Mary *11 am-12:00 pm & 3:15-4:15 pm Confessions *Collection—Snow Removal
7 *Collection—Snow Removal	8 *5:45—7:15 pm—Rel. Ed. Classes	9	10 *7—9 pm RCIA	11	12	13 *9 am Legion of Mary *11 am-12:00 pm & 3:15-4:15 pm Confessions

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CHURCH SCHEDULE DURING THE COVID-19

Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday: 7:00 am and 9:15 am
Saturday: 8:00 am
Saturday Evening Vigil Mass: 4:30 pm
Sunday Mass: 7:30 am, 9:30 am, and 11:30 am

Live-Stream Schedule

Daily Mass—9:15 am
Weekend Masses—4:30 pm, 7:30 am and 11:30 am

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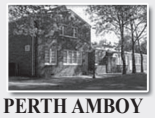

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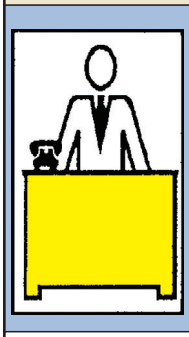

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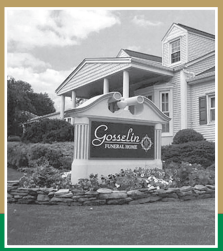
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