

From the Desk of Father Jeff



Married Couples Event:

It is a great joy to witness the love and commitment of so many married couples in our parish. The Sacrament of Matrimony is a profound reflection of Christ's love for His Church, and we are called to nurture and strengthen this beautiful covenant throughout our lives.

With this in mind, I invite all married couples to a special evening of fellowship and spiritual renewal on Saturday, October 4th. This dinner is exclusively for you, a time to step away from the daily routine and reconnect with your spouse, guided by the wisdom of our faith. The evening will feature three talks designed to inspire and enrich your married life: "Reigniting Married Love," "Redesigning Respect for Your Spouse," and "Creating a Masterpiece on Your Own Personal Canvas - God Planned for You."

This is more than just a dinner; it is an opportunity to deepen your union and grow in holiness together. May we come together as a Catholic community to celebrate the sacred vocation of marriage and receive the grace to continue building a life of love, mutual respect, and faith.

Please see page 3 of this bulletin for more information and for the QR code to register.

Supporting our First Responders:

Seeing and hearing about the many challenges our country faces today, we all should have such a deep sense of gratitude for the brave men and women who serve and protect our communities every day. Our first responders—active and retired police officers, firefighters, correction officers, emergency dispatchers and EMS personnel, and all those who risk their lives for the well-being of others—are a testament to the selfless love that Christ calls us to embody.

This Wednesday, October 1st, at 7:00 PM, our parish will host a special Blue Mass to honor and pray for these courageous individuals. A Blue Mass is a Catholic tradition that dates back to the 1930s, offering a moment to express our thanks and to ask for God's continued protection over those who stand in harm's way. The Mass gets its name from the color of the uniforms traditionally worn by law enforcement, but we will be honoring all first responders, regardless of their specific role.

This Mass is an opportunity for our entire parish family to come together and show our profound appreciation. It is a time to thank them for their dedication, their sacrifice, and their unwavering commitment to serving our community. We will pray for their safety, for their families, and for the wisdom and strength they need to carry out their difficult duties.

I invite all of you to join us for this beautiful and meaningful liturgy. Whether you are a first responder, have a family member who serves, or simply want to offer your support, your presence will be a powerful sign of our community's love and gratitude. Let us unite as the Body of Christ to pray for those who serve us, entrusting them to the care of our Blessed Mother, who watches over us all.

There will, of course, be a cookie reception afterwards in LeGras. Please join us! More info on page 4.

New Security and Safety Teams

St. Catherine Labouré Parish is looking to create two teams for very important situations during Weekend and Holy Day Masses. We are looking to form:

- a Safety Team, which will comprise medical health professional volunteers that will be able to respond to medical emergencies during Mass when needed. Most of us have been to Masses where medical emergencies have taken place and thankfully there have always been health professionals to graciously help in these situations. We are just looking to formalize this so that we are prepared as best as we can be and each Mass has scheduled volunteers to help in these situations. If you are a medical health professional who would be so kind as to volunteer their talent to help in this critical ministry, please contact Kathy Bonessi at kbonessi@verizon.net for more information by October 10th.
- a Security Team to help not only keep our Masses safe but also be able to respond immediately if a security issue arises. We pray that this never happens, but in the very rare possibility that it does, we want to be prepared accordingly. Therefore, if you are an active or retired police officer, military, or security guard and would kindly volunteer to be part of this very important ministry, please contact Patrick Hindman at phindman@scipgh.org for more information by October 10th.