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MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil----- 4:00 pm

Sunday ----- 7:30, 10:00, 12:00

Weekdays

Monday - Friday ----- 9:00 am & 12:10 pm

Saturday ----- 9:00 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (*Confession*)

Saturday ----- 11:00 to 11:30 am or call priest anytime

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM

Baptisms are celebrated on the second and fourth Sunday of each month at the 1:00 pm ceremony. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

MARRIAGE

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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Contact the Parish Office for more information.

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Monday - October 18

Saint Luke, Evangelist

- 9:00 AM + Carmela Saxton
r/o Nocera Family
- 12:10 PM + Bob Papp
r/o Kathie Sisolak

Tuesday - October 19

Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

- 9:00 AM + Mr. & Mrs. Luigi DiNizo
r/o Son
- 12:10 PM + Francesca DiMiceli
r/o Bianco Family

Wednesday - October 20

- 9:00 AM + Fr. William Driscoll
r/o Michael Burns
- 12:10 PM + Bernadine Kritzberger - 4
Year Anniversary
r/o Massori Family

Thursday - October 21

- 9:00 AM + Diane Bertolotti
r/o Galasso Family
- 12:10 PM + Brendan McManus
r/o Mary Glacken

Friday - October 22

- 9:00 AM + James Edward, Sr.
r/o Jamie Edwards &
Family
- 12:10 PM Patty Marshall –
Continued Health &
Blessings
r/o Family

Saturday - October 23

- 9:00 AM + Kathleen Gallagher
r/o Colleen, Jim and Matt
Gallagher
- 4:00 PM + Ruth & Paul Frank
r/o Anne & Stephen
Frank

Sunday - October 24

- 7:30 AM + Bill Janovsky, Jr.
r/o Al LoGuidice
Santangelo Family
r/o Ro Bersch
- 10:00 AM + People of BSC
- 12:00 PM + Angelo Porchetla
r/o Betty Jean Dilorio

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Monday, October 18

- Book Club, 10 am
- Children's Faith Formation Classes, 4:30 pm

Tuesday, October 19

- Gospel of Luke, 10 am
- Children's Faith Formation Classes, 4:30 pm

Wednesday, October 20

- Adoration, 9:45 am
- Altar Rosary Group, 1 pm
- Gospel of Luke, 7 pm

Saturday, October 23

- Confessions, 11 am

Sunday, October 24

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
World Mission Sunday*

*Please remember to pray for
those who are sick, especially*

Michael DeFelice

Trudy Spinelli

David Steck

Bogan Family



The Altar Bread and Wine is Offered
for...

Robert Basile



The Sanctuary Candle burns before
the Blessed Sacrament for...

Robert Basile

October is Right to Life Month. Please take time to read this reflection from



SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

**October 17, 2021
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

CALLED TO BE WITNESSES

A widespread mentality of the useful, the “throwaway culture” that today enslaves the hearts and minds of so many, comes at a very high cost: It asks for the elimination of human beings, especially if they are physically or socially weaker. Our response to this mentality is a decisive and unreserved “yes” to life. ... Things have a price and can be sold, but people have dignity; they are worth more than things and are above price. So often we find ourselves in situations where we see that what is valued the least is life. That is why concern for human life in its totality has become in recent years a real priority for the Church’s Magisterium, especially for the most defenseless (i.e., the disabled, the sick, the newborn, children, the elderly, those whose lives are most defenseless).

In a frail human being, each one of us is invited to recognize the face of the Lord, who in his human flesh experienced the indifference and solitude to which we so often condemn the poorest of the poor, whether in developing countries or in wealthy societies. Every child who, rather than being born, is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, bears the face of the Lord, who even before he was born, and then just after birth, experienced the world’s rejection. ... And every elderly person, even if he is ill or at the end of his days, bears the face of Christ. They cannot be discarded, as the “throwaway culture” suggests! They cannot be thrown away! ...

Be witnesses and diffusers of the “culture of life.” Your being Catholic entails a greater responsibility: first of all to yourselves, through a commitment consistent with your Christian vocation; and then to contemporary culture, by contributing to recognizing the transcendent dimension of human life, the imprint of God’s creative work, from the first moment of its conception. This is a task of the new evangelization that often requires going against the tide and paying for it personally. The Lord is also counting on you to spread the “Gospel of Life.”

Address to the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, Sept. 20, 2013.



“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.

Spend time with our Lord.

Adoration is every Wednesday after the 9 am Mass



PARISH PRAYER BOOK OF INTENTIONS

In our Parish Prayer Book, we pray for the sick, needy, struggling, suffering, etc. Every intention in our hearts! No intention is too big or too small for prayer! St. Paul reminds us:

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

Reflection written by Mary F. Kovacs Foy for St. Mary's House of Prayer

In this Gospel from Mark that will be read at Mass on Sunday, Oct 17, Jesus asks his disciples to think about their behavior towards others, especially those who are “beneath” them. The gentile rules hold their power over the people’s heads, threatening them with punishment and ruling them with fear. They expect to be served by everyone else, and probably would never consider doing anything for anyone else. Jesus warns them that this is not his vision of leadership. He has come to give to others, eventually giving his own life up on the cross. And he expects them to do the same.

In our world today, we can certainly think of examples of people in places of authority making their power known. From the teen working in fast food who must wait for a break until the shift managers has gotten theirs, to members of government making decisions to benefit themselves rather than their constituents.

But what about us: us good, God-fearing folks who go to church regularly and say our prayers and make our weekly donations? We certainly don’t do that today to each other. Or do we?

What about when we take sides in “liturgy wars”, pitting certain characteristics of our worship against each other, ready to label one more “pious” or “proper” than the other? What about our views on social issues, when we feel someone isn’t doing “enough” to help with one problem or another, or doing “too much” to level playing fields and to fairly distribute resources to all peoples? Our earth is struggling to keep up with our demands for fuel, water, and other resources. Of course, it’s the “others” who aren’t doing their share to reduce or recycle or lobby for better policies.

In any of these cases, we who believe we are “RIGHT” can certainly make others feel less, just as a Roman soldier with a sword could tear children from their parents or make someone help carry a condemned man’s cross. Jesus warns us of this behavior, reminding us that “whoever will be first among you must be the slave of all”. Maybe this doesn’t mean going around the neighborhood and mowing everyone’s lawns, but it could mean humbling our desires to always have the last word, and instead taking the time to truly LISTEN to others and see things through their eyes. We may not be asked to give our lives for another, but maybe we are asked to give up our pride for them.

For today, let’s all try to listen more than speak, to wear another’s shoes for a while before making light of their strides. Let’s seek more to be saints than debate winners. After all, isn’t that what Jesus would do?

In Mercy,

Mary F. Kovacs Foy

If you would like additional information regarding St. Mary’s House of Prayer or would like to sign up for more reflections, visit www.msmhope.org



St. Peregrine Mass
will be held on
Wednesday
October 27th at
7 pm

Please pray for our parish sick

Praying for our sick is a critical ministry for the entire parish. If you have a family member or friend who is sick and you would like our parish to lift them up in prayer, please send your names to Denise Metzgar at dmetzgar@blesseedsacramentnj.org. In addition these names can also be added to our parish prayer line.

Weekend Intentions

- 4 pm Joseph Wood
- 7:30 People of Blessed Sacrament Church
- 10:00 Cathleen Callahan
- 12 Antonio Bianco

Remembering our Deceased

The Book of the Dead

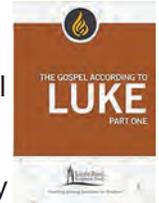
As we approach All Souls Day and November the month of All Souls, we will have our Book of the Dead in the Narthex beginning the weekend of Oct. 23-24. Parishioners are invited to record in the book deceased family members and friends they would like remembered.



Memorial Mass

We will celebrate our annual Memorial Mass for parishioners who have died this past year and have celebrated the Mass of Christian burial here at Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 7pm. The Liturgy will consist of a special candle lighting ceremony. Parish organizations are welcome to submit members of their group who have died the past year. Please provide the names to Denise Metzgar in the parish office.

You may still join us! The Gospel of Luke demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission and the compassion of God. Part One of this study includes Luke 1:1—11:54, taking the reader from the infancy narratives of John the Baptist and Jesus to their births and then to the Galilean ministry of Jesus. Commentary, study and reflection questions, prayers and access to recorded lectures are included. 6 sessions.



Session Begins: Tuesday, October 5th at 10 am or Wednesday, October 6th at 7 pm
Fee: \$25
Presenters: Fr. Brian Nolan, Doctorate in Ministry, Michael Burns, Master of Theological Studies, and Mary Foy, Master in Pastoral Studies



Choir Members Needed!

We are currently in need of choir members. If you like to sing, and can sing on pitch, why not consider being part of our music ministry? We are especially in need of men, bass and tenor. The choir is a fun group of people. Come and share your talent!

If you are interested please see Mike Burns after Mass.

Want to join a great community of people who are doing something about keeping our children and young people close to the Lord? Enjoy being around school-aged kids? Over 18 and willing to undergo Diocesan Safe Environment program, including fingerprinting and a background check?



Free Mondays and Tuesdays late afternoons/evenings? Consider joining our CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION TEAM as a classroom aide or "hallway helper"! Contact Mary Foy at mfoy@blessedsacramentnj.org

NEWS FROM THE DIOCESE...

Next Weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and part of Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

ALTAR ROSARY will be meeting on **Wednesday, October 20th** at 1 pm. All are welcome to join!



COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

Next meeting will be on **Thursday, October 21** at **7 pm.** in the Parish Hall. Mary Foy, director of Children’s Faith Formation will be joining us.

Meatloaf Needed Again for Soup Kitchen

The Council of Catholic Women provides lunch for the homeless once a month. The main item is meatloaf. Please help us with this project. Make a 2 pound meatloaf, bake it, wrap it in plastic, bag it, freeze it and put a date on it. Please bring it to the Parish Office or put it in the freezer in the Parish Center any time the church is open. If you have any questions, please phone JoAnne Bixler at 908-526-3994.



Thanks to all the Blessed Sacrament parishioners who supported the fight for life for unborn children by participating in the New Jersey Right to Life raffle during the weekend of October 9/10. The good people of Blessed Sacrament showed their generosity and support by purchasing an all-time record number of raffle tickets for one weekend of 211 tickets, far exceeding the previous weekend total of 164 back in 2016! Special thanks also to Father Brian for his support.



The winning ticket will be pulled on the evening of November 19, so keep your cell phones handy in case your number is called!

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

O Lord, be present with all those who serve our country. Comfort their spirits with your divine presence. Keep them close to You and grant them strength, wisdom and grace. Especially those in our parish family,

LtCdr Douglas Stahl, Navy

2nd Lt. Jacob J. Garrett, Army

Sgt. First Class Charles Esposito, National Guard

PFC Gennaro Castaldo, US Marine

ITSN Scott Davis, Navy

If you have a family member, relative, or friend in the military, especially overseas, or in a dangerous assignment, please let us know so we can request the prayers of our parish family. Furnish their name, rank and Branch of Service to Denise Metzgar at dmetzgar@blessedsacramentnj.org.

SAVE the DATE!



Knights of Columbus will be hosting a pasta dinner on Saturday, November 6th. Tickets will be sold after mass on weekends of October 23/24 and October 30/31. Join us for fellowship!

The Knights of Columbus will host the next blood drive on Sunday, November 14th



Martinsville Rescue Squad is

once again in need of volunteers. No experience is necessary, just a desire to help our community in time of need. All training is provided at no cost. Please contact JoAnne Bixler at jjobix@verizon.net or phone at 908-526-3994. This could be the opportunity you have been waiting for.



THE PRAYER LINE AT BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Since 1999, about 40 volunteers have been responding to prayer requests of parishioners and friends of Blessed Sacrament Church. Sometimes people need to talk with someone when they have a concern, or joy, or urgent request that they wish to share with God. If you would like to submit a prayer request or would like more information about the Prayer Line, please call Barbara Hoff at 908-647-5749 or Gloria Edwards at 908-722-4791.

Calendar Raffle

Tickets for a Calendar Raffle to benefit Mount Saint Mary House of Prayer, Watchung, will be sold after all Masses on October 16-17. Tickets are \$20 for 13 chances to win from December 2021 to February 2022.

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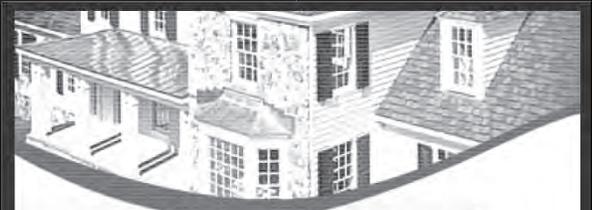
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