

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD



**All people will see
God's salvation.**

Luke 3:6

*Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka
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January 22, 2023*

CHOIR

We are fortunate enough to have a Parish Choir that has a full multi-lingual repertoire; English, Polish and Spanish. The Choir rehearses on Thursday at 7:00 PM.

Instrumentalists are welcomed, either to play solo or with our choir. A parish orchestra made up of children and adults rehearses and performs several times during the year. If you are interested in joining or for more information or just to volunteer, contact the office at (908) 756-3393.

PARISH REGISTRATION

New parishioners are most welcome and are encouraged to call the parish office and make an appointment to register. When you are moving from the parish, please notify the parish office.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Call the Office during regular hours.

STEWARDSHIP AND TITHING

Stewardship calls us to freely give of our time, talent, and treasure for the good of our parish family and community. God gives us everything! I give Him back my tithe. Tithing is God's plan to support His Church. Full tithing means 10% of gross income to God – 5% for your parish church and 5 % for other charities.

VOCATIONS

Those who are recognizing the call to the priesthood, diaconate, or the religious life are invited to speak to a priest or contact the Archdiocesan Vocations Office at 973-497-4365, or at www.rcan.org/vocation/index.htm

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY

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Saturday – January 21... St. Agnes

9:00AM... + Mark Frega, req. Family

5:00PM... + Penny Weed; Lillian and William T. Morin
req. Bill Morin

Sunday – January 22...Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Elke Biddulph, req. Mike and Frankie Parise

11:00AM...+ Renata Grezlak, req. Sister-in-law

1:00PM...+ Eva Cunningham, req. Ed and Marie Gerke

Monday – January 23... USA Day of Prayer for The Legal Protection of the Unborn Children

9:00AM...For the Health of Baby John Williams

Tuesday – January 24...St. Francis de Sales

9:00AM...+ Linda Muller, req. John and Pat Zimmerman

Wednesday – January 25...The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle

9:00AM...+ Maureen Watkins, req. Angela and Lisa Apisa

Thursday – January 26... St. Timothy and St. Titus

9:00AM...+ Theresa and Frank Addario, req. Family

Friday – January 27... St. Angela Merici

9:00AM...+ Diana Krynski, req. Family

Saturday – January 28... St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00AM... + People of the Parish

5:00PM... + Sr. Margaret Murphy,
req. Mary Ellen and Bob Chanda

Sunday – January 29...Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Maureen Watkins, req. Zena and Frank Kazmierski

11:00AM...+ Stefania i Jozef Stachowicz, req. Daughter

1:00PM...+ Linda Muller, req. Mike and Beth Venezia

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in Memory of all our Deceased Parish Family.

The Bread and Wine used at Mass for the month of January is in memory of Maria and Józef Lechowski at the request of Son Eddie.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially **Carter Razz, Dennis Knapp, Theresa Salerno, Percy Ramsammy, Lisa Motos, Peter Price, Baby John Williams and Nancy Toth.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the Faithful Departed.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 8:23—9:3

The prophet Isaiah describes the anguish of a conquered people, but he promises that they will triumph and will see a great light as on the "day of Midian."

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10—13, 17
Paul speaks to the Corinthians with both anger and indignation because they are quarreling among themselves as to whom they should show allegiance. Some wish to follow Paul; some, Peter; others Apollos; others, Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his mission by going to Capernaum, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. He selects Peter, Andrew, James and John as his disciples, inviting them to be "fishers of men."

Please pray for our Parishioners in the Military:
SSG Katarzyna Czajka, US Army
Ryan Percy, USN
Declan Cossidy, US ARMY

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MARY ELLEN CHANDA
JOHNNY SKALSKI

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Contact Rectory for appointment.

Reconciliation

After all daily Masses and Saturday,
4:30m to 5:00pm, or by appointment.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made one year in
advance. Contact Office for
appointment.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact Office for appointment for
home bound or infirmed.

The 2023 Annual Appeal has begun!

Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or join us for In-Pew Weekend on February 4th-5th.



How to Report Abuse

Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

Mass Schedule:

Monday - Saturday

9:00 AM

Saturday: 5:00 PM Mass

In English

Sunday: 9:00 AM Mass

In English

11:00 AM Mass in Polish

1:00 PM in English

Office Hours:

Monday – Friday

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki



3 NIEDZIELA ZWYKŁA

Papież Franciszek ustanowił III niedzielę zwykłą w ciągu roku jako poświęconą celebracji, refleksji oraz krzewieniu Słowa Bożego. Zachęcamy do codziennej lektury Pisma św.

To Dobra Nowina Jezusa zmienia świat i serca.

„«Nawracajcie się, albowiem bliskie jest królestwo niebieskie» – to wezwanie jest jak potężny promień światła, przenikający ciemności i przecinający obłoki”. Chrystus pierwsze kroki podczas swojego nauczania skierował na obrzeża, w miejsca przenikania się ludów i kultur.

Wraz z przyjściem Jezusa, będącego światłością świata, Bóg Ojciec okazał ludzkości swoją bliskość i przyjaźń, całkowicie za darmo i bezinteresownie. To w tej perspektywie możliwe jest nawrócenie. Najpierw jest inicjatywa Boga, potem przychodzi odpowiedź człowieka.

Nawrócenie nie jest jedynie osobistym wysiłkiem

„Wiele razy okazuje się, że nie można zmienić swojego życia, zejść z drogi egoizmu i zła, porzucić grzechu, ponieważ wysiłek nawrócenia koncentruje się tylko na samych sobie i na własnych siłach, a nie na Chrystusie i Jego Duchu. Ale naszego przystąpienia do Pana nie można sprowadzać do osobistego wysiłku, nie: to byłby również grzech pychy, uwierzcie w to; nasze przyłgnięcie do Pana nie może ograniczyć się do osobistego wysiłku. Powinno się ono natomiast wyrażać w ufnej otwartości serca i umysłu, aby przyjąć Dobrą Nowinę Jezusa. To Słowo Jezusa, Dobra Nowina Jezusa, Ewangelia zmienia świat i serca! Jesteśmy zatem powołani, by zaufać słowu Chrystusa, otworzyć się na miłosierdzie

Ojca i dać się przemienić łaską Ducha Świętego.”

Podobny proces przechodzili pierwsi uczniowie: spotkanie z Nauczycielem, z Jego spojrzeniem, Jego Słowem dało impuls, aby za Nim pójść oraz zmienić swoje życie. To dzięki nim orędzie Jezusa do nas dotarło. I my także naśladując pierwszych zwiastunów i posłańców Słowa Bożego możemy pójść śladami Zbawiciela, aby nieść nadzieję tym, którzy są jej spragnieni – zaznaczył Ojciec Święty.

„Aniol Panski” Franciszek 26 stycznia 2020

AKADEMIA NA DZIEŃ BABCI I DZIADKA

W niedzielę, 22 stycznia w kościele po polskiej mszy świętej odbędzie się Akademia z Okazji Dnia Babci i Dziadka przygotowana przez uczniów naszej szkoły. Zapraszamy Rodziców, Babcie i Dziadków!

ZEBRANIA SZKOLNE

W piątek, 27 stycznia odbędzie się zebranie nauczycieli.

W niedzielę, 29 stycznia po polskiej mszy świętej odbędzie się zebranie rodziców z wywiadówką

Koleda 2023

Proszę wypełnić formularz można dostarczyć do Biura Parafialnego, w niedzielę zostawić w zakrystii, albo w koszyku ze składką.

Mozna też zrobić zgłoszenie dzwoniąc na tel 9087563393 ext. 33

email pastor@bestchurch.net



WORD

STEWARDSHIP "...He called them and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (MATTHEW 4:22)

Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss. R.

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.



BLESSING OF HOMES

We continue the tradition to bless the home during the Season.

If anyone would like to bless their home as a family activity, a package with the blessed chalk and the prayer both in English and Polish will be available in the church and in the office.

COMMUNITY BUILDING

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



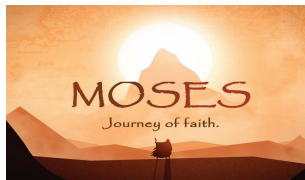
The next K of C Meeting is **Sunday, January 29** after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Center. If you would like more information about the Knights of Columbus, please contact John Beckman at

jabeckman111@gmail.com

PARISH SHAWL MINISTRY

The Parish Shawl Ministry is assisting the St. Anne Society with gifts for the mothers served by United Families here in Plainfield. They will be making scarves to give all the mothers who will be receiving the shower gifts.

SIGHTS & SOUND TRIP SCHEDULED



There are only a few seats available to see **Moses on Thursday, April 20th 2023**. Please let us know if you are

interested. The cost will be \$170 for the bus, show tickets and dinner. **Sign-up is on a first come basis and your 1st deposit paid guarantees your seat.** Money is non-refundable - used as a donation to church. The final payment is due by February 6th. If you would like to sign-up please contact Lisa at lcapbeckman@outlook.com or Linda at lknowlesma@comcast.net

ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY ANNUAL BABY SHOWER

St. Anne Society will host the annual Parish Baby Shower on Sunday, February 12, 2023 after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Center. We will be accepting diapers size 1-5, onesies, 12M-6T, and all sizes of baby socks to be distributed to Plainfield moms in need. We also put together gifts for the mothers to make them feel special. We invite all our parishioners to help with this service project supporting family life and their needs, which is the mission of the St. Anne Society. Please bring your articles to the open area of the church or the Parish Office. Your donation can be dropped off any time in the Parish Office during regular business hours.

ST. ANNE'S SOCIETY VALENTINE'S PARTY

On Tuesday February 7th at 6:30 PM in the Parish Office.

We will have a candy and snack collection from January 22nd to February 6th. Our party will consist of making 75 Valentine gift bags for the Park Hotel. Every year the Park Hotel has a party for the residents and for the past 4 years we have been putting small packages together for them. This year the St. Anne Society will prepare the gift bags with candy and extras. We will be using some of the mittens and socks the Women's Group has been collecting to add to our bags. Appetizers and wine will be served, cost is \$35. All in attendance will wear red. Please let Ms. Linda know if your will be attending at lknowlesma@comcast.net.

OUR LADY ROSARY MAKERS

The members of Our Lady Rosary Makers met last week to prepare packages of beads for stringing. We could use some help. It's not really hard to do and can be done at home. Just string the 5 decades of the rosary and and return them to be finished with the cross. If you are interested and can lend a helping hand, please call the office and let us know. Anything you can do is appreciated.

Thank you Thank you Thank you

The United Families and Children's Society sends their heartfelt thanks to our parishioners once again for showering the families with love and support with gift cards. These cards allowed them to help families in so many ways not only at Christmas but through the coming weeks and months. Thank you again to all.

YOUTH

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes have begun. If your child is going to be absent, please contact the office to let us know.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW ACADEMY ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE

St. Bartholomew Academy will host an Open House on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 11:30am to 2:00pm. For more information contact Maureen Doherty at: 908-322-4265.

WORD



ROSARY DEVOTION

The next Rosary Sunday is February 5th. There will be no meeting, however the Rosarians will gather together to pray the Rosary after the 9AM Mass. **Everyone is welcome**

to join the Rosarians in praying the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed on a regular basis every day before the 9:00AM Mass. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed after the Rosary on Thursdays with Benediction at 11:00AM.

EMMAUS BOOK CLUB RETURNS

Tuesday, March 7th at 6:00PM
the group will come together to discuss the book.....



The Fisherman's Tomb by John O'Neill.

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Collection for January 15

In Pew.....3,109.00

On Line.....898.00

Total for January 15.....4,007.00

Christmas Collection will be reported next week.

**They abandoned
their nets
and followed him.**



Calendar of Events

SUNDAYS:

January 22...Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... Mass in English
11:00AM...Mass in Polish
1:00PM... .Mass in English

January 29...Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... Mass in English
Knights of Columbus Meeting after Mass
11:00AM...Mass in Polish
1:00PM... .Mass in English

February 5...Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM... Mass in English
11:00AM...Mass in Polish
1:00PM... .Mass in English

MONDAYS:

January 23, 30; February 6, 13, 27

5:30PM...Polish School

TUESDAYS:

February 7

6:30PM...St. Anne's Society Valentine Party

WEDNESDAYS:

January 25; February 1, 8, 15, 22

6:30PM... Religious Education Class

THURSDAYS:

January 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23

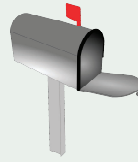
10:00 AM –11:00 AM...Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament after Mass
11:00AM.... Benediction

FRIDAYS:

SATURDAYS:

January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18 , 25

4:30PM... Confession
5:00PM... Mass in English



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners

The readings for this Sunday inspire us to understand that Jesus has saved us and we are called to spread that good news to others. In the first reading we hear that Jesus ushers in a new era of freedom and salvation. The psalm reaffirms that the Lord is our salvation. In the 2nd reading Paul reminds us that we must be united in our efforts to evangelize. And in the Gospel, we hear Jesus calling Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John to join him in spreading the Good News.

The Good News is an announcement of the Kingdom of God that comes with Christ. Together with the Apostles we are invited to respond promptly in our daily activities. In our daily lives, we experience Jesus' presence and witness that we are his followers.

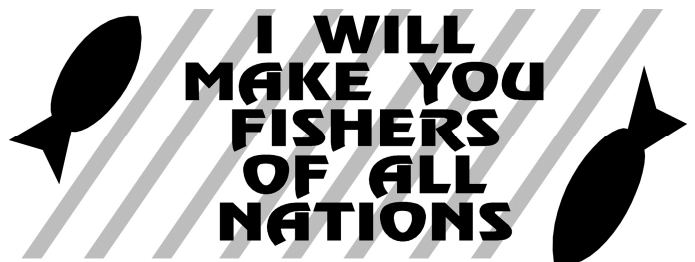
The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is the Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019. The Word of God has power to transform our lives. Let us allow the Word of God to touch our lives and transform them in the same way as He transformed the lives of his disciples.

In the Love of God,

Fr. Marcin Fuks

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