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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM – English

10:30AM – Polish

12:00PM – English

1:30PM – Spanish

LET EVERY HEART *Prepare*



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed
or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm

By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Saturday – August 9... St. Teresa Benedicte of the Cross
9:00AM...+Yolanda and Bernardo Colletta, req. Angela Negri
5:00PM...+ Eloise Dian, req. Family

Sunday – August 10...19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM... + Maureen Watkins, req. John and Theresa Cosmas
10:30AM...+ Krystyna Plewa, od Błazejowicz z Rodziną
12:00 Noon...+ Bill Buehler, req. Kathy Merklinger
1:30PM ... People of the Parish

Monday – August 11... St. Clare
9:00AM...+ Luis E. Cuartas, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Tuesday – August 12...St. Jane Frances deChantal
9:00AM...+ Antonio and Lucia Simeone, req. Family

Wednesday – August 13...Sts. Pontian and Hippolytus
9:00AM...+ Rigoberto Cuartas Duque, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Thursday – August 14... St. Maximilian Kolbe
9:00AM...+ Viola Pratt, req. Johanna Merkle

**Friday – August 15...The Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00AM... Salvatore and Raffaele Mandato, req. Angela Negri
7:00PM...+ Jarosława Stalenyj, od Syn z Rodziną
...+ Karol Wojewódka, z parafii

Saturday – August 16... St. Stephen of Hungary
9:00AM... Gods Blessings for the starving
Palestine People in Gaza
5:00PM...+ Diana Krynski, req. Daughter and Family

Sunday – August 17...20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00AM...+ Elke Biddulph, req. Family
10:30AM...+Tomczyk Rodzina, od Wisniewski z Rodziną
+ Karol Wojewódka, z parafii
12:00 Noon...+ Frank Kelly, req. Family
1:30PM ... People of the Parish

CHOIR

The choir is on a break for the Summer!!

Are you thinking about joining the Choir?

Well then... →



If you are interested in more information, you may call the office, or stop by after 9AM Sunday Mass to talk to our Cantor. There are some beautiful voices in our congregation...We would love for you to join to enhance our Choir.

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

The Bread and Wine for the **Month of August is in Memory of Karol Wojewódka at the request of our Parish Family.**

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Cathy and Jack Rooney, Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky, and Anne Bollwage.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed.**

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

In this excerpt, the Israelites are reminded that they were warned before God sent an angel to slay the first born of the Egyptians. God called on them to have courage, and then rewarded them by punishing their enemies and leading them from captivity.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Faith is described as true belief even toward things we cannot see. Abram's faith in God was so deep that he wandered through a foreign land, convinced God's promise of a homeland was sincere. God honored his promise to give Abram many descendants, and was proud of the deep faith Abram and his people possessed.

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Jesus encourages us to be prepared for his return at all times, for he will come when we least expect him. He tells of a master who entrusts his home to his servants, and fully expects them to be awaiting his return. In the same manner, Jesus can arrive at any moment and expects us to be prepared for his return.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on a regular basis on Saturdays at 4:15PM and on Sunday mornings after Masses as well as after weekday Masses simply by requesting a celebration of the Sacrament.



ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after the Rosary concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.



Religious

Education

2025 - 2026

Late Registration:

August 18–September 8

-Plus, Late fee of \$20-

Registration received after September 8, will incur a late fee of \$50.

Mark Your Calendars!



Newark Archdiocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

**Basilica of the National Shrine
of the Immaculate Conception**

Washington, DC

Saturday, October 18, 2025



Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.S.R.

We are inviting you to join our
parish for a one-day pilgrimage
to Washington DC.

**Those interested, please
contact the office!!!**





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

XIX niedziela zwykła "C"

Pomyśl, na co najczęściej patrzysz, czemu uporczywie się przyglądasz. To, co najczęściej i najdłużej zatrzymuje twój wzrok odsłania, gdzie jest twoje serce, a więc, co jest twoim skarbem. Św. Paweł mówi: „A kiedy ktoś zwraca się do Pana, zasłona opada. Pan zaś jest Duchem, a gdzie jest Duch Pański - tam wolność. My wszyscy z odsłoniętą twarzą wpatrujemy się w jasność Pańską jakby w zwierciadle; za sprawą Ducha Pańskiego, coraz bardziej jaśniejąc, upodabniamy się do Jego obrazu.” (2 Kor 3, 16-18)

Jesteśmy ludźmi bardzo interesownymi i pilnujemy swoich skarbów, nie pozwolimy, żeby ktoś nas uprzedził w interesie i potrafimy dobrze czuć, żeby nasz interes dobrze się kręcił. Nie dośpisz, nie dojesz, nie odpoczniesz, nie pójdziesz na miłe spotkanie, zawsze znajdziesz wykręt, wytłumaczenie, żeby tylko nie przepadł twój zysk. Znów pomaga na św. Paweł swoim świadectwem: „Ale to wszystko, co było dla mnie zyskiem, ze względu na Chrystusa uznałem za stratę. I owszem, nawet wszystko uznaję za stratę ze względu na najwyższą wartość poznania Chrystusa Jezusa, Pana mojego. Dla Niego wyzułem się ze wszystkiego i uznaję to za śmieci, bylebym pozyskał Chrystusa i znalazł się w Nim - nie mając mojej sprawiedliwości, pochodzącej z Prawa, lecz Bożą sprawiedliwość, otrzymaną przez wiarę w Chrystusa, sprawiedliwość pochodzącą od Boga, opartą na wierze - przez poznanie Jego: zarówno

mocy Jego zmartwychwstania, jak i udziału w Jego cierpieniach - w nadziei, że upodabniając się do Jego śmierci, dojdę jakoś do pełnego powstania z martwych” (Flp 3, 7-11).

Eucharystia w moim życiu. Okazuje się, że Pan uczy przez Eucharystię umiejętności czuwania. Gdy nie oczekujesz Go w Eucharystii, nie czekasz na Jego Paschę, Jego przejście, gdy jest proklamowane Jego Słowo, gdy On przechodzi w Sakramencie Swojego Ciała i Krwi, przegapiłeś moment, kiedy On pukał i zapraszał na spotkanie ze Sobą, by ci usługiwać. Eucharystia uczy także wierności, tak jak On wiernie wykonał to, co polecił Mu Ojciec: „Moim pokarmem jest wypełnić wolę Tego, który Mnie posłał i wykonać Jego dzieło” (J 4, 34).

Jesteśmy potrzebni temu światu, który pozostaje w nocy, by nieustannie ta noc, rozświetlana była światłem nadziei i by wzywać świat do nawrócenia, aby porzucił noc złego i szukał Tego, który jest Dniem, bo Pan naprawdę przyjdzie jak złodziej i ograbi ze wszystkiego, co nie „jest skarbem w niebie”.

ks. Robert Muszyński, Lublin

15 Siepnia, Piątek – Wniebowzięcie NMP

Msza PL o godzinie 7PM

26 Sierpnia – 7PM St. Helen, Westfield NJ

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- > Klasy: Przedszkole - Liceum (klasa maturalna)
- > Aktywna społeczność: uczniowie, rodzice i nauczyciele
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- > Prawie 25 lat doświadczenia z wykwalifikowaną kadrą pedagogiczną

St. Maximilian KolbeAugust 14th

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born as Raymund Kolbe on January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland, part of the Russian Empire. He was a Polish Conventual Franciscan friar and a martyr in the German death Camp of Auschwitz during World War II.

St. Maximilian Kolbe was very active in promoting the Immaculate Virgin Mary and is known as the Apostle of Consecration to Mary. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12. "That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

One year after his vision, Kolbe and his elder brother, Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. In 1910, Kolbe was given the religious name Maximilian, after being allowed to enter the novitiate, and in 1911, he professed his first vows.

At the age of 21, Kolbe earned a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He would also earn a doctorate in theology by the time he was 28.

St. Maximilian Kolbe organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) after witnessing demonstrations against Pope St. Pius X and Benedict XV. His goal was to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons and he would do so with the intercession of Mary.

In 1918, he was ordained a priest and continued his work of promoting Mary throughout Poland. Over the next several years, Kolbe took on publishing. He founded a monthly periodical titled, "Rycerz Niepokalanej" (Knight of the Immaculate).

He also operated a religious publishing press and founded a new Conventual Franciscan monastery at Niepokalanów, which became a major religious publishing center.

Kolbe also founded monasteries in both Japan and India. To this day, the monastery in Japan remains prominent in the Roman Catholic Church in Japan.

In 1936, Kolbe's poor health forced him to return home to Poland, and once the WWII invasion by Germany began, he became one of the only brothers to remain in the monastery. He opened up a temporary hospital to aid those in need. When his town was captured, Kolbe was sent to prison but released three months later.

Kolbe refused to sign a document that would recognize him as a German citizen with his German ancestry and continued to work in his monastery, providing shelter for refugees - including hiding 2,000 Jews from German persecution. After receiving permission to continue his religious publishing, Kolbe's monastery acted as a publishing house again and issued many anti-Nazi German publications.

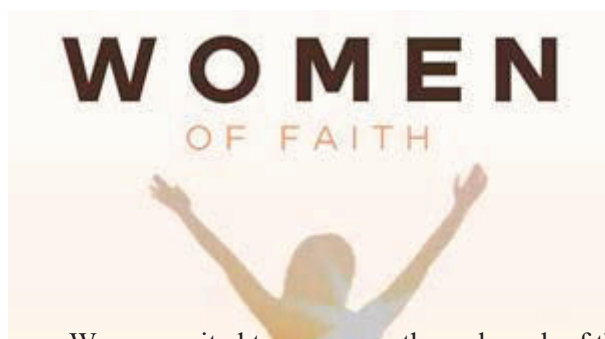
On February 17, 1941, the monastery was shut down; Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz.

Never abandoning his priesthood, Kolbe was the victim of severe violence and harassment. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family.

It is said during the last days of his life Kolbe led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and remained calm. He was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation. The guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. The stories tell that he raised his left arm and calmly awaited death.

St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14th, and his remains were cremated on August 15, the same day as the Assumption of Mary feast day.

Recognized as the Servant of God, Kolbe was beatified as a "Confessor of the Faith" on October 17, 1971 by Pope Paul VI and canonized by Pope John Paul II on October 10, 1982. Pope John Paul II declared Kolbe not a confessor, but a martyr.



We are excited to announce the re-launch of the **Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group at St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka!** This revitalized ministry invites women of all ages and backgrounds to deepen their relationship with Christ, build meaningful connections with one another, and live out their faith through prayer, Scripture, service, and fellow monthly gatherings will focus on the lives of women in the Bible, like Sarah, Judith, Esther, and Mary, offering rich insights and spiritual inspiration. Each session will include prayer, faith-sharing, discussion, and time for fellowship over food. We will also offer special Lenten programming, service opportunities, and parish events.

Whether you're a mother, grandmother, student, professional, or seeking a place to belong, this group is for you. We support each other wherever we are on our faith journeys, and we believe every woman has a role to play in the life of the Church.

Why are women's faith groups so important?

They provide sacred spaces for women to grow spiritually, share their struggles and joys, and find strength in community. In today's fast-paced, often isolating world, women need places where they are seen, heard, and valued, not only for what they do, but for who they are in Christ. Faith groups offer encouragement, deepen biblical understanding, and create lasting friendships rooted in Christ's love. They also empower women to become spiritual leaders in their homes, parishes, and communities.

Together, we discover that we are not alone, and that through our stories, prayers, and support, we become more fully alive in our faith. Women's groups are places of healing, purpose, and mission, where we can listen to God and to each other, discerning how the Spirit is calling us to serve and grow.

Join us and become part of a vibrant sisterhood dedicated to growing in faith and love.

Our first meeting will be held in September in the Parish Center. Stay tuned for more details, and bring a friend! For more information or to be involved in the planning, please contact Mary Landriau, mlandriau703@verizon.net.

NEWARK ARCHDIOCESE JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE October 18th

If you are interested in going to Washington for the Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please call the office. We need to know how many people are interested in order to arrange for a bus. Buses book early, and we need to be assured we are able to reserve one, or share with another Parish.

STEWARDSHIP

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." LUKE 12:34

Jesus encourages us to build up our treasure in heaven. The world encourages us to build up our treasure in real estate, investments, and material goods. How much time are you investing in building up a worldly treasure? How much time are you investing in building up a heavenly treasure? To invest more in the things of heaven, you must let go of some of the things of this world.



Domingo 19^o del Tiempo Ordinario

"Porque donde esté su tesoro, allí también estará su corazón." LUCAS 12:34

Jesús nos anima a construir nuestros tesoros en el cielo. El mundo nos anima a construir nuestros tesoros en bienes raíces, inversiones y cosas materiales. ¿Cuánto tiempo invierte en construir un tesoro terrenal? ¿Cuánto tiempo invierte en construir su tesoro celestial? Para invertir más en las cosas del cielo, debe dejar ir algunas de las cosas de este mundo.



ANNUAL ²⁰²⁵ APPEAL

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From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday's Gospel speaks to us about the desire for the definitive encounter with Christ, a desire that keeps us ever ready, alert in spirit, for we anticipate this encounter with all our heart, with all our being. This is a fundamental aspect of life. It is a desire that we all share, whether explicit or secret, that we have hidden in our heart.

A heart full of desire. We all have desires. The poor ones are those who have no desire, no desire to go forward, toward the horizon; and for us Christians this horizon is the encounter with Jesus, the very encounter with Him who is our life, our joy, our happiness.

The One who sows love in our hearts is God. It is precisely God's love that gives meaning to our small daily tasks and helps us face the great trials. This is the true treasure of humankind: going forward in life with love, with that love which the Lord has sown in our hearts, with God's love. This is the true treasure. But what is God's love? It is not something vague, some generic feeling. God's love has a name and a face: Jesus Christ. Love for God is made manifest in Jesus.

Therefore, we are on the pilgrimage to discover the love of God in our lives. We cannot love other people if we don't know Christ. It is a love that gives value and beauty to everything else; a love that gives strength to the family, to work, to study, to friendship, to art, to all human activity. It even gives meaning to negative experiences, because this love allows us to move beyond these experiences, not to remain prisoners of evil. It moves us beyond, always opening us to hope.

Love of God in Jesus always opens us to hope, to that final horizon of our pilgrimage. In this way our labors and failures find meaning. Even our sin finds meaning in the love of God because this love of God in Jesus Christ always forgives us. He loves us so much that He always forgives us.

Fr. Marcin

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