

# *The Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux & St. Stanislaus Kostka*

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# PEOPLE WILL COME FROM NORTH, SOUTH, EAST AND WEST INTO THE REALM OF GOD.



## **NEW MASS SCHEDULE**

### **SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION**

5:00PM- English

### **SUNDAY**

9:00AM – English

10:30AM – Polish

12:00PM – English

1:30PM – Spanish

### **CHURCH ADDRESS**

1235 George Street  
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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

**Saturday – August 23... St. Rose of Lima**

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

5:00PM... Health of James Rushforth, req. Parish Family

**Sunday – August 24...21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**9:00AM... Birthday Blessings for Helen Caglin,  
req. Mathias Family10:30AM...+ Zofia Kapolka (2<sup>nd</sup> Anniv.), req. Son and Family

12:00 Noon...+ Thomas Skiratko, req. Kathy Merklinger

1:30PM ... People of the Parish

**Monday – August 25...St. Louis, St. Joseph Calasanz**

9:00AM... Antonio Vastino, req. Lisa and Angela

**Tuesday – August 26... Weekday**

9:00AM...+ All Souls, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

**Wednesday – August 27...St. Monica**

9:00AM...+ Pedro Zapata, req John and Theresa Cosmas

**Thursday – August 28...St. Augustine**

9:00AM... +Stefania and Giuseppe Ragozzino, req. Family

**Friday – August 29... The Passion of****St. John the Baptist**

9:00AM...+ All Souls, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

**Saturday – August 30...Weekday**

9:00AM...People of the Parish

5:00PM... + Josephine Gabrukiewicz, Birthday Blessings  
in Heaven, req. Granddaughter Karole and Family**Sunday – August 31...22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM...+ Catherine Pellerano, req. Family

10:30AM... Za zmarłych z rodziny Błazejowicz i Dziuba  
od rodziny Błazejowicz.12:00 Noon...+ Viola Morano (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv.), req. Morano Family

1:30PM ...+ Leonardo Cuartas, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas Family

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in **Memory of Cosmo Toto 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the request of wife Alice and Family.**

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

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky, Jackie Kush-Powers, and Jim Rushforth.**

**OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** for all the **Faithful Departed especially Pedro Zapata.**

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Isaiah 66:18- 21**

Isaiah portrays a time when people from many nations will gather in Jerusalem and proclaim God's glory. God's messengers will teach many nations about God. Just as the Israelites bring offerings, these messengers will bring people from all nations to worship.

**Second Reading: Hebrews 12:5- 7, 11-13**

The Hebrews are told that God disciplines those he loves. When a parent disciplines a child, the child usually learns what is expected of him. The Hebrews are encouraged to face life's trials as a form of discipline, and attempt to learn something from them.

**Gospel: Luke 13:22- 30**

Jesus warns that the door to God's kingdom will be locked for those who ignored his wishes. Many people will come from all nations and take their place in God's kingdom. Others will not be recognized by God, and he will reject them.

**STEWARDSHIP****21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last."* LUKE 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?

**Domingo 21<sup>o</sup> del Tiempo Ordinario**

*"Y he aquí, hay últimos que serán primeros, y hay primeros que serán últimos."* LUCAS 13:30

Nuestros estándares culturales son diferentes a los estándares de Dios. A menudo clasificamos a las personas por lo que tienen, por o por qué tan poderosos o exitosos son. Jesús nos recuerda que Dios no nos juzgara usando el mismo estándar terrenal. Cuando Dios te pregunte, ¿Qué has hecho con los dones que yo te di? ¿Cómo le responderás?



# 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.Ss.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

### XXI niedziela zwykła "C"

*Z konstytucji duszpasterskiej o Kościele w świecie współczesnym Gaudium et spes Soboru Watykańskiego II*

Nie znamy czasu, kiedy ma się skończyć ziemia i ludzkość, ani nie wiemy, w jaki sposób wszechświat ma zostać zmieniony. Przemija wprawdzie postać tego świata zniekształcona grzechem, ale pouczeni jesteśmy, że Bóg gotuje nowe mieszkanie i nową ziemię, gdzie mieszka sprawiedliwość, a szczęśliwość zaspokoi i przewyższy wszelkie pragnienia pokoju, jakie żywią serca ludzkie. Wtedy to, po pokonaniu śmierci, zmartwychwstaną synowie Boży w Chrystusie, i to, co było wsiane w słabości i zepsuciu, odzieje się nieskazonością, a wobec trwania miłości i jej dzieła całe to stworzenie, które Bóg uczynił dla człowieka, będzie uwolnione od niewoli próżności.

Słyszemy wprawdzie, że na nic człowiekowi się nie przyda, jeśli cały świat zyska, a siebie samego zatraci. Oczekiwanie jednak nowej ziemi nie powinno osłabiać, lecz ma raczej

pobudzać zapobiegliwość, by uprawiać tę ziemię, na której wzrasta owo ciało nowej rodziny ludzkiej, mogące dać pewne wyobrażenie nowego świata. Przeto, choć należy starannie odróżniać postęp ziemski od wzrostu królestwa Chrystusowego, to przecież dla królestwa Bożego nie jest obojętne, jak dalece postęp ten może się przyczynić do lepszego urzędnienia społeczności ludzkiej.

Jeżeli rozszerzymy po ziemi w duchu Pana i wedle Jego zlecenia godność ludzką, wspólnotę braterską i wolność, to znaczy wszystkie dobra natury oraz owoce naszej zapobiegliwości, to odnajdziemy je potem na nowo, ale oczyszczone ze wszystkiego brudu, rozświetlone i przemienione - gdy Chrystus odda Ojcu wieczne i powszechne królestwo: królestwo prawdy i życia, królestwo świętości i łaski, królestwo sprawiedliwości, miłości i pokoju. Na tej ziemi królestwo obecne już jest w sposób tajemniczy; urzeczywistnienie zaś jego nastąpi z przyjściem Pana.

**26 Sierpnia – 7PM St. Helen, Westfield NJ**

**Msza Sw. dla Polonii z Union County, na rok Jubileuszowy**

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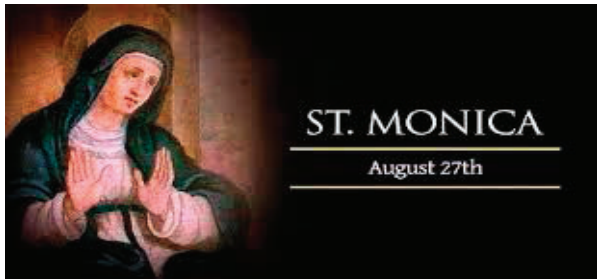
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**Oferujemy:**

- Zajęcia w poniedziałki: 5:30 - 8:00 pm
- Klasy: Przedszkole - Liceum (klasa maturalna)
- Aktywna społeczność: uczniowie, rodzice i nauczyciele
- Przedstawienia, konkursy, warsztaty, wycieczki szkolne, wspólnie wydarzenia z okazji Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Wielkanocy, bal karnawałowy, piknik szkolny, oraz dużo więcej!
- Prawie 25 lat doświadczenia z wykwalifikowaną kadrą pedagogiczną



## The Saint of the Week



Saint Monica, also known as Monica of Hippo, is St. Augustine of Hippo's mother. She was born in 331 A.D. in Tagaste, which is present-day Algeria.

When she was very young, she was married off to the Roman pagan Patricius, who shared his mother's violent temper. Patricius' mother lived with the couple, and the duo's temper flares proved to be a constant challenge to young Monica.

While Monica's prayers and Christian deeds bothered Patricius, he is said to have respected her beliefs.

Three children were born to Monica and Patricius: Augustine, Navigius, and Perpetua. Unfortunately, Monica was unable to baptize her children, and when Augustine fell ill Monica pleaded with Patricius to allow their son to be baptized.

Patricius allowed it, but when Augustine was healthy again, he withdrew his permission.

For years Monica prayed for her husband and mother-in-law, until finally, one year before Patricius' death, she successfully converted them.

As time passed, Perpetua and Navigius entered the religious life, but unfortunately Augustine became lazy and uncouth. This greatly worried Monica, so when Patricius died, she sent the 17-year-old Augustine to Carthage for schooling.

While in Carthage, Augustine became a Manichaean, which was a major religion that saw the world as light and darkness, and when one died, they were removed from the world of matter and returned to the world of light, which is where life comes from.

After Augustine got his education and returned home, he shared his views with Monica, who drove him from her table. Though it is not recorded how much time passed, Monica had a vision that convinced her to reconcile with her wayward son.

Monica went to a bishop, who told her, "the child of those tears shall never perish."

Inspired, Monica followed Augustine to Rome, where she learned he had left for Milan. She continued her perusal and eventually came upon St. Ambrose, who helped her convert Augustine to Christianity following his seventeen-year resistance.

Augustine later wrote a book called *Confessions*, in which he wrote of Monica's habit of bringing "to certain oratories, erected in the memory of the saints, offerings of porridge, bread, water and wine."

When Monica moved to Milan, a bishop named Ambrose told her wine "might be an occasion of gluttony for those who were already given to drink," so she stopped preparing wine as offerings for the saints.

Augustine wrote: "In place of a basket filled with fruits of the earth, she had learned to bring to the oratories of the martyrs a heart full of purer petitions, and to give all that she could to the poor - so that the communion of the Lord's body might be rightly celebrated in those places where, after the example of his passion, the martyrs had been sacrificed and crowned."

After a period of six months, Augustine was baptized in the church of St. John the Baptist at Milan. The pair were led to believe they should spread the Word of God to Africa, but in the Roman city of Civitavecchia, Monica passed away.

Augustine recorded the words she imparted upon him when she realized death was near. "Son, nothing in this world now affords me delight. I do not know what there is now left for me to do or why I am still here, all my hopes in this world being now fulfilled."

She was buried at Ostia, and her body was removed during the 6th century to a hidden crypt in the church of Santa Aurea in Ostia, near the tomb of St. Aurea of Ostia.

In 1430, Pope Martin V ordered her relics to be brought to Rome and many miracles were reported to have occurred along the way. Later, Cardinal d'Estouteville built a church to honor St. Augustine called the Basilica di Sant'Agostino, where her relics were placed in a chapel to the left of the high altar. She is a patron of wives and abuse victims.

# WOMEN OF FAITH

## Calling all Women of Faith!

We are excited to share the Fall meeting schedule for the re-launch of the Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group at St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka.

Our first gathering will be **Thursday, September 25, 2025, from 5:30–7:00 PM in the Parish Center, with additional fall meetings on October 23, November 20, and December 11 at the same time.**

Each evening will include prayer, Scripture reflection, faith-sharing, and fellowship, with a light dinner served. All women are warmly invited to join us as we grow together in faith, friendship, and service. Bring a friend and be part of this vibrant community!

**Please call the Parish to RSVP, so we can plan for food.** For more information, please contact

**Mary Landriau at**  
**mlandriau703@verizon.net.**

## 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.

## 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.



## 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.*

## CHOIR

The choir has been on a break for the Summer, and will be returning soon.

Why not join. →



Practice will be on Thursday evenings.

If you are interested in more information, please 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.

## NON-PERISHABLE FOOD COLLECTION

We continue to collect food in the open area of the church for Starfish to be distributed throughout the Union County area. Dates should be current and food **non-perishable**. Thank you for all your support.



Thank you so much for your generous donations to the animal shelter on Rock Avenue. Bags of dog food and cat food as well as rabbit food were dropped off to the Rock Avenue facility. On behalf of our furry friends – **Thank You!**

# ANNUAL <sup>2025</sup> APPEAL

**We are grateful to share that we have made our goal for the 2025 Annual Appeal!!!**

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## From Fr. Marcin's Desk

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on the theme of salvation. Jesus was journeying from Galilee towards Jerusalem when someone asked Him: "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" Jesus does not answer the question directly: there is no need to know how many are saved; rather it is important to know which path leads to salvation. And so it was that Jesus replied saying: "Strive to enter by the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able."

The image of the door recurs in the Gospel on various occasions and calls to mind the door of the house, of the home, where we find safety, love and warmth. This door is Jesus himself. He is the entrance to salvation. He leads us to the Father, and the door that is Jesus is never closed. It is always open and to all, without distinction, without exclusion, without privileges. Jesus is waiting for you to embrace you, to pardon you. Do not be afraid: He is waiting for you. Take heart, have the courage to enter through His door. Everyone is invited to cross the threshold of this door, to cross the threshold of faith, to enter into His life and to make Him enter our life, so that He may transform it, renew it and give it full and enduring joy.

In our day we pass in front of so many doors that invite us to come in, promising a happiness which later we realize lasts only an instant, exhausts itself with no future. Do not be afraid to cross the threshold of faith in Jesus, to let Him enter our life more and more, to step out of our selfishness, our closure, our indifference to others so that Jesus may illuminate our life with a light that never goes out. It is not a firework, not a flash of light! No, it is a peaceful light that lasts forever and gives us peace.

This narrow door is the Cross that we are invited daily to enter together with Christ. He asks us to open our hearts to Him, to recognize that we are sinners in need of His salvation, His forgiveness and His love in order to have the humility to accept His mercy and to let ourselves be renewed by Him. Jesus tells us in the Gospel that being Christians does not mean having a "label!" To be disciples of Christ we need to be in truth and heart. *Being Christian is living and witnessing to faith in the Cross that gives us life.*

**Fr. Marcin**



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