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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

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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

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK


Saturday – October 4...St. Francis of Assisi

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

5:00PM...+ Merle Thompson, req. Cheryl Russell
and Camille Sands**Sunday – October 5...27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM ... + Ruth and Bill Sullivan, req. Daughter Gayle

10:30AM... + George Sipos (5. rocznica śmierci),
od wnuki Kapolka

+ Kazimierz Wojewodka, od przyjaciół

+ Karol Wojewodka, od przyjaciół

12:00 Noon...+ Catherine Onuska,
req. Daughter Theresa and Family

1:30PM...+ Alicia Pastrana, req. Parish

Monday – October 6...St. Bruno and**Blessed Marie Rose Durocher**

9:00AM...+ Johnathan Russell,

req. Cheryl Russell and Camille Sands

Tuesday – October 7...Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00AM...+ Luis Enrique González, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Wednesday – October 8... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Xana Pascale, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Thursday – October 9...St. Denis and St. John Leoardi

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

Friday – October 10... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Rose Elwood Schaunessy, req. Family

Saturday – October 11...St. John XXIII

9:00AM... + Jane and John Nero, req. Family

5:00PM... Luzaida Morales-Russell, Birthday Blessings

Sunday – October 12...28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM ... +All of our Religious Education Students this year

10:30AM... + Grzegorz Grzelak, od Siostry i Rodziny

+ Sylwester Jemiolo, (6. rocznica),

od Sabiny Nowak i Rodziny

12:00 Noon...+ Edward Hreniuk, req. Wife and Children

1:30PM...People of the Parish

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week in **Memory of Jerry Signorelli at the request of the Family.**

The Bread and Wine for the **Month of October** is in **Memory of Jerry Signorelli at the request of Peter and Beverly Cirino.**

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

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed especially for Alicia Pastrana.**

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4**

The prophet Habakkuk cries out despairingly to God because of the state Jerusalem has fallen into. He asks why God does nothing to stop the violence and misery. God assures him that a time will come when only the just and faithful will live.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6- 8, 13-14

Paul writes to Timothy from prison and urges him to continue to spread the gospel without fear or shame. He also tells Timothy to draw upon the strength of the Holy Spirit to help him face the hardships he will encounter while preaching.

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus replies that "faith the size of a mustard seed could transplant a sycamore," indicating that a person either has faith, strong and complete, or none at all. Jesus also explains that a servant will not receive gratitude for simply following his master's orders. In the same way, we are all God's servants doing no more than our duty when we obey God's commands.

STEWARDSHIP**27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 TIMOTHY 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith; we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

Domingo 27º del Tiempo Ordinario

"Porque Dios no nos dio un espíritu de cobardía, sino fortaleza, amor y de dominio de nosotros mismos." 2 TIMOTEO 1:7

Muchos de nosotros fraccionamos nuestra Fe, la manifestamos solamente cuando asistimos a Misa o a un evento parroquial. Ser buenos administradores requiere disciplina y poner siempre a Dios de primero en todo. La próxima vez que esté en una fiesta de su vecindario o en el trabajo o de compras, ¿sus palabras y acciones demostrarían a los demás que es un buen y fiel siervo de nuestro Señor?



Invitation to Attend Your Parish Session

Cardinal Tobin invites all of the faithful to participate in a parish listening session. At your parish session you will learn more about the We Are His Witnesses initiative and your planning area and will see multiple draft model options to consider for the respective planning area. There will be small group discussion and facilitated large group feedback. If your parish has more than one Listening Session, the information presented at both is the same.

You are encouraged to review the planning area information and draft models in preparation for attending your parish session-they will all be available at:

www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org

Parish listening sessions

1. Tuesday, October 28th at 6PM

2. Thursday October 30th at 6PM

In the Gym

Both sessions in English

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Classes have began last Wednesday at 6:30pm

Classes are in the school building. Entrance from **365 Emerson Ave.** Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45. All Religious Education children **are required** to attend Sunday Mass every weekend and have their booklet signed.

Knights Of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus will hold a council meeting on **Sunday, October 12th**, in the parish center, following the 9:00 AM Mass.



We encourage all members to attend. For any questions, please contact John Beckman at jabeckman111@gmail.com.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

For those Catholics who did not complete their full initiation (Catholics who may have been baptized but who were never confirmed or received First Communion), or are non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, we offer the time of preparation on **October 6th (this Monday!) at 7:00PM in the parish office.**

If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Catholic Church, or about becoming Catholic, please contact:

Fr. Bernardo, at vicar@bestchurch.net.



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

XXVII Niedziela Zwykła

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Do właściwego odczytania dzisiejszej perykopy należy zwrócić uwagę na jej kontekst poprzedzający i następny oraz na jej strukturę. Jezus zmierza do Jerozolimy „Gdy dopełniły się dni Jego wzięcia z tego świata, postanowił udać się do Jeruzalem”. Wysłał przed sobą posłańców, żeby przygotowywały mu drogę w miejscowościach, do których zamierzał przyjść.

Taka była droga do Jerozolimy, na Golgotę, którą przeszedł Jezus „sługa Jahwe” objawiając miłość i miłosierdzie Ojca każdemu człowiekowi z osobna i całemu światu. Po drodze formował ze swoich uczniów apostołów, czyli posłanych, by miłość i miłosierdzie Boga docierało w każdym pokoleniu do wszystkich „ubogich” i „zgubionych”, a więc świadomych siebie i swojej sytuacji bez Boga. Posługiwanie apostołskie jest ze swej natury bezinteresownym daniem miłości, której się wcześniej doświadczyło i otrzymało od Pana. Píše o tym wspaniale św. Paweł, który moc miłosierdzia Bożego poznał na własnej skórze jak nikt inny: „Nie jest dla mnie powodem do chluby to, że głoszę Ewangelię. Świadom jestem ciężącego na mnie obowiązku. Biada mi, gdybym nie głosił Ewangelii! Gdybym to czynił z własnej woli, miałbym zapłatę, lecz jeśli działam nie z własnej woli, to tylko spełniam obowiązki szafarza. Jakąż przeto mam zapłatę? Otóż tę właśnie, że głosząc Ewangelię bez żadnej zapłaty, nie korzystam z praw, jakie mi daje Ewangelia. Tak więc nie zależąc od nikogo, stałem się niewolnikiem wszystkich, aby tym liczniejsi byli ci, których pozyskam. Dla Żydów stałem się jak Żyd, aby pozyskać Żydów. Dla tych, co są pod Prawem, byłem jak ten, który jest pod Prawem - choć w rzeczywistości nie byłem pod Prawem - by pozyskać tych, co pozostawali pod Prawem. Dla nie podlegających Prawu byłem jak nie podlegający Prawu - nie będąc zresztą wolnym od prawa Bożego, lecz podlegając prawu Chrystusowemu - by pozyskać tych, którzy nie są pod Prawem. Dla słabych stałem się jak słaby, by pozyskać słabych. Stałem się wszystkim dla wszystkich, żeby w ogóle ocalić przynajmniej niektórych. Wszystko zaś czynię dla Ewangelii, by mieć w niej swój udział”.

Zapytaj, po co ci wiara? Dlaczego chcesz więcej wiary i modlisz się o jej pomnożenie? Czy widzisz jak Jezus prowadzi cię do twojej Jerozolimy? Jeśli dziś rodzi się w tobie wołanie „Panie, dołóż mi wiary!” to jest to bardzo ważny i dobry znak. Może w obliczu różnych faktów, sytuacji rodzinnych, związanych z pracą, z wypełnianiem twojej misji życiowej, powołania, wychowywania dzieci a zwłaszcza nastolatków, sytuacji na twojej parafii, plebanii czy klasztorze, itd. wyrwa się z ciebie właśnie takie wołanie: Panie, dołóż wiary! To może znaczyć, że Jezus



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- Aktywna społeczność: uczniowie, rodzice i nauczyciele
- Przedstawienia, konkursy, warsztaty, wycieczki szkolne, wspaniałe wydarzenia z okazji Świąt Bożego Narodzenia i Wielkanocy, bal karnawałowy, piknik szkolny, oraz dużo więcej!
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chce ci dać więcej zrozumienia swego Krzyża i wprowadzić cię w tajemnicę mocy Krzyża. To, co było twoim zabezpieczeniem życiowym, gwarantem bezpieczeństwa zostało odcięte. Finanse zawodzą, miłość zawodzi, przyjaźnie zawodzą, człowiek zawodzi, zdrowie zawodzi, ale otwierają się oczy na to, czego do tej pory nie widziałeś, na głęboki sens życia, na jego prawdziwy smak, a nie sztucznie nakręcany telewizyjną iluzją. Jeśli się nie zbuntujesz i pozwolisz Jezusowi prowadzić dalej, On „dołoży” ci wiary i nie zginiesz, wody śmierci nie ugaszą Jego miłości. On wyrwie cię z ziemi przekleństwa i przesadzi cię jak morwę w morze, abyś mógł głosić innym Chrystusa, przynosić im nadzieję, być apostołem Jego miłosierdzia, bo sam żyjesz dzięki Niemu.

Widzisz ile trzeba pracy, ile trzeba zaangażowania własnego życia, czy wręcz zaryzykowania własnym życiem, żeby Pan „dokładał” nam wiary? Wiara to nie sielanka, nie jest jak gwiazdka z nieba, która rozwiązuje bez wysiłku wszystkie nasze problemy. Wiara to zaangażowanie miłości – na całość! aby „paść”, „orać”, „przygotowywać posiłek”, „usługiwać”, „wykonywać wszystko, co polecono”. Trochę strach bierze przed proszeniem o taką wiarę!

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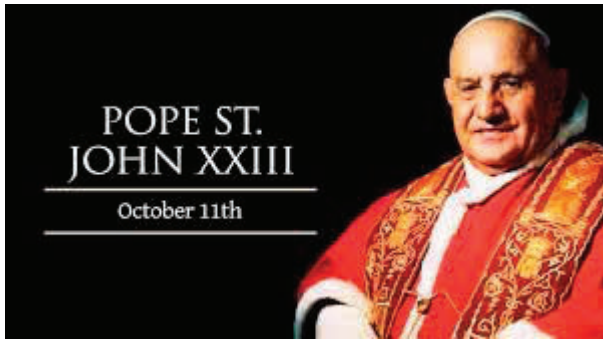
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Rzeczy przynosimy w workach. Oddzielnie pakujemy buty i zabawki.

The Saint of the Week

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, who would be Pope John XXIII was born in the small village of Sotto il Monte in Italy, on November 25, 1881. He was the fourth of fourteen children born to poor parents who made their living by sharecropping.

Roncalli's career within the Church began in 1904 when he graduated from university with a doctorate in theology. He was ordained a priest thereafter and soon met Pope Pius X in Rome.

By the following year, 1905, Roncalli was appointed to act as secretary for his bishop, Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi. He continued working as the bishop's secretary until the bishop died in August 1914. The bishop's last words to Roncalli were, "Pray for peace." Such words mattered in August 1914 as the world teetered on the brink of World War I. Italy was eventually drawn into the war and Roncalli was drafted into the Italian Army as a stretcher bearer and chaplain.

Roncalli did his duty and was eventually discharged from the army in 1919. Free to serve the Church in new capacities he was appointed to be the Italian president of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, handpicked by Pope Benedict XV.

Then in February 1925, Roncalli was summoned to the Vatican and given a new mission. This time he was sent to Bulgaria as the Apostolic Visitor to that country. Later, he was appointed apostolic delegate to Turkey and Greece.

Beginning in 1935, racial tensions and anti-Jewish sentiment began to explode into actual acts of violence against the Jews and other ethnic minorities. Roncalli started using his influence to save what people he could from the depredation of both local authorities and later the Nazis. During his tenure as archbishop, Roncalli saved thousands of Jews, enough that he was named a "Righteous Gentile" following the war.

In late 1944, the Church was anxious to remove clergy in France that had collaborated with the Nazis in various forms. Roncalli was appointed as the new papal Nuncio and sent to France to

negotiate the retirement of bishops who were involved with the Nazis.

In 1952, Roncalli was offered a new position, this time as Patriarch of Venice. At the same time, he assumed his new title, Roncalli became the Cardinal-Priest of Santa Prisca. He assumed his new responsibilities on March 15, 1953.

Roncalli's papal predecessor died on October 9, 1958, and he was soon summoned to Rome where he was to participate in the process of selecting a new pope. The College eventually settled on Roncalli for election, and he accepted, saying "I will be called John," a surprising choice because of that name's association with schism.

As Pope John XXIII, he immediately began to change the culture in the Vatican. On Christmas, 1958, he resumed the papal practice of making visits to the community within the official Diocese of Rome. He visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners.

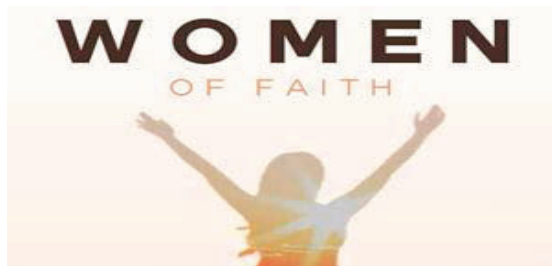
It was originally expected that Pope John XXIII would only serve a short time before passing away and that he would make no significant changes to Church practice. Perhaps his most influential decision was the call for an ecumenical council which would be known as Vatican II. As a result of this council, many practices of the classic Church would be altered with a new emphasis on ecumenism and a new liturgy.

Pope John XXIII addressed several topics of importance to Catholics around the world. He prohibited the use of contraceptives which interfere with the procreative will of God. He upheld the traditional view that married couples may not divorce. He also moved to protect the Church from scandal, ordering confidentiality when dealing with matters of clergy accused of the sexual abuse of children. How his request to the bishops of his time was interpreted remains subject to debate.

By late 1962, Pope John XXIII had executed most of the work for which he would be known. He was, like his own sister before him, diagnosed with stomach cancer, which was a terminal diagnosis for that time.

In his last months, he offered to negotiate peace between the Soviet Union and the United States, then at the height of the Cold War. The offer, although declined, was popular in both countries. In the wake of the news, John XXIII was the first pope to be honored as the Time Magazine Man of the Year.

Pope John XXIII did the best he could although his health and doctors were failing. On June 3, 1963, Pope John XXIII died in his bed at age 81.



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. **If you have not attended our first meeting you are still invited to join. The next meeting is Thursday, October 23rd from 5:30–7:00 PM in the Parish Center, with additional fall meetings on 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.

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 Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM. Next Rosary

Meeting is Sunday October 5th after the 9AM Mass in the Parish Center.

October is the Month of the Rosary. The Rosary will be prayed in the church on Tuesdays in October at 1:00PM.



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CHOIR

Our choir is back! Why not join us.

Practice is in the church on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM. If you are interested come to our practice or stop by after 9AM Sunday Mass to talk to our Cantor. We would love for you to join in to enhance our Choir.

PRE-CANA Preparation

For all the engaged couples who are planning to get married or those who are married civilly and would like to receive the sacrament of matrimony, we will offer a course of Pre-Cana on Thursday nights.

Starting: **October 23rd**, Thursdays
at 8:00PM

Place: Office building

If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Marcin or Fr. Bernardo.

CHAIR EXERCISE

Patty Casterline has offered to lead us once again in the Chair Exercises. We are planning for Tuesday afternoons for 6 weeks starting **October 7th at 1:30PM in the Parish Center.** If you are interested, please call the office ... or just come on October 7th



ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We offer Chapel on Sundays during the 9AM Mass. During the readings and Gospel, the children leave the congregation with a teacher and discuss the Gospel according to their level of understanding.

We are in need of assistants for Chapel on Sundays, 9AM Mass. This would only be one Sunday a month during Mass, and a full lesson will be planned for you. Please contact Karole in the office for more information.

Mark Your Calendars!

Newark Archdiocesan Jubilee Year Pilgrimage

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Saturday, October 18, 2025



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



**If you are interested in going to Washington for the
Jubilee Year Pilgrimage, please call the office.
Those interested, please contact the office!!!**

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.

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From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today, the Reading from the Gospel begins like this: "The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith!'" It seems that we can all make this our invocation. Let us too, like the Apostles, say to the Lord: "Increase our faith!" Yes, Lord, our faith is small, our faith is weak and fragile, but we offer it to you as it is, so that you can make it grow.

How does the Lord answer us? He responds: "If you had faith as the size a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be rooted up, and be planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." A mustard seed is tiny, yet Jesus says that faith this size, small but true and sincere, suffices to achieve what is humanly impossible, unthinkable. And it is true! We all know people who are simple, humble, but whose faith is so strong it can move mountains! Let us think, for example, of some mothers and fathers who face very difficult situations; or of some sick, and even gravely ill, people who transmit serenity to those who come to visit them. These people, because of their faith, do not boast about what they do, rather, as Jesus asks in the Gospel, they say: "We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty." How many people among us have such strong, humble faith, and what good they do!

In this month of October, that is dedicated in a special way to missions, let us bear in mind the many missionaries, men and women, who in order to bring the Gospel have overcome obstacles of every kind-they have truly given their lives. As St Paul says to Timothy: "Do not be ashamed then of testifying to our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God." This, however, is for us all; each one of us in our own daily lives can testify to Christ by the power of God, the power of faith. The faith we have is miniscule, but it is strong with this power to testify to Jesus Christ, to be Christians with our life, with our witness!

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