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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

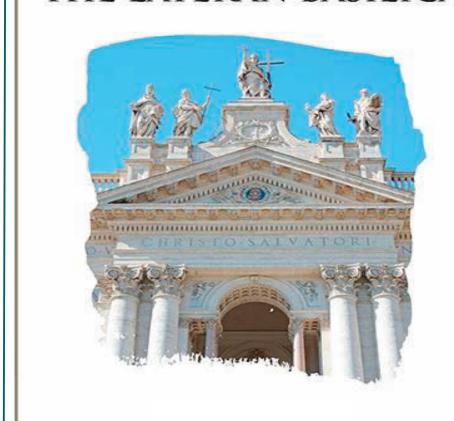
SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM - English 10:30AM - Polish 12:00PM - English 1:30PM - Spanish

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA



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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm By request: After Mass

Sunday - Saturday: Mornings



Saturday – November 8...Weekday

9:00AM...+ Deceased Members of the Negri and Mone Families, req. Angela Negri

5:00PM...+ Felix Estevez (4th Anniv.), req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – November 9...Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Stewardship Sunday)

9:00AM ...+ Antonio Simeone (10th Anniv.), req. Family 10:30AM... Błogosławieństwa Boże z okazji urodzin Szymon Błażejowicza, od Babci

+ Antoni Miasik, od żony

12:00 Noon...+ Robert Chanda, req. Johanna Merkle 1:30PM... People of the Parish

Monday - November 10...St. Leo the Great

9:00AM...+ William Populus, Birthday in Heaven, req. Wife Marilyn

Tuesday – November 11... St. Martin of Tours 9:00AM... All Veterans Living and Deceased

Wednesday – November 12...St. Josaphat 9:00AM...+ All Souls

Thursday – November 13... St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 9:00AM...+ Cuartas-Duque Family, req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

Friday – November 14... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello

Saturday – November 15... St. Albert the Great

9:00AM... Birthday Blessings for my wife, req. Ed 5:00PM...+ Elke Biddulph (3rd. Anniv.), req. Family

Sunday - November 16...

9:00AM ...Blessings for Fr.Frank Rose and Fr.Andrew Prachar for 35th year of Ordination, req. Parish Family

10:30AM...+ zmarlych z rodziny Grzelak i Kuron

+ Karol Wojewodka,

12:00 Noon... + All Souls Departed

1:30PM... + All Souls Departed



STEWARDSHIP

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?" I CORINTHIANS 3:16
Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for **Jerry Signorelli at the request of Beverly and Peter Cirino.**

The Bread and Wine for the Month of November is in Memory of **Antonio Simeone at the request** of Daughter Maria and Family.

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**.

DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

This reading from the Prophet Ezekiel tells of the streaming, healing waters that flow from the temple. These waters restore life to the river's inhabitants as well as the fruit bearing trees along its banks. It is believed that the water signifies blessings, whereas the lack of signifies trouble, hardship.

Second Reading:1 Corinthian 3:9c-11, 16-17 Paul compares us to a building whose foundation has been laid by Jesus. As the people of God, we can only be solid if we are grounded in Christ.

Gospel: John 2:13-22

Near the time of Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem and saw the temple had become a marketplace. He became angry and proceeded to drive out the vendors and livestock. Jesus spoke of destroying the temple and rebuilding it in three days. The Jews did not know Jesus was speaking of his body, but when his resurrection from the dead came to pass, his disciples remembered what Jesus had said and came to believe the Scripture and the word Jesus had spoken.

La Dedicación de la Basílica Laterana

"¿No saben que ustedes son templo de Dios y que el Espíritu de Dios habita en ustedes?" 1 CORINTIOS 3:16

Simplemente hay que recordar que somos "templos del Espíritu Santo", eso debería hacer nuestras decisiones diarias relativamente fáciles. Si nosotros realmente queremos imitar a Jesús, entonces nuestras palabras y acciones deben reflejar el amor, la misericordia y el perdón que brotan de su Sagrado Corazón. Por una semana trate de recordar que somos templos del Espíritu Santo y vea como eso afecta su manera de vivir.



Religious Classes Wednesday 6:30pm – 7:45pm

Classes are in the school building.

Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45PM.

All Religious Education children are required to attend Sunday Mass every weekend and have their booklet signed.



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. The next meeting, is Thursday, November 20 in the Parish Center 5:30-7:00PM, with an additional fall meeting on 12/11/2025.

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.

Our Women's Group will be collecting nonperishable food items to help replenish local pantries that are struggling to meet increased need due to the government shutdown. All parishioners are invited to assist us by leaving donations in the designated receptacles in the church vestibule before November 20. Thank you for your help in this service project.

Vocation Appeal

Next Weekend November 15-16th we will have a visit of few seminarians from:



Redemptoris Mater Seminaries are missionary diocesan seminaries located throughout the world. The seminarians here receive the same theological formation as the other diocesan seminarians. Although they come from all over the world, upon completion of their formation, they are ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Newark like Fr. Marcin and Fr. Bernardo.

A characteristic of these Redemptoris Mater Seminaries is that they are international: they are for the whole world and at the service of the Church. Its mission is forming priests in the Archdiocese of Newark and abroad, wherever the Good News needs to be proclaimed, so that the Word of the Lord, "Go out and preach the gospel to all the nations," may be fulfilled.

There will be an extra collection after the Mass, for those who want to help the formation of the future priests.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

Mondays at 7:00PM in the parish office.

Please contact: Fr. Bernardo, at

vicar@bestchurch.net.

Best Church Seniors.

BestChurch Seniors Meeting for November will be on Thursday, November 13th at 12:30PM, celebrating Thanksgiving. All seniors or almost seniors are

invited to attend. Sr. Eileen from Mt. St. Mary will be our guest speaking on Thankfulness. We don't realize in these uncertain days how much we are truly thankful for. So come join us, and as always...feel free to bring a friend.

Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki ROCZNICA POŚWIĘCENIA BAZYLIKI LATERAŃSKIEJ

Kazanie św. Cezarego z Arles, biskupa

Umiłowani bracia, dzięki dobroci Chrystusa obchodzimy dziś z radością i weselem rocznicę poświęcenia tej świątyni. Prawdziwą jednak i żywą świątynią mamy być my sami. Niemniej jednak chrześcijanie słusznie obchodzą uroczystość macierzystego kościoła, bo wiedzą, że w nim dostąpili duchowego odrodzenia. O ile bowiem przez pierwsze narodzenie byliśmy "naczyniami zasługującymi na gniew Boga", o tyle dzięki drugiemu staliśmy się "naczyniami miłosierdzia". Pierwsze narodzenie sprowadziło na nas śmierć, drugie powołało na powrót do życia.

Najmilsi, przed chrztem wszyscy byliśmy mieszkaniem szatana, po chrzcie staliśmy się świątyniami Chrystusa. A jeśli uważniej zastanowimy się nad zbawieniem naszej duszy, zrozumiemy, że jesteśmy żywą i prawdziwą świątynią Boga. Bóg mieszka nie tylko "w świątyniach zbudowanych ręką ludzką", nie tylko w domu uczynionym z drzewa i kamieni, ale przede wszystkim w duszy, stworzonej na obraz Boga ręką samego Stwórcy. Tak właśnie mówił święty Paweł Apostoł: "Świątynia Boga jest święta, a wy nią jesteście".

Chrystus przyszedł i wyrzucił szatana z naszych serc, aby przygotować w nas świątynię dla siebie. Ile tylko potrafimy, starajmy się z Jego pomocą tak postępować, aby z powodu złych czynów świątynia ta nie doznała szkody. Kto bowiem źle postępuje, wyrządza krzywdę Chrystusowi. A zatem jak już powiedziałem, zanim Chrystus nas odkupił, byliśmy



mieszkaniem szatana; potem dostąpiliśmy łaski, aby stać się mieszkaniem Boga; Bóg bowiem zechciał uczynić w nas mieszkanie dla siebie.

Toteż, najmilsi, jeśli chcemy obchodzić w radości rocznicę poświęcenia świątyni, nie wolno nam złymi czynami rujnować w sobie żywych świątyń Bożych. Powiem tak, aby wszyscy mogli zrozumieć: Jakim chcemy oglądać kościół, ilekroć doń przychodzimy, tak też powinniśmy przygotować nasze dusze.

Chcesz, aby bazylika była piękna? Nie zaśmiecaj swej duszy brudem grzechów. Jeśli chcesz, aby bazylika lśniła blaskiem, pamiętaj, że i Bóg pragnie, aby twa dusza nie była mroczna. Niechaj - jak mówi Pan - tak świeci w was światło dobrych czynów, aby uwielbiony był Ten, który jest w niebie. Podobnie jak ty wchodzisz do tego oto kościoła, tak Bóg pragnie wejść do świątyni twej duszy, zgodnie ze słowami obietnicy: "Zamieszkam i będę chodził pośród nich".



9 listopada – 3:30PM Msza dla Polonii w Katedrze Newark

10 listopada – Biało-Czerwony Turniej Wiedzy: "Polskie – Gry o Niepodległość!" od godz. 7:00 PM – zajęcia na sali gimnastycznej: gry, quizy i konkursy



Saint Martin of Tours was born in in Savaria, Pannonia in either the year 316 or 336 AD. That region is what is today the nation of Hungary. His father was a tribune, which is a high-ranking officer in the Imperial Horse Guard. Martin and his family went with his father when he was assigned to a post at Ticinum, in Northern Italy. It is here that Martin would grow up.

Just before Martin was born, Christianity was legalized in the Roman Empire and the bloody persecution of Christians soon came to an end. The Gospel message soon flourished in ancient Rome, transforming the empire. Martin's parents were pagans, but at the age of 10, Martin chose to respond to the call of the Gospel and become a Christian.

At the age of fifteen, Martin was required to follow his father into the cavalry corps of the Roman military. As a young soldier, Martin encountered a beggar in Amiens. The beggar was unclothed and it was very cold. Martin removed his cloak and with his sword, he cut it in half. He gave this half to the beggar and dressed himself in the remnant. That night, Martin had a vision in which Christ appeared to him. The vision spoke to him, "Martin, a mere catechumen has clothed me." A catechumen is one who is being instructed in the Christian faith. In the early centuries of Christianity, that was a long process of instruction - and Martin was deeply dedicated to it.

About the age of 20, Martin made clear to his superiors that he would no longer fight, following his formed Christian conscience. He refused his pay prior to a battle and announced he would not join in the combat. He became the first recognized conscientious objector in recorded history. His proclamation occurred before a battle near the modern German city of Worms. His superiors accused him of cowardice and ordered that he be imprisoned. Martin offered to demonstrate his sincerity by going into battle unarmed. This was seen as an acceptable alternative to jailing him, but before the battle could occur, the opposing army agreed to a truce and no conflict took place. Martin was subsequently released from military service.

Now out of the military service, Martin could fully dedicate himself to service of Jesus Christ and the Church. He traveled to Tours where he began studying under Hilary of Poitiers.

Martin turned to confronting a growing heresy which was afflicting the faithful and sowing confusion. He became involved in countering the Arian heresy, which denied the divinity of Jesus Christ. The reaction against him was so violent from the Arian leaders that he was compelled to flee.

He established a monastery which would be inhabited by the Benedictines. The Liguge Abbey was established in 361. From the site of his abbey, Martin worked to bring people to faith in Jesus Christ and Baptism into His Church in the surrounding areas. He was an extraordinary evangelist.

In 371, the city of Tours needed a new Bishop and the people decided to call Martin to the office. Martin did not want the job so the people decided to trick him into the office. The people insisted he was needed to administer to someone sick, so he came out as quickly as he could. He did not even bother to improve his appearance. When he learned it was a trick to make him a Bishop, Martin actually tried to hide. He was quickly discovered, and the people called him forward to be ordained to the office of Bishop. Even though he did not really want the office, he was ordained - and he became a holy and hardworking Bishop.

As a Bishop Martin established a system of parishes to manage his diocese. He made a point to visit each parish at least once per year. In addition to his appointed rounds, Martin combated paganism, particularly the Druid religion which was still prevalent at the time. He passionately and faithfully proclaimed the Gospel of Jesus Christ and won many to the Christian faith.

Martin died in Candes-Saint-Martin, Gaul in 397. Saint Martin is the patron of the poor, soldiers, conscientious objectors, tailors, and winemakers. Many locations across Europe have also been placed under his patronage. His feast is on November 11. He commonly appears on horseback and is shown cutting his cloak in half with a sword.

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

Knights Of Columbus

Any man 18 years or older who wishes to be a Knight can go to kofc.org and click on sign up, or contact



jabeckman111@gmail.com.

The K of C has many services to offer, and being a member is very rewarding.

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.

ROSARY BAKE SALE



Weekend of November 22 and 23 after all the Masses.

ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We offer Chapel on Sundays at 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 for about 10 minutes. We are in need of assistants for Chapel on Sundays at the 9AM Mass. This would only be **one**Sunday a month during Mass, and a lesson is planned for you to assist in this class. Please contact Karole or call the office for more information.

This is also a great opportunity for our Confirmation Students to earn service hours.



Flower Donations

Thank you all for your ongoing generous flower donations. It makes our church look so lively and beautiful, and it is **very much** appreciated.

Baptismal Preparation

For all new parents who want to baptize their children, please contact the office. This year we have begun a new pastoral for the baptism of children. The baptismal talks will be given at the homes of the parents. One of the priests accompanied by a family will give a preparation at the homes. The aim of the catechesis is to illuminate the Christian faith in the lives of the parents and to invite them to live the sacrament seriously, so that they will be able to fulfil their mission in transmitting the faith and to live the sacrament that they are asking for their children.

PRE-CANA Preparation

Thursday nights in the Office at 8:00PM.

ALTAR SERVERS

Be joyful to serve at the altar, to be closer to Jesus!



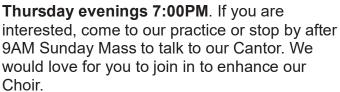
Serving God as an Altar Server is a wonderful way to grow in faith as well as in responsibility, friendship, and other virtues. Altar Servers make a difference! If you are interested in participating at Mass as an Altar Server, please contact Fr. Bernardo.

CHAIR EXERCISE

Patty Casterline leads the Chair Exercise Classes on Tuesday afternoons 1:30PM in the Parish Center. Classes will conclude next week. All are still welcome to just show up.

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St. Bernard and St. Stanislaus Parish – Financial Report

INCOME - Sunday & Holy	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
Days Offerings	267,418	254,220
-Christmas Collection	15,045	18,044
- Easter Collection	14,082	16,343
- Rental Income	180,069	215,950
- Societies Account &		
Religious Ed Income	5,938	49,001
- Candle Revenue	2,237	3,123
- All other Income	5,290	8,656
 Restricted Gifts 	77,522	229,437
- Interest Income	24,296	25,946
TOTAL INCOME	591,899	820,724
EXPENSE		
 Salaries & Benefits 	186,958	169,656
 Contract/Professional Service 	- , -	37,095
- Repairs & Maintenance	30,985	78,668
- Insurance – Property & Auto		102,504
 Utility Expense 	70,725	110,469
- Liturgical &Operating Supplie		35,645
- Rectory Provisions	22,282	13,215
- RCAN Assessments	23,984	129,583
- Assistance to others	4,507	6,140
- All Other Costs	10,995	112,404
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENCES:		
TOTAL OF LIVATING EXPLIN	595,259	795,379
SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)	(3,359)	25,345

From Fr. Marcin's Desk Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Today as we celebrate the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (the mother of all the churches), I am presenting the Financial Report for the past 2025 Fiscal year with the comparison to the 2024 year. As you can see in the column next to my message you have the numbers for the past year.

Despite the rising cost of living and a challenging economy, we are able to finish the past year with a surplus of \$25,000! It is due to your generosity in these difficult times as well as to the hard work of many volunteers who give their lives in the service of this parish in many different ways: helping in the office, cleaning the church, helping in the Religious Education Program and Polish School... I am very grateful for your sacrifice and dedication. Thank you very much!

Besides the financially good year, there are other positives that we see: more people coming to our church, the Spanish Mass is growing, we have a nice group of adults preparing for the sacraments... Even though the past year was a good one, there are many challenges and uncertainties ahead of us. As each one of us experienced the higher cost of living in the past year, this trend was reflected even more in running a parish. In July, we had a problem with the roof, and during the famous tropical storm we had damage to the classrooms. The cost of repairs was more than \$200,000. I still have difficulty with insurance to cover the cost of the damage. Hopefully, everything will be resolved soon.

Another serious challenge is what is going to happen to us, in regard with "We are His Witnesses?" Are we going to stay alone or join together with St. Mary's? I don't have any answers, but the readings of today's Mass help us to ponder this mystery. In the Gospel, we see Jesus' zeal for His Father's house, a zeal that is similarly supposed to consume each disciple. He declares that His Father's house is meant to be a house of prayer, not a den of thieves and sin. He overturned tables and formed a cord to drive out whatever was unfit, whatever was not holy and consecrated to God and His service. Christ wants that each one of us become a Temple of His Holy Spirit, that we can clean corruption and love for money from our hearts and that we may become signs of The Risen Lord.

Fr. Marcin



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