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SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

June—July—August

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM - English

10:30AM - Polish

12:30PM - Spanish



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1232 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 – July 11... St. Benedict**

5:00PM... + Nell Payne, req. Mary Ellen Chanda

Sunday – July 12...15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Mary Ann Longstreet, req. Johanna Merkle

10:30AM...+ Gabrukiewicz rodzina,

req. Karole and Eddie

...W Dziękczynieniu z prośbą o kolejne laski,

od Jolanta Slojan

12:30...(Sp.) People of the Parish

Monday – July 13... St. Henry

9:00AM...+ Lucyna Zielińska, od. Samul rodzina

Tuesday – July 14... St. Kateri Tekakwitha

9:00AM... + Gertrude Backiel, req. Daughter

Wednesday – July 15... St. Bonaventure

9:00AM...+ Antonio and Lucia Simeone, req. Family,

Thursday – July 16... Our Lady of Mt. Carmel

9:00AM... + Carl and Angela Crallella,

Pat and John Zimmerman

Friday – July 17... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Giovanna Mone, req. Felice Mastroianni

Saturday – July 18... St. Camillus de Lelis

5:00PM... + Marie and Stan Stanley,

req. Johanna Merkle

Sunday – July 19...16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Frank Apisa, req. Morano Family

10:30AM...+ 1. Rocznicę Karol Wojewódka, od rodzina

12:30...(Sp.) + All Souls in Purgatory,

req. Alba Ledy Cuartas



THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week for our Parish Family

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF July is in memory of our Parish Family.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for **Jim Rushforth, Marian Parcinski, Mike Parise, Brian Biddulph, Giovanni Todaro, Pat Cook, Mary Barrow, Margaret Honorae, George Gray, Thomas O'Rorke and Olga Skolka.**

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the Faithful Departed.

STEWARDSHIP**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit."
- MATTHEW 13:22

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

Domingo 15^o del Tiempo OrdinarioI

"Las semillas que cayeron entre los espinos representan a los que oyen la palabra de Dios, pero muy pronto el mensaje queda desplazado por las preocupaciones de esta vida y el atractivo de la riqueza, así que no producen ningún fruto." - Mateo 13:22

¿El atractivo de la riqueza y los bienes materiales ahogan a Dios de su vida? ¿Está tan absorto en las actividades terrenales que no tiene tiempo para Dios? La gratitud y la generosidad son virtudes que debemos esforzarnos en cultivar diariamente. Cada decisión que tomamos nos lleva un paso más cerca de Dios o nos aleja más de Él. Lo que recibimos en la Misa del Domingo debería compartirse también con los demás el resto de los días de la semana.

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-11**

Just as the rain and snow water the earth and make it fruitful, so does the word of God bring forth good seed.

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-23

Reminding all that the trials and sufferings of this life are "as nothing," Paul says that the glory we shall receive will overshadow all things.

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus tells the parable of the sower and the seed. The seed that landed on the footpath, on rocky ground, or among thorns withered and died; the seed that fell on good ground -- "the man who hears the message and takes it in" ... "bears a yield of a hundred-fold."

Religious Education Registration 2026-2027



Online Registration:

May 1st through August 1st
www.bestchurch.net

In-person Registration:

August 31st & September 8th
from 9am-3pm.

Parish office- 1232 George St.

Registrations received after September 8th
will incur a late fee of \$50.

Registration Fees:

One Child: \$90.00
Two Children: \$150.00
Three Children: \$190.00

Sacramental Fees:

First Communion: \$35.00
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Summer Schedule!!!

Saturdays:

5:00PM English

Sundays:

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Monday - Friday:

9:00 AM English

Summer Office Hours:

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After hours by appointment

The Saint of the Week**St. Kateri Tekakwitha****July 14**

The blood of martyrs is the seed of saints. Nine years after the Jesuits Isaac Jogues and Jean de Lelande were tomahawked by Iroquois warriors, a baby girl was born near the place of their martyrdom, Auriesville, New York.

Her mother was a Christian Algonquin, taken captive by the Iroquois and given as wife to the chief of the Mohawk clan, the boldest and fiercest of the Five Nations. When she was four, Tekakwitha lost her parents and little brother in a smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind. She was adopted by an uncle, who succeeded her father as chief. He hated the coming of the Blackrobes—Jesuit missionaries—but could do nothing to them because a peace treaty with the French required their presence in villages with Christian captives. She was moved by the words of three Blackrobes who lodged with her uncle, but fear of him kept her from seeking instruction. Tekakwitha refused to marry a Mohawk brave, and at 19 finally got the courage to take the step of converting. She was baptized with the name Kateri—Catherine—on Easter Sunday.

Now she would be treated as a slave. Because she would not work on Sunday, Kateri received no food that day. Her life in grace grew rapidly. She told a missionary that she often meditated on the great dignity of being baptized. She was powerfully moved by God's love for human beings and saw the dignity of each of her people.

She was always in danger, for her conversion and holy life created great opposition. On the advice of a priest, Kateri stole away one night and began a 200-mile walking journey to a Christian Indian village at Sault St. Louis, near Montreal.

For three years she grew in holiness under the direction of a priest and an older Iroquois woman, giving herself totally to God in long hours

of prayer, in charity, and in strenuous penance. At 23, Kateri took a vow of virginity, an unprecedented act for an Indian woman whose future depended on being married. She found a place in the woods where she could pray an hour a day—and was accused of meeting a man there!

Her dedication to virginity was instinctive: Kateri did not know about religious life for women until she visited Montreal. Inspired by this, she and two friends wanted to start a community, but the local priest dissuaded her. She humbly accepted an "ordinary" life. She practiced extremely severe fasting as penance for the conversion of her nation. Kateri Tekakwitha died the afternoon before Holy Thursday. Witnesses said that her emaciated face changed color and became like that of a healthy child. The lines of suffering, even the pockmarks, disappeared and the touch of a smile came upon her lips.

She was beatified in 1980 and canonized by Pope Benedict XVI on Oct. 21, 2012. She is the patroness of ecology and the environment, people in exile and Native Americans.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The 2026 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.

Our parish goal this year is **\$29,654.60**, and we already collected **\$25,170.00!** Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, scanning the QR code:

Or use the envelopes available in the pews and entrances.

**Help for Venezuela**

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has asked the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark to prayerfully and generously support those affected by the recent earthquake in Venezuela. A second collection will be taken up the weekends of July 11–12 and 25–26. Parishioners also may make donations directly to Catholic Relief Services at www.crs.org.

MARRIAGE 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 Friday nights. **Starting: September 4th**, Fridays at 8:00PM

Place: Office building

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

Collection for July 5

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We will receive \$50,000.00 for the new roof of the school that needs to be replaced this summer.

The cost of the roof repair is \$73,000.00 plus additional cost to remove the gravel and old roof.

If you would like to help, you can write on your check's memo line: Restricted – Roof. Thank you for your generosity!!!

From Fr. Marcin

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, Jesus tells a Parable of the Sower, who casts seed over four different types of terrain. The Word of God, symbolized by the seeds is not an abstract Word, but is Christ himself, the Word of the Father who became flesh in Mary's womb. Therefore, embracing the Word of God means embracing Christ.

There are many ways to receive the Word of God. We may do so like a path, where birds immediately come and eat the seeds. This would be distraction, a great danger of our time. Beset by lots of small talk, by many ideologies, by continuous opportunities to be distracted inside and outside the home, we can lose our taste for silence, for reflection, for dialogue with the Lord, such that we risk losing our faith, not receiving the Word of God, as we are seeing everything, distracted by everything, by worldly things.

Another possibility: we may receive the Word of God like rocky ground, with little soil. There the seeds spring up quickly, but they soon wither away, because they are unable to sink roots to any depth. This is the image of those who receive the Word of God with momentary enthusiasm, though it remains superficial; it does not assimilate the Word of God. In this way, at the first difficulty, such as a discomfort or disturbance of life, that still-feeble faith dissolves, as the seed withers that falls among the rocks.

Again - a third possibility that of which Jesus speaks in the parable - we may receive the Word of God like ground where thorny bushes grow. The thorns are the deceit of wealth, of success, of worldly concerns... There, the word grows a little, but becomes choked. It is not strong, and it dies or does not bear fruit.

Lastly - the fourth possibility - we may receive it like good soil. Here, and only here the seed takes root and bears fruit. The seed fallen upon this fertile soil represents those who hear the Word, embrace it, safeguard it in their hearts and put it into practice in everyday life.

This Parable of the Sower is somewhat the 'mother' of all parables, because it speaks about listening to the Word. It reminds us that the Word of God is a seed which in itself is fruitful and effective; and God scatters it everywhere, paying no mind to waste. Such is the heart of God! Each one of us is ground on which the seed of the Word falls. The Word is given to each one of us, on the embrace that we reserve for this seed.

Often one is distracted by too many interests, by too many temptations, and it is difficult to distinguish, among the many voices and many words, that of the Lord, the only one that makes us free. This is why it is important to accustom oneself to listening to the Word of God, to reading it. Let us get accustomed to the reading the Word of God, understanding well the seed that God offers us. The fruit that appears is not only for our benefit, but also for the good of this world!!!

Fr. Marcin

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