

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

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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



## **CHURCH ADDRESS**

1235 George Street  
Plainfield, NJ 07062

## **OFFICES & MAILING ADDRESS**

1232 George Street  
Plainfield, NJ 07062

**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 – July 25... St. James

5:00PM... Evelyn Cioffi 96<sup>th</sup> Birthday,  
req. Karole and Eddie Lechowski

## Sunday – July 26...17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM...+ Robert Merkle, req. Wife Johanna

10:30AM...+ 38. rocznica Antoni Kapolka,  
od Syna z rodziną

+ Peter Falkowski, z żoną

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

## Monday – July 27... Weekday

9:00AM...Intentions of Renew International  
Staff Members

## Tuesday – July 28... Weekday

9:00AM... + Frank Apisa, req. Ellen Dilorio

## Wednesday – July 29... Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus

9:00AM...+ Frank Apisa, req. Maria Perina

## Thursday – July 30... St. Peter Chrysologus

9:00AM... For Peace, req. Melinda Harrington

## Friday – July 31...St. Ignatius of Loyola

9:00AM...In Thanksgiving, req. Allen Carver

## Saturday – August 1... St. Alphonsus Liguori

5:00PM...+ Adele DeLeeuw, req. Johanna Merkle

## Sunday – August 2...18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

10:30AM...

12:30PM...+ Rigoberto Cuartas Duque,  
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas



**THE TABERNACLE CANDLE** will burn this week for Karol Wojewodka at the request of 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, Giovanni Todaro, Pat Cook, Margaret Honora, George Gray, Thomas O'Rourke and Olga Skolka.**

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

## STEWARDSHIP

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - ROMANS 8:28*

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

### Domingo 17<sup>o</sup> del Tiempo Ordinario

*"Y sabemos que para los que aman a Dios, todas las cosas cooperan para bien, esto es, para los que son llamados conforme a su propósito." - Romanos 8:28*

¿Realmente confías en Dios? ¿Crees realmente que Dios te proveerá con todo lo que necesitas? A veces la fe es un reto para cada uno de nosotros. Poner nuestra confianza en Dios, en todo lo que hacemos, en los buenos y malos momentos, significa que el plan de Dios para nuestras vidas puede ser muy diferente de lo que hemos planificado. Cuando una puerta se cierra, otra se abre. Confía en Dios, su plan es siempre mejor.



### SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### **First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**

Solomon, realizing that he will succeed his father David as King of Israel and Judah, begs the Lord to give him wisdom and understanding in order to rule his people well. The Lord grants his request saying, "...there will come no one to equal you."

#### **Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30**

As heirs of God and heirs with Christ, we suffer in order to be glorified with Christ.

#### **Gospel: Matthew 13:44-52**

Jesus speaks again about the "reign of God," telling the parables of the buried treasure and the merchant's search for pearls. In each parable, Jesus emphasizes that the "reign of God" is more precious and valuable than any treasure.

## Religious Education Registration 2026-2027



### Online Registration:

Now **through September 1st**

[www.bestchurch.net](http://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

Confirmation: \$45.00

### Online payment:



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### Summer Schedule!!!

#### Saturdays:

5:00PM English

#### Sundays:

9:00 AM English

10:30 AM Polish

12:30 PM Spanish

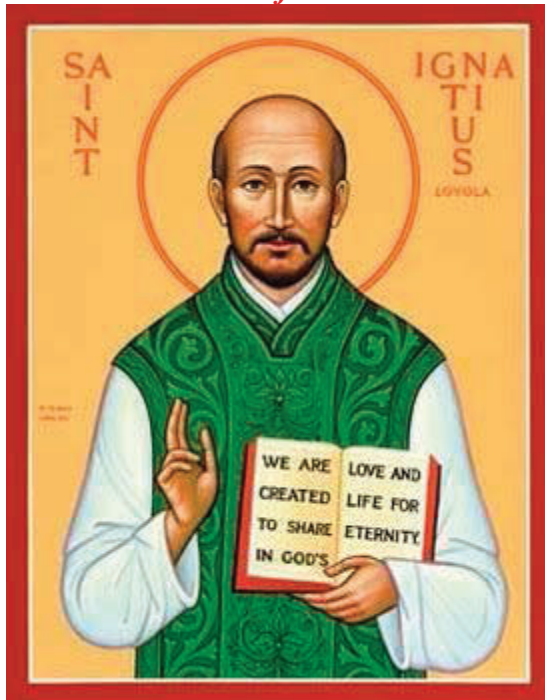
#### Monday - Friday:

9:00 AM English

#### Summer Office Hours:

Monday – Friday 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

After hours by appointment

*The Saint of the Week:**July 31*

The founder of the Jesuits was on his way to military fame and fortune when a cannon ball shattered his leg. Because there were no books of romance on hand during his convalescence, Ignatius whiled away the time reading a life of Christ and lives of the saints. His conscience was deeply touched, and a long, painful turning to Christ began.

Having seen the Mother of God in a vision, he made a pilgrimage to her shrine at Montserrat near Barcelona. He remained for almost a year at nearby Manresa, sometimes with the Dominicans, sometimes in a pauper's hospice, often in a cave in the hills praying. After a period of great peace of mind, he went through a harrowing trial of scruples. There was no comfort in anything—prayer, fasting, sacraments, penance. At length, his peace of mind returned.

It was during this year of conversion that Ignatius of Loyola began to write down material that later became his greatest work, the *Spiritual Exercises*.

He finally achieved his purpose of going to the Holy Land, but could not remain, as he planned, because of the hostility of the Turks. Ignatius of Loyola spent the next 11 years in various European universities, studying with great difficulty, beginning almost as a child. Like many others, his orthodoxy was questioned; Ignatius was twice jailed for brief periods.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and six others—one of whom was Saint Francis Xavier—vowed to live in poverty and chastity and to go to the Holy Land. If this became impossible, they vowed to offer themselves to the apostolic service of the pope. The latter became the only choice. Four years later Ignatius of Loyola made the association permanent. The new Society of Jesus was approved by Pope Paul III, and Ignatius was elected to serve as the first general.

When companions were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius remained in Rome, consolidating the new venture, but still finding time to found homes for orphans, catechumens, and penitents. He founded the Roman College, intended to be the model of all other colleges of the Society.

Ignatius of Loyola was a true mystic. He centered his spiritual life on the essential foundations of Christianity—the Trinity, Christ, the Eucharist. His spirituality is expressed in the Jesuit motto, “Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam: for the greater glory of God.” In his concept, obedience was to be the prominent virtue, to assure the effectiveness and mobility of his men. All activity was to be guided by a true love of the Church and unconditional obedience to the Holy Father, for which reason all professed members took a fourth vow to go wherever the pope should send them for the salvation of souls.

**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.*

## 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. If you have not had the chance to donate, a final second collection will be taken up this weekend of July 25–26. Parishioners also may make donations directly to Catholic Relief Services at [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org).

*Thank You*

## ANNUAL <sup>2026</sup> 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](http://rcan.org/sharing), scanning the QR code:

Or use the envelopes available in the pews and entrances.



### Collection for July 19

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Total.....\$ 5,737.00

## PARISH GIVING



### ON LINE GIVING

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## ROOF DONATION

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This August we will fix the roof of the school building. The cost of the roof repair is \$73,000.00 plus additional cost to remove the gravel and old roof.

If you are able to help, you can write on your roof donation check's memo line: **Restricted – Roof.**

Thank you for your generosity!!!

## From Fr. Marcín

Today's reading concludes the chapter of the Gospel of Matthew dedicated to the parables of the Kingdom of God. Among these are two parables of the treasure hidden in the field and of the pearl of great value. They tell us that the discovery of the Kingdom of God can happen suddenly like the farmer who, ploughing, finds an unexpected treasure, or like the pearl merchant, who after a long search, eventually finds the most precious pearl, so long dreamt of. Yet, in each case the point is that the treasure and the pearl are worth more than all other possessions; therefore when the farmer and the merchant discover them, they give up everything else in order to obtain them. They do not need to rationalize or think about it; they immediately perceive the incomparable value of what they've found, and they are prepared to lose everything in order to have it.

This is how it is with the Kingdom of God: those who find it have no doubts. They sense that this is what they have been seeking and waiting for, and this is what fulfills their most authentic aspirations. It really is like this: those who know Jesus and encounter Him personally are captivated, attracted by so much goodness, so much truth, so much beauty, and all with great humility and simplicity. To seek Jesus, to find Jesus: this is the great treasure!

The Gospel allows us to know the real Jesus. The Word of God speaks to our hearts and changes our lives. Only then, can you effectively change lifestyles, or continue to do what you did before, but as someone else. You are reborn: you have found what gives meaning, what gives flavor, what gives light to all things, even to toil, even to suffering, and even to death.

Everything takes on meaning when we find our treasure in the Gospel. Jesus calls it "the Kingdom of God," that is to say, God who reigns in our lives gives us the experience of His love, peace and joy. This is what God wants, and it is why Jesus gave himself up to death on the cross, to free us from the power of darkness and to move us to the kingdom of life, of beauty, of goodness and of joy. To read the Gospel is to find Jesus and to have this Christian joy, which is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

The joy of finding the treasure of the Kingdom of God shines through, and it is visible to all. The Christian cannot keep his faith hidden, because it shines through in every word, in every deed, even the simplest and ordinary: the love that God has given through Jesus shines through.

**Fr. Marcín**

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