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MASS SCHEDULE



SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

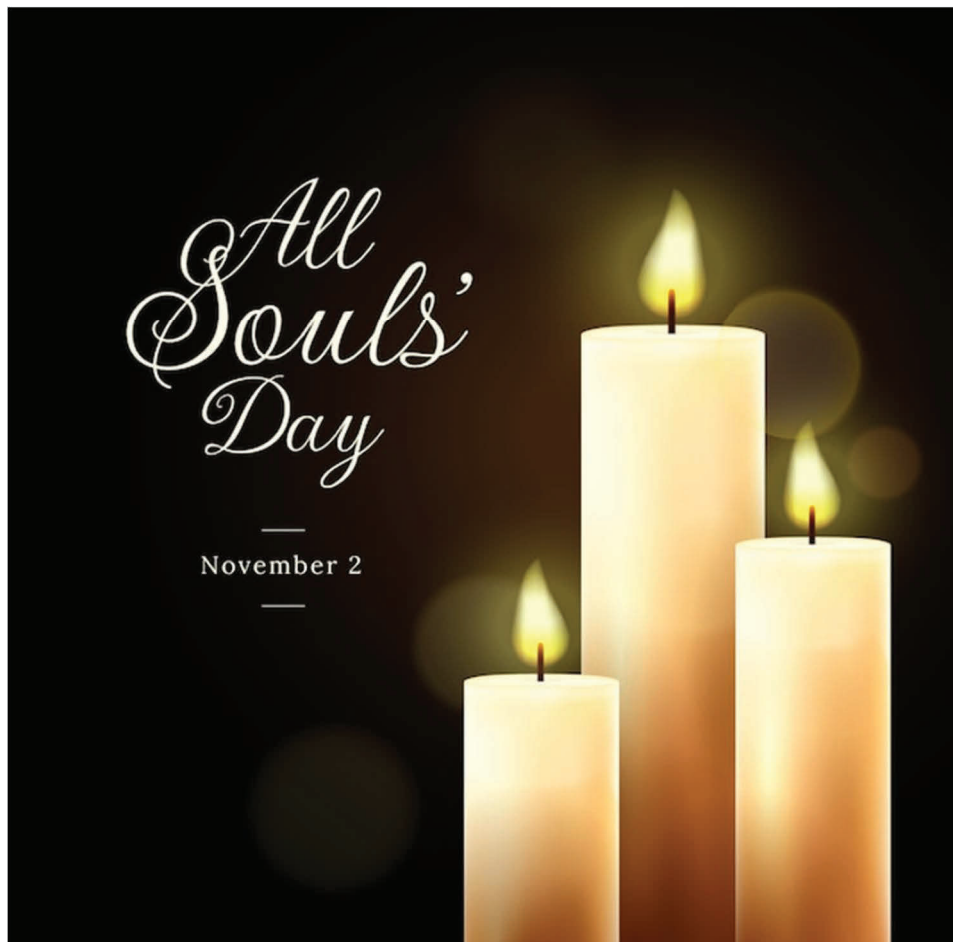
5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

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

WEEKDAY

Monday - Saturday
9:00AM - English



*Frank P. Morano Michael J. Parise Frank Apisa James Ruthforth
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Wednesday: 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm

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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 – October 31... Weekday**

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

5:00PM...+Patricia Frank, req. Barbara and Al St. Louis

Sunday – November 1...All Saints

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

10:30AM...+Mary Ellen Kenny-Murray,
req. Bonnie and Tom Mahala12:30PM...+All Souls in Purgatory
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas**Monday – November 2... All Souls' Day**9:00AM...+Antonio Simeone (11th Anniv.), req. Family
+ All Souls**Tuesday – November 3... St. Martin de Porres**9:00AM...+Frances Schneider, req. Johanna Merkle
+All Souls**Wednesday – November 4...St. Charles Borromeo**9:00AM ...+Robert Chanda, req. Hat Lady
+All Souls**Thursday – November 5... Weekday**9:00AM...+Greg Myers, req. Beverly and Peter Cirino
+All Souls**Friday – November 6...Weekday**

9:00AM ...+All Souls

7:00PM... (Pol.) +All Souls

Saturday – November 7... Weekday

9:00AM...+Al Souls

5:00PM...+Frank Apisa, req. Pina and John Mastroianni

Sunday – November 8...32nd Sunday–Ordinary Time

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

10:30AM...+Maria Wyszowska i Wincenta Grędzinska,
od Polska Szkoła12:30PM...+Virgilio Martinez, de La Familia
+Louis Enrique and Rigoberto Cuartas Duque
req. Alba Ledy Cuartas

THE TABERNACLE CANDLE will burn this week
for **All Souls**.

THE BREAD AND WINE FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER
is in memory of **Jerry Signorelli** at the request of
Beverly and Peter Cirino.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

For those whose health is challenged in any way
especially for **Marian Parcinski, Giovani Todaro,**
Olga Skolka, Helga Gilligan, Zena Kazmierski,
Sherif R., and Eric Johansen and Barbary Bylecki.

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the
Faithful Departed.

ANNUAL²⁰²⁶ APPEAL

The Appeal is continuing. 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 **\$27,230.00!** Please make a gift online today:

**STEWARDSHIP****31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (All Saints)**

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." - MATTHEW 23:12

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the keys to a happy life are relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

Domingo 31º del Tiempo Ordinario (Todos los Santos)

"Porque el que a sí mismo se enaltece será humillado y él que se humilla será enaltecido." - MATEO 23:12

El mundo celebra a las personas que están en el centro de atención y a aquellas que tienen más de todo. Pensamos que la celebridad, el dinero y las posesiones son la clave de la felicidad. Sin embargo, nuestro mundo está más lleno que nunca de soledad, ansiedad y depresión. La clave de una vida feliz son las relaciones. La relación con Dios y la relación entre nosotros. La confianza es la fundación de cualquier buena relación y la humildad es la semilla de la confianza.

ALL SAINTS DAY**First Reading: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14**

John recounts for us the details of his vision. An angel bearing the seal of the living God demands that the land and sea not be destroyed; huge crowds stand before the throne of the Lamb crying out that salvation comes from God; angels gathered round and praised God; an elder questions John and explains that those dressed in white are the ones who have survived the great period of trial.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Once again John speaks to us of love. He points out to us the great love that the Father has for us by allowing us to be called children of God. John explains that the world doesn't recognize us because it never recognized Jesus. Our future will be revealed to us and in that light we shall see him as he is.

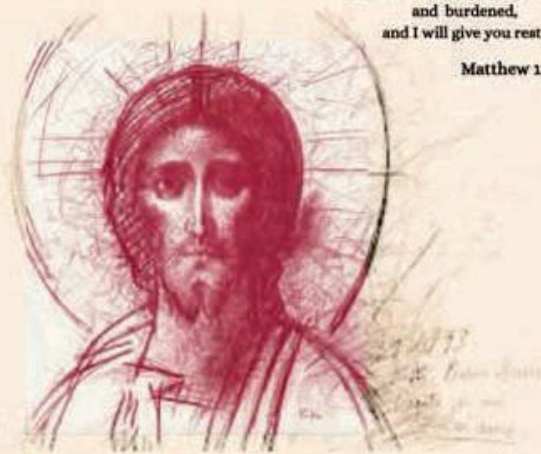
Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

When Jesus saw the crowds of people he went up to the mountainside, gathered his disciples around him and began to teach them. This lesson in love has come to be known to us as the great "Sermon on the Mount" or "The Beatitudes."

MONDAYS AND THURSDAYS

"Come to me, all you who are weary
and burdened,
and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11:28



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On Sundays we offer Liturgy of the Word
at the 9AM Mass for children
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the church Chapel.

If you are willing to help as an assistant
once a month, please contact Karole in the office.



ROSARY

*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 Meeting is this Sunday

*after the 9:00AM Mass in the Parish Office.
If you are interested in becoming a Rosarian or just
would like to explore the possibility,
you are welcome to join us.*

MARRIAGE PREPARATION



Pre-Cana - Friday nights at 8:00PM.



Chair Exercise

Chair Exercises with Patty Casterline will continue
on Tuesdays at 1:30PM for the next 2 weeks - it's
never too late to join. The next class is Tuesday,
November 3rd in the Parish Office. This is open
for anyone in the parish, and you are
welcome to bring a friend.

Calling All Women of Faith!

Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group.

This ministry invites women of all ages and
backgrounds to deepen their relationship with Christ,
build meaningful connections with one another, and
live out their faith through prayer, reflection, service,
and fellowship.

Whether you are a mother, grandmother, student,
professional, retiree, or simply seeking a place to
belong, this group is for you. We welcome women
wherever they are on their faith journey and believe
that every woman has a unique gift to share in the life
of the Church.

Why Are Women's Faith Groups So Important?

Women's faith groups provide sacred spaces where
women can grow spiritually, share their joys and
challenges, and find strength in community. In today's
busy and often isolating world, women need places
where they are seen, heard, and valued, not only for
what they do, but for who they are as beloved
daughters of God.

Faith groups offer encouragement, deepen
understanding of our Catholic faith, and foster lasting
friendships rooted in Christ's love. They help women
discover new ways to pray, serve, and lead within their
families, parish, and community. Together, we learn
that we are not alone and that God works powerfully
through the support, wisdom, and witness of others.

Women's groups are places of healing, purpose, and
mission, where we listen to God and to one another as
we discern how the Holy Spirit is calling us to grow and
serve.

Join Us!

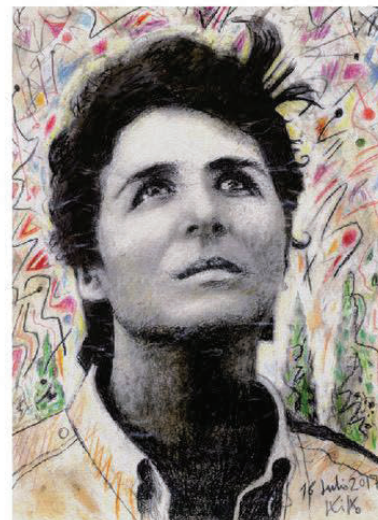
Next Meeting November 17 5:00 PM - 7:00PM

The Saint of the Week:

During this month when we recall the Saints of the Church and all the souls of those who have gone before; It is good to consider those in our American Church who are on the journey to Sainthood. The path to the Church proclaiming someone a Saint, is usually a long process and includes several stages: The Title **Servant of God** marks the initial step toward sainthood, indicating that the Church is examining a person's virtues and life for potential recognition.

The next stage **Venerable** is a title bestowed on someone who has demonstrated a life of heroic virtue. and/or martyrdom. And then **Blessed** which signifies that the Church recognizes the individual as having entered heaven and being capable of interceding on behalf of those who pray to them. The title allows for limited public veneration, typically confined to a specific diocese, country, or religious community. This step typically requires the confirmation of a miracle attributed to the individual's intercession.

Finally, a **Saint** in the Church is a person who has been formally canonized, meaning they are recognized for their exceptional holiness and are believed to be in Heaven, worthy of veneration by the faithful. This step also, usually requires an attested miracle. So, during this month we will be recalling some of those who are on the path to Sainthood.



Servant of God

Carmen Hernández Barrera

Today I want to speak about Carmen Hernández, who's diocesan phase of the beatification and canonization has been concluded.

Carmen was born in Ólvega (Spain) on November 24th 1930. She felt the call to be a missionary from an early age, influenced by the spirit of Saint Francis Xavier. She graduated in chemistry from the University of Madrid. For some years she was a member of the "Missionaries of Christ Jesus" and studied theology in Valencia. In 1964, she joined Kiko Argüello in the shanty town of Palomeras Altas in Madrid. While announcing the Gospel to the poor among whom they lived, the Lord led them to a theological-catechetical synthesis based on the Word of God, the Liturgy and the Community. This became the basis of the Neocatechumenal Way, whose Statute was approved by the Holy See in 2008. The Archbishop of Madrid at the time, His Grace Casimiro Morcillo, encouraged them to introduce this itinerary of Christian initiation in the parishes. For more than 50 years, together with Kiko Argüello, Carmen gave her life announcing the Gospel throughout the world. She had an immense love for Jesus Christ, the Church, the Virgin Mary, the Pope, the Liturgy, Sacred Scripture and the Jewish roots of Christianity. She died in Madrid on 19th July 2016.

PRAYER FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION

To ask for graces and favors through the intercession of Carmen Hernández

Oh Lord,

that by electing the servant of God Carmen Hernández as co-initiator of the Neocatechumenal Way, granted her a great love for Jesus Christ and the Church, for Holy Scripture and for liturgical prayer, a burning zeal for the itinerant announcement of the Gospel and fidelity to you in the trials of the cross; grant that I, through her intercession, may be faithful to the baptism I have received and, if it is your will, also grant the grace I ask of you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Our Father. Hail Mary. Glory be.

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Last Sunday on October 25, 2026 in the Cathedral Basilica in Newark at 3PM, there was a mass for the Polish Apostolate. The main celebrant was Archbishop Janusz Urbańczyk, Apostolic Nuncio to Zimbabwe.



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From Fr. Marcin,

Today we celebrate All Saints, with the Gospel of the Beatitudes. It shows us the path that leads to the Kingdom of God and to happiness: the path of humility, compassion, meekness, justice and peace. To be a saint is to walk on this road. There are two aspects that are proper to this saintly way of life: joy and prophecy.

Jesus begins with the word "Blessed." It is the principal proclamation, that of an unprecedented happiness. Beatitude, holiness, is not a life plan made up only of effort and renunciation, but is above all the joyful discovery of being God's beloved sons and daughters. And this fills you with joy. It is not a human achievement; it is a gift we receive: we are holy because God, who is the Holy One, comes to dwell in our lives. It is He who gives holiness to us. For this we are blessed! The joy of the Christian, then, is not a fleeting emotion or a simple human optimism, but the certainty of being able to face every situation under God's loving gaze, with the courage and strength that come from Him. The saints, even in the midst of many tribulations, have experienced this joy and have borne witness to it. Without joy, faith becomes a rigorous and oppressive exercise, and risks ailing with sadness. A desert Father said that sadness is "a worm that burrows into the heart," which corrodes life.

The second aspect is the prophecy. The Beatitudes are addressed to the poor, the afflicted, those who hunger for justice. It is a message that goes against the grain. Indeed, the world says that in order to have happiness you must be rich, powerful, always young and strong, and enjoy fame and success. Jesus overturns these criteria and makes a prophetic proclamation, and this is the prophetic dimension of holiness; the true fullness of life is achieved by following Jesus, by putting His Word into practice. And this means another poverty, that is, being poor inside, hollowing oneself to make room for God. Those who believe themselves to be rich, successful and secure base everything on themselves and close themselves off from God and their brothers and sisters, while those who know that they are poor and not self-sufficient remain open to God and to their neighbor. And they find joy. The Beatitudes, then, are the prophecy of a new humanity, of a new way of living: making oneself small and entrusting oneself to God, instead of prevailing over others; being meek, instead of seeking to impose oneself; practicing mercy, instead of thinking only of oneself; committing oneself to justice and peace, instead of promoting injustice and inequality, even by connivance. Holiness is accepting and putting into practice, with God's help, this prophecy that revolutionizes the world.

At the end, I am inviting you to the Catechesis/talks for the adults and youths on Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00PM in the Gym.

Fr. Marcin

The envelopes received for All Souls Day will be distributed to the priests of the parish, who will offer prayers for the intentions of the loved ones for whom the offerings have been made – RCAN

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