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7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You have heard that it was said
You shall love your neighbor as yourself
and hate your enemy
BUT I SAY TO YOU:

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU

that you may be
CHILDREN
of your
HEAVENLY FATHER

so be perfect just as your
Heavenly Father is perfect

— Matthew 5:43-48

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Weekly Eucharists

Saturday 5 pm

Sunday, 9 am, 11 am, 7 pm

Monday – Saturday: 8:15 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appt.

Holy Days

8:15 am, 12:10 pm, 7 pm

Parish Office Hours

Mon. - Wed, 9:30–2 pm

*Other times & days,
call to see if office
is open.*

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What's Happening This Week?

Today

No Rel. Ed.
Clothing Collection

Next Sunday

Rel. Ed.

To Come

Women's Guild, Jan. 28, 1 pm
Ash Wednesday, Mar. 1
ALPHA begins Mar. 8
St. Patrick's Day Party, March 18

Every Sunday

Pound A Week

Stewardship of Treasure

Last week: \$ 3161
Online: \$ 2356

Increased Offering Program

Our Increased Offertory

Program Commitment Sunday is this weekend at all Masses. We encourage all parishioners to complete and turn in your commitment cards to the church. The Commitment Card contains information on how to plan your increased offertory gift to the church, and asks for your commitment over the next year. If you have any questions regarding this program, or how to give electronically, please contact the parish office.

Stop Human Trafficking

The feast of St. Josephine Bakhita who was sold into slavery as a child is in February. PRAY for all children who live in slavery and are exploited. US Catholic Sisters Against Human Trafficking (sistersagainstrafficking.org)



As a faith community, we keep in mind who have asked us to pray for them, that they may experience the healing power of our gracious God.



Special requests for prayers at liturgy and donations made in honor of loved ones. These intentions and names of our sick are noted on the Gifts Table in the Remembrance Book and on the Weekly Sheet.



FEAST before the FAST MARDI GRAS

Tues. Feb. 28, 7 PM

Rectory Basement

Put on your party clothes and bring some eats to share.
Drinks will be provided.

Weekday Parking

Parishioners are allowed and welcome to park in our first parking lot during the week if they ride the train. Please pick up a window hanger if you don't have one. When there is snow, please don't park in the lot so that the plows can do a good job and your cars will be safe. A one-day parking fee is worth coming back to your car with no damage.

A reminder that you can park in the second lot on weekends when coming to church.

Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council thanks those who volunteered to help in the parish in specific and general ways last week. They are compiling the list now. You can still volunteer by sending an email to info@stmnj.org. Some asked who are the Pastoral Council members. They are on the website under "Staff & Leadership."

Women's Guild

The Women's Guild will hold its Meeting on Feb 28 at 1 pm . We will have Bingo all are welcome . There will be prizes!

St. Patrick's Day Party

March 18! Still only \$30, young people still free! Same Great Food and Music! Same Place (VFW Hall, Mt. Tabor Rd.) So, don't miss this Great Party. Reservation Envelopes in Vestibule.

Question for the Week

For Adults:

What is the point of "turning the other cheek" in an argument, and why is it so hard to do?

For Children:

Who are the people you find it most difficult to forgive?

Parish on a Journey

Proud of our Past,

Planning for our Future

Continuing our Jubilee

Gala — October 29

Celtic Night — November 3

Alpha Program — beginning Mar. 8

Lent Retreat — Week of March 27

St. Pat's Super Party — March 18

Bunny Brunch *(for Kids)* — April 3

Starry Night Party — June 10

Family Picnic — September 16

Plan Ahead

And think about helping!



Daily scripture reflections are on our website under "Faith Formation" and in the vestibule.

Collection for Central and Eastern Europe Next Weekend

Bishop Serratelli has asked all parishes to take a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe in February.

Through your generosity, this collection funds important projects in 28 countries. These projects include seminarian education, youth ministry, social service programs and church construction and renovation.

In Armenia, a grant was provided to the Sisters of the Immaculate Conception for a summer camp for 850 children who are orphans, live in extreme poverty or reside in poor isolated villages. In Romania, funds were used to help in the building of a Cathedral that not only serves as a house of prayer but also hosts activities for children and youth. In Montenegro, where societal views portray the elderly as a burden, a grant was provided to create educational materials in support of the dignity and rights of seniors. In addition, 100 people were also given training to advocate for the rights of this marginalized group.

These are just three examples of the work being done with the help of this Collection. Please be generous.

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Alpha

A 6-Week Practical Course to the Christian Faith

Anyone interested in finding out more about the Christian faith is welcome.

Learning and laughter. Join others in a relaxed atmosphere.

Pasta (or other great food). Each weekly session begins with dinner.

Helping one another. Dinner followed by presentation and small group discussion.

Ask anything. Here's your chance to ask your questions and express your opinions. This program is for those who wonder:

- Who is Jesus?
- How did Jesus die?
- How can I be sure of my faith? Why and how do I pray?
- Why and how should I read the Bible?
- How does God guide us?

Wednesdays of Lent, 6:45 pm – 9 pm
beginning March 8

Today's Readings

Levit 19.1-18; 1Corinth. 3:16-23; Matt 5.38-48

“Be Perfect as God is Perfect”

- Leviticus is a collection of Jewish laws. Today's passage discusses how to treat your neighbor. For Old Testament people, a neighbor was a fellow Israelite. (When we listen to today's Gospel, we will hear Jesus take this a step further.)
- Paul continues to address the problem of factions in Corinth. One group followed Apollos, an eloquent preacher who came there after Paul had left. Another was loyal to Kephas (the Aramaic name for Peter). Paul uses an unusual image to explain why such factions don't belong in a Christian community.
- Jesus challenges us to go beyond our expected responses to human interactions. Jesus' examples are shocking: “be perfect” as our “heavenly Father,” who gives Life (“sun rise” and “rain”) to “the just and the unjust” alike. Infinite actions. Limitless love. What a challenge!

