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SACRAMENTS

Baptism
Every other Sunday.

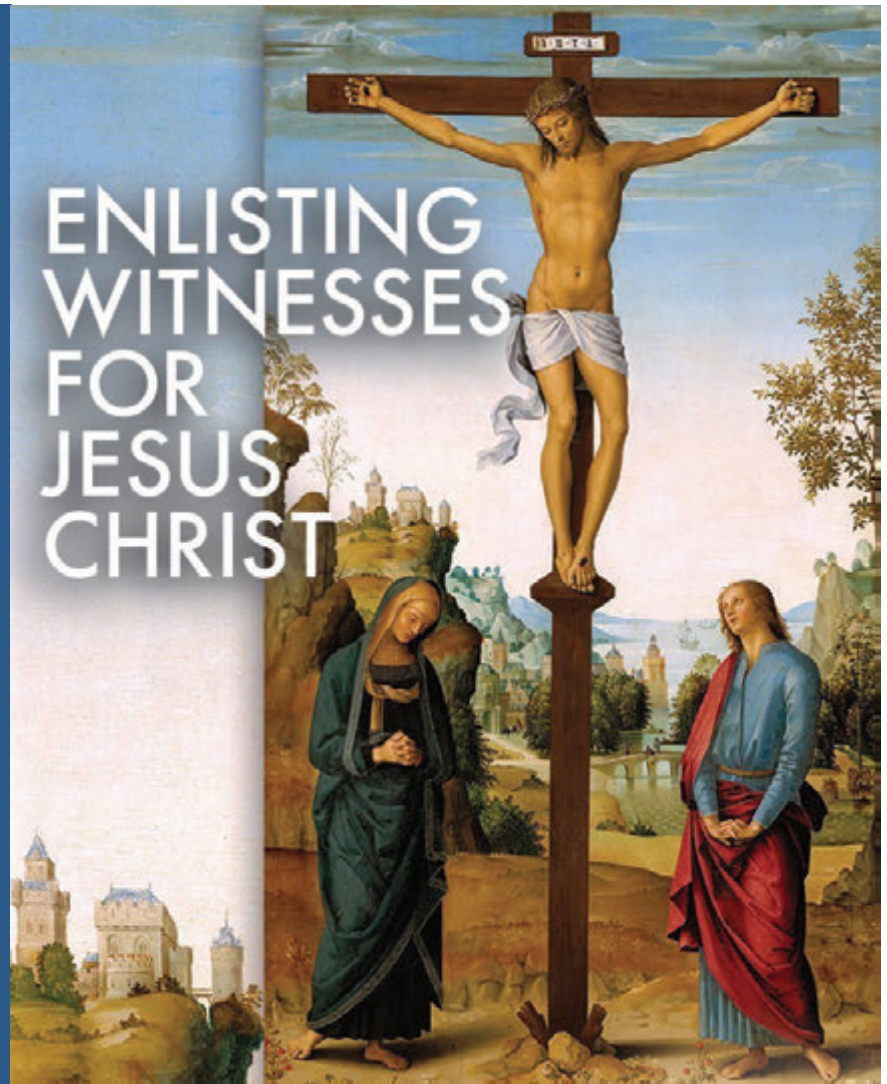
Reconciliation
After all daily Masses and Saturday,
4pm to 4:45pm, or by appointment.

Marriage
Arrangements should be made one year in
advance. Contact Rectory for appointment.

Anointing of the Sick
Contact Rectory for appointment for
home bound or infirmed.

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekdays and Saturday: 8am
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 7:30am, 9am (Polish), 10:30am,
12 Noon



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Weekdays: 10am-Noon, 1pm-5pm; Weekends: Emergency calls only

*September 16, 2018
Catechetical Sunday*

WORSHIP



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 15

- 5pm +Alfons Emonts by the Sokol Family
+Nicholas Lauerwald by Mom, Dad, & Matthew
+Sam Paulicelli by wife Marie & Family

Sunday, September 16

- 7:30 am For All Parishioners
9am +Jozef Iwanczak by daughter Agatha Pol & Family
10:30am +Camillo DiRenaldi by wife Theresa
+Reverend Floyd Rotunno by Marilyn & Dave Conklin
+Albert & Carmela LaBruna, Americo & Caroline LaBruna & James & Ellen Salemo by Nicholas & Antoinette LaBruna
12pm +Barbara Suleski by Eileen & Carol White

Monday, September 17 – St. Robert Bellarmine

- 8am +Edith Rihtarcik by Paul & MaryAnn Kezmarsky

Tuesday, September 18

- 8am +Jerry Toner by Susan Henriques

Wednesday, September 19 – St. Januarius

- 8am +Yolanda Kotos by the Family

Thursday, September 20 – St. Andrew Kim & Companions

- 8am +Father Floyd Rotunno by the Leahy Family

Friday, September 21- St. Matthew, Apostle

- 8am +Sam Iorio by IHM Parish

Saturday, September 22 – Autumn begins

- 8am +Bernard & Sylvia Kuzmik by the Family
5pm +Sam Iorio by Ann Ernske
+Joseph Szwerc by the Family
+Eleanor Cruse by the Family

Sunday, September 23

- 7:30 am +Ruth Miller by Patti Sheridan
9am +Adela Tuczowski by IHM Parish
+Stasia Krawczyk by IHM Parish
12th Birthday Blessing for Konrad Pol by the Family
10:30am +Father Floyd Rotunno by MaryAnn Mauro
+John Dempsey by Nora, Jack, Nancy & MaryAnn
+Betty Mihok by Rosemary & Bob Kidd
12pm +Dr. Alexander Zito by Jacqueline Zito

HOSTS AND WINE

offered as a gift for Mike & Mary Kordiak on the occasion of their 70th Wedding Anniversary with Best Wishes from Jean & Barbara Ann



MEMORIAL CANDLES

Blessed Sacrament (Altar)

In memory of Giovanni "Gio" Pertuz from friend Ed Plicinski

St. Joseph (Altar)

In memory of Alfred Swingle from wife Eleanora & Family

Blessed Mother (Altar)

In memory of Rev. Floyd Rotunno from Irene & Gloria

Sacred Heart (Alcove)

In memory of Cynthia my loving wife from husband Ed Plicinski

Blessed Mother (Alcove)

Blessings on the Gerling Family

DEVOTIONS

Immaculate Heart of Mary Novena

Every Monday following the 8am Mass

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Every Friday following the 8am Mass

Rosary

Every Saturday following the 8am Mass



PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED

Gisela Sokol, Gregory Morris, Sr., Jozef Iwanczak, Adela Tuczowski, Sam Iorio, Stasia Krawczyk, Helen Zembriski, Carmela Jean Pignone, Winston Govia, Joseph Schnackenberg, Jan Pasciak, Zofia M. Malta, Santa Lisi, Keith Krupinski, Tomasz Dluzniewski, AnnMarie Sochulak, Claire B. McElwain, Deacon William D. Tobin, Sr., Mieczyslaw Romanski, Jenna Plant, Carmella Rutella, Elizabeth Mihok, Anne Keane, Barbara J. Suleski, Lottie DuBois, Stella Moran, Frances K. Backus, Jozefa Zysk, Zenobia Pasterczyk, Nora Dempsey, Helen Kownacki, Giovanni A. Pertuz, James G Murray, Stanislaw Zwolinski, Janusz Zwolinski, Ralph Mattiaccio.

FAITH FORMATION

**WE KICK-OFF A NEW YEAR OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 10:30am MASS**



*This year, the Church will celebrate **Catechetical Sunday** on September 16. The 2018 theme:*

“Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ.”

Those who the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

We invite the entire Parish community, and especially families of children enrolled in our Religious Education family, to join us for refreshments and fellowship following the 10:30am Mass.

Please join us as we welcome our young people and thank our catechists for all they do to share the light of faith with our youth and their families.

Prayer for Catechists

O God, our Heavenly Father,

You have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family.

We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs.

May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.

May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

PLEASE WELCOME OUR 2018/19 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STAFF

1st

Marilyn Conklin
Sheila Sequeira

2nd

Yola Barbosa
Ashley O'Leary

3rd

Betty LaBarbera
Tiffany O'Malley
Anne Suleski

4th

Maryann Mauro

5th

Felicia Fox
Christine Brett

6th

Joe Sinacore
Don Bruce

7th

Dot Crisafulli
Sandra Weber

8th

Eileen Matarazzo
Carol Miele

9th

Mary McIver Puthawala

FEAST OF ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE Patron of Accountants, Bankers, Tax Collectors & Actors

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Little is known about St. Matthew except that he was the son of Alpheus and likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ.

According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew, we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Many years following the death of Christ, 41-50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. Sometime after 42 AD he fled to Parthia and Persia, or Ethiopia. Nothing is recorded of Matthew's passing.



PARISH & COMMUNITY

**NEXT SUNDAY
BRING YOUR FAMILY & FRIENDS!**



BARBECUE

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 10am – 2pm
All are invited!

Join us (behind Rectory) as we kick off the Fall season! Our Master Grill Chefs will be at it again! Burgers, hot dogs, kielbasa, sausage and salads to name some of the goodies. Games for kids! Lots of fun was had by all last year - don't miss it!

BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 7:30pm

Meetings are held monthly for support and sharing - 7:30pm-9pm, fourth Tuesday of every month in the Parish Center. For info, call Nancy Baker 201-529-4411 or email bakerhcrabby@aol.com.



The Bereavement Ministry also supports anyone in need of help when making funeral arrangements, running errands, preparing a repast, writing thank you notes, or anything relating to funeral plans. Please call Nancy Baker at 291-529-4411.

**OCTOBER ROSARY
DEVOTIONS FOR LIFE**

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated October

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

*Join us as we gather
together in prayer:*

**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS -
7PM**
OCTOBER 3, 10, 17, 24, 31



Mary, Mother of Divine Life, Pray for Us

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!



All students in second grade or higher are invited to join our Youth Choir. If you enjoy singing and/or playing a musical instrument, please consider being part of our talented Youth Choir under the direction of Ms. Angela Palumbo. Practices are held one hour before Mass, so don't hesitate to sign up! Interested? Call 201-529-2294 or e-mail religiouseducation@ihcmahwah.org.

**St. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

On **Sunday, Sept. 30, 11am – 2pm**, St. Joseph Regional H.S., Montvale, will be hosting an Open House for prospective students (6th, 7th & 8th grade boys) and their families to gain more information concerning St. Joseph Regional, its programs & the people who make up the SJR community. SJR students will provide tours (beginning 11:15am & 12:15 pm) & guests will have the opportunity to speak with SJR faculty, administrators & parents. For more info & directions please call the school at 201-391-3300 or register at www.sjrnj.org

**PARAMUS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
OPEN HOUSE**

Paramus Catholic H.S., located at 425 Paramus Road, Paramus, an academic community which combines both faith and education, cordially invites 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students and their parents to visit us during one of our Open Houses on **Sunday, Sept. 23rd, 1-4pm, & Wednesday, Oct. 17th, 7-9pm**. For info, contact the Admissions Office at 201-445-4466 ext. 104.

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September 9: Collection: \$5,308. Cath. Univ: \$1,830.



**"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself,
take up his cross, and follow me.
For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for my sake
and that of the gospel will save it."**

In today's Gospel of Mark, Peter recoils at Jesus' revelation that as "the Christ" He must "suffer greatly - be rejected - be killed - and rise after three days." Peter is so aghast at Jesus' words about suffering and death that he fails to hear the most important part of the revelation about who Jesus is and what He is to accomplish. He fails to grasp that through death Jesus will be raised to new life. Hearing Jesus' teaching about taking up his cross to follow him can cause us similarly to recoil as did Peter. But we live on the other side of the resurrection. We know that death brings risen life. This assurance of new life is what gives us the courage to "take up (our) cross and follow" Jesus. It is easy to be resolute about what brings us joy, pleasure, advancement, possessions, and honor. It is far more difficult to be resolute about what costs us dearly of our time, energy, resources, and even our very life!

Today is Catechetical Sunday, and I invite everyone to pray with us at the 10:30am Mass as we commission our Catechists that they, through the sacraments, prayer, and witnesses to the Gospel, may grow in their love for the Lord and teach our children to live as missionary disciples. As we all know, this is not an easy task today, so we ask all families, friends and parishioners to help our Catechists do whatever part they can in teaching our children, navigating the challenges and perils of each day, to learn and live our faith. To all the parents of our children: let us not forget that the home and family is the first place of nourishment and learning. Be role models for your children as our Catechists help teach them to begin to live as faithful disciples in the foundation of their life.

I want to thank everyone who donated furniture or household goods to the FOCUS Missionaries serving our Ramapo College Catholic Students. FOCUS is a Catholic collegiate outreach whose mission is to share the hope and joy of the Gospel with college and university students. Trained in Church teaching, prayer, sacred Scripture, evangelization and discipleship, FOCUS missionaries encounter students in friendship where they are, inviting them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and accompanying them as they pursue lives of virtue and excellence. Through Bible studies, outreach events, mission trips and one-on-one discipleship, missionaries inspire and build up students in the faith, sending them out to spread the good news of the Gospel. Our Parish supports them by providing an office on the 2nd floor of the Parish Center for the College's Youth Minister, and going forward, Fr. Marcin will be celebrating the weekly Sunday evening Mass on campus for all students and faculty.

God Bless You and God Bless all our Catechists! Fr. Jacek

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