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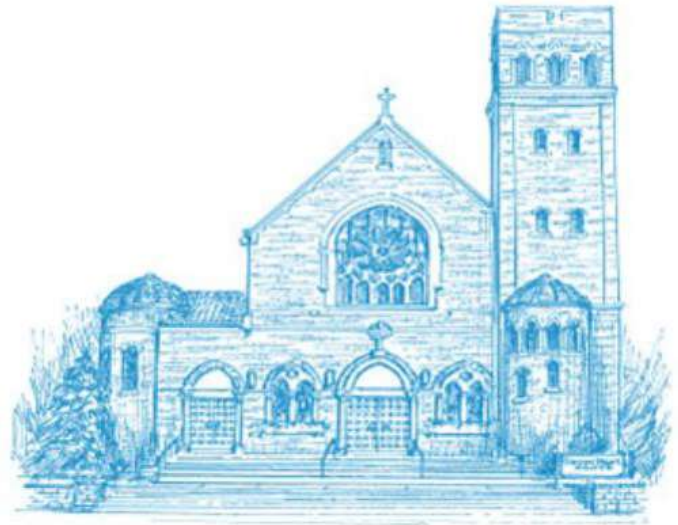
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Masses

The Lord's Day

Saturday Evening 5:00 PM

Sundays 7:00, 9:00, 11:00AM (Choir), 1:00 PM

Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

Confessions

Saturdays - 4:00 to 4:45 PM, Any time upon request

Parish Registration

Please formalize your membership in our parish community by registering at the parish office. We sincerely welcome all new parishioners!

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Office Hours - Sunday 10 AM - 3PM

Monday–Friday 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday 10 AM - 6 PM

Church open daily until 5 PM (Sundays until 3 PM)

Novena Devotions : Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Sick Calls

Anytime, please contact one of the priests at (718) 442-0058.

Baptism

Please contact the pastor for an appointment to arrange the Baptism.

Marriages

Couples should contact the rectory at least 6 months before the wedding to arrange the time, banns, and Pre-Cana Conference.

Sponsor Certificate

If you have been asked to be a godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation attend the 9 AM Mass on Sunday and see Sister Barbara immediately after in the church vestibule. Please see the parish website under the Worship/Sacraments link for godparent guidelines.

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JANUARY 17, 2021

**THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

READING 1 1 SM 3:3B-10,19

Samuel was sleeping in the temple of the LORD where the ark of God was. The LORD called to Samuel, who answered, "Here I am." Samuel ran to Eli and said, "Here I am. You called me." "I did not call you," Eli said. "Go back to sleep." So he went back to sleep. Again the LORD called Samuel, who rose and went to Eli. "Here I am," he said. "You called me." But Eli answered, "I did not call you, my son. Go back to sleep."

At that time Samuel was not familiar with the LORD, because the LORD had not revealed anything to him as yet. The LORD called Samuel again, for the third time. Getting up and going to Eli, he said, "Here I am. You called me." Then Eli understood that the LORD was calling the youth. So he said to Samuel, "Go to sleep, and if you are called, reply, Speak, LORD, for your serv-

ant is listening." When Samuel went to sleep in his place, the LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." Samuel grew up, and the LORD was with him, not permitting any word of his to be without effect.

Responsorial Psalm PS 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I have waited, waited for the LORD, and he stooped toward me and heard my cry. And he put a new song into my mouth, a hymn to our God.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. Sacrifice or offering you wished not, but ears open to obedience you gave me. Holocausts or sin-offerings you sought not; then said I, "Behold I come."

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. "In the written scroll it is prescribed for me, to do your will, O my God, is my delight, and your law is within my heart!"

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. I announced your justice in the vast assembly; I did not restrain my lips, as you, O LORD, know.

R. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.



READING 2

1 COR 6:13C-

15A, 17-20.

Brothers and sisters: The body is not for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord is for the body; God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.

ALLELUIA

JN 1:41,17B

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ, who brings us truth and grace.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

JN 1:35-42

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. It was about four in the afternoon. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, was one of the two who heard John and followed Jesus. He first found his own brother Simon and told him, "We have found the Messiah" — which is translated Christ —. Then he brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas" — which is translated Peter.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



A Note from The Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This week, on January 22nd, our nation commemorates the forty-eighth anniversary of the infamous Roe versus Wade U.S. Supreme Court decision that legalized abortion. Dr. Kathi Aultman changed her mind about abortion. ["Kathi Aultman: Why I am No Longer an Abortionist." *[focusonthefamily.com*, 16 January 2020]. She was staunchly pro-abortion and was happy to perform abortions on many, many women, reasoning that she was relieving them of unwanted pregnancies. But then she stopped performing these procedures after her own child was born and she began to see the connection between an unborn fetus and the baby that emerges later.

She discovered that few doctors perform abortions for very long. Aultman writes, "Though the women who want abortions are told that their pregnancy is just a blob of tissue, the abortionist knows exactly what he or she is doing, because the abortionist must count the body parts after each procedure. Eventually the truth sinks in. OB-GYNs especially must deal with this internal conflict, because they are normally concerned about the welfare of both their patients. Yet in an abortion, the doctor is ending the life of one of them. Perhaps that's why so many OB-GYNs don't do abortions."

Although she stopped performing abortions after the birth of her own baby, Dr. Aultman remained a firm supporter of abortion rights and continued to refer patients for abortions. However, she explains, "My views on abortion finally began to change as I noticed how well the women who kept their unplanned pregnancies were doing, especially compared with those who were struggling with the emotional aftermath of an abortion. That wasn't what I expected, and it was definitely inconsistent with the feminist rhetoric I had embraced. My stance also began to soften as I watched children in my church

who could have been aborted, including one with Down syndrome, grow up into wonderful young people."

A decisive turning point occurred when a friend gave her an article comparing abortion to the Holocaust. She had a soft spot for this subject because her father had been part of a unit that helped liberate a concentration camp during WWII. She could never wrap her mind around what the Nazi doctors did to innocent people. But the parallels of Nazism to abortion were clear, she said. Just as the Nazis were able to dispassionately exterminate so many people, and their physicians justified the horrific experiments they performed in the name of science, so too, do abortionists go about slaughtering babies with ice-cold detachment in the name of science.

She said, "Just as I did not consider the humanity of fetuses, the Nazis did not consider the Jews to be human beings. I realized that I was no better than they were. For the first time, I saw myself as a mass murderer. I was devastated. I asked for God's forgiveness and became pro-life. God is merciful and has surrounded me with loving friends who helped get me the counseling and prayer that I needed to heal."

God bless you!

Father Eric

CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 17, 2021



Saturday, January 23:

5:00 Bill Jones

Sunday, January 24:

7:00 AM Joan Prenty
9:00 AM Sister Jessica
11:00 AM Kenneth Wisniewski
1:00 PM Donald Maj

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 23:

5:00 Matthew Basile

Sunday, January 24:

7:00 Abigail Cruz
9:00 Sean Ahern
11:00 Jack Smith
1:00 Jason Suazo

COLLECTIONS:

January 10th.....\$9,137.00
Christmas..... \$2,675.00
Catholic University & Comm....\$1,305.00
Building Fund Dec. 2020.....\$683.00

ATTENDANCE JANUARY 10TH: 452

CAPACITY: 210

Saturday, January 16:

5:00 Diana Kisto

Sunday, January 17:

7:00 Ben Zarrelli
9:00 Al & Sue Amore & Susan Pellecchia
11:00 Thomas McNamara (10th Anniversary)
1:00 Frank & Mary Santora (76th Anniversary)

Monday, January 18:

9:30 Albert Perry

Tuesday, January 19:

9:30 George E. Brain III

Wednesday, January 20:

9:30 Fred Widmayer

Thursday, January 21:

9:30 Raymond Reilly Sr.

Friday, January 22:

9:30 Anne Dennehy

Saturday, January 23:

9:30 Maureen Donnelly
5:00 Joseph Swaniczy

Sunday, January 24:

7:00 Koula Triantis
9:00 Deceased Members of The Mello Family
11:00 Brendan Hoey
1:00 Jonathan Derbyshire

WEDDING BANS

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IN OBSERVANCE OF MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON JANUARY 18TH. REGULAR HOURS WILL RESUME THE FOLLOWING DAY.

St. Michael Prayer

Saint Michael The Archangel, Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness & snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan & all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Sts. Peter & Paul: Sts. Peter and Paul Parish, 53 St. Marks Place, are looking for a part time receptionist from 9 AM - 5 PM, Monday thru Wednesday. The job includes answering the door and telephone, posting collection gifts and looking up sacrament dates. The ability to read, write and speak Spanish is essential to the job. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Janet Kelly at 718-727-2672.

March for Life: The annual March for Life trip to Washington will take place on Friday, January 29th. St. Charles will be having 2 buses leave from Staten Island at 7 AM. The cost is \$55 per person and sanitizer and masks will be supplied. If you are interested in going on the trip please contact Angela DiBenedetto at 347-896-2307 as there is a limit of 28 people per bus.

Newly Baptized: We welcome into our Catholic Family our newly baptized Catholics including: **John Frank Lambert, Dion Angelo Fernando & Athena Lynn Guerrero.** May God bless them and their families.

Departed Parishioners: We ask that you keep in your prayers our recently departed parishioners and their families especially: **Joseph Reilly Sr., Maureen Waldenstrom, James Geraghty, Maria Iasiuolo, Marianne Gallo, Jerome Sterlacci, Robert Dunbar Sr., John McCole Sr., Steven Raffone, Jesus Santos and Carol Lee Clarke.** O Lord eternal rest grant unto them and may their souls along with all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

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FEAST DAY: JANUARY 20TH

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