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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - June 13, 2021

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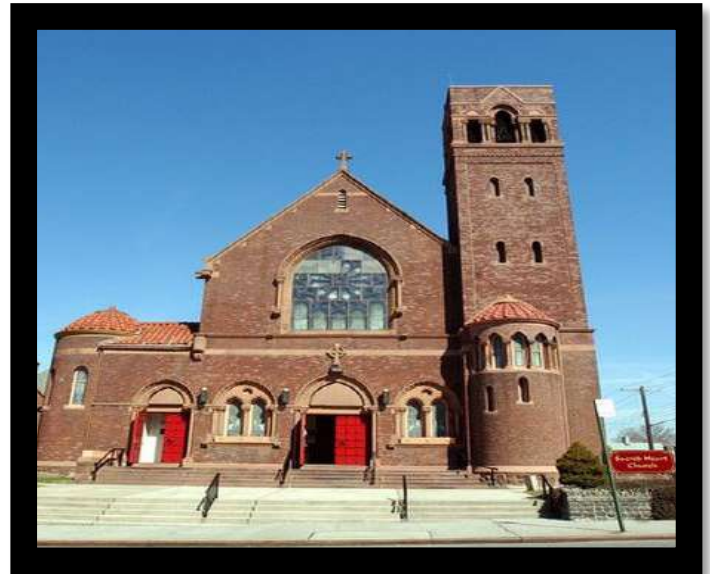
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SACRAMENTAL LIFE

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 - 5 PM

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

Novena Devotions: Mon & Wed (after daily Mass)

Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

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.

Websites:

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JUNE 13, 2021

**THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF
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 **EZ 17:22-24.**

Thus says the Lord GOD: I, too, will take from the crest of the cedar, from its topmost branches tear off a tender shoot, and plant it on a high and lofty mountain; on the mountain heights of Israel I will plant it. It shall put forth branches and bear fruit, and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind shall dwell beneath it, every winged thing in the shade of its boughs. And all the trees of the field shall know that I, the LORD, bring low the high tree, lift high the lowly tree, wither up the green tree, and make the withered tree bloom. As I, the LORD, have spoken, so will I do.

Responsorial Psalm **PS 92: 2-3, 13-14, 15-16.**

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, To proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

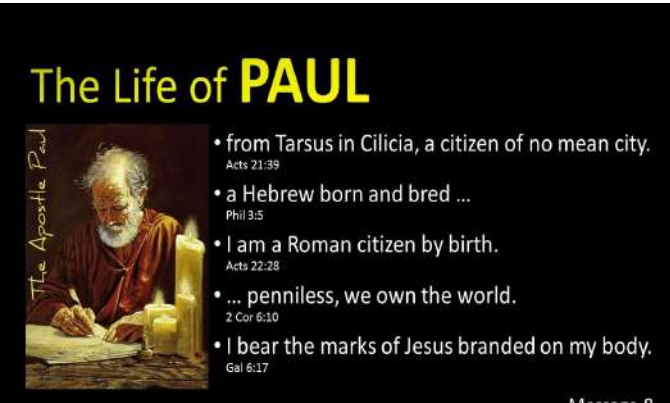
R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, Declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

R. Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

READING 2 **2 COR 5:6-10.**

Brothers and sisters: We are always courageous, although we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yet we are courageous, and we would rather leave the body and go home to the Lord. Therefore, we aspire to please him, whether we are at home or away. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil.



The Life of PAUL

- from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city.
Acts 21:39
- a Hebrew born and bred ...
Phil 3:5
- I am a Roman citizen by birth.
Acts 22:28
- ... penniless, we own the world.
2 Cor 6:10
- I bear the marks of Jesus branded on my body.
Gal 6:17

Message 8

ALLELUIA

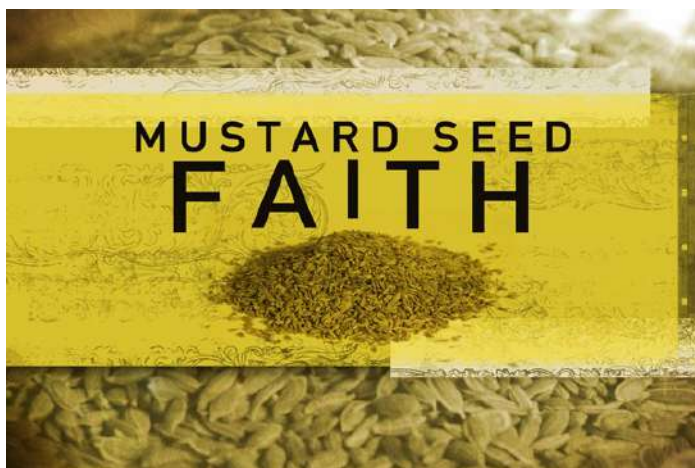
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will live forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL **MK 4: 26-34.**

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.



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 (BOW) 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,

Several months ago, an American mother learned that she was pregnant. However, she was already pregnant with twins when the new pregnancy was discovered. This is rare. It is called superfetation. After the ovum is fertilized and the fetus forms inside the uterus, another menstrual cycle occurs and then another ovum is fertilized. This results in a dizygotic pregnancy. The second embryo often does not develop to the fetal stage. There are few cases of human superfetation documented in medical literature. Superfetation is more common among animals. In the case of humans, this rare process is often related to artificial insemination. By the way, artificial insemination is sinful. The end does not justify the means. (Cf. Romans 3:8). The desire to get pregnant is virtuous, but no couple is owed a child. A child is a gift. The goal of getting pregnant (in marriage) is a noble end of human action. The means to achieve that good goal is evil in the case of artificial insemination. It is unnatural. It exalts the petri dish over divine providence. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us that such practices:

“dissociate the sexual act from the procreative act. The act which brings the child into existence is no longer an act by which two persons give themselves to one another, but one that entrusts the life and identity of the embryo into the power of doctors and biologists and establishes the domination of technology over the origin and destiny of the human person. Such a relationship of domination is in itself contrary to the dignity and equality that must be common to parents and children. . . Only respect for the link between the meanings of the conjugal act and respect for the unity of the human being make possible procreation in conformity with the dignity of the person.” (#2377-2379).

The mother gave birth (prematurely) to the three girls in April. The girls were immediately admitted to the NICU unit. The mother uses the handle “Taming Triplets” on social media without revealing her real name. Her unique pregnancy occurred naturally. She currently has well over one million followers on social media. She wrote, “For many peo-

ple, knowing they are expecting twins is already a major challenge. You give thanks and bless the Lord, but still a little anxiety sets [in]. We were just very, very lucky and blessed and thankful and happened to just spontaneously get pregnant with triplets. We wanted to be parents and God went, ‘Watch out what you ask for’ and gave us three at once.”

The medical team suggested a selective abortion. Fortunately, that option was not on the table for T.T. and her husband. She said, “We want to move forward with all three babies. No genetic testing, no selective reduction. We just pray and hope the babies are going to be healthy ... Even if they did have an issue, we are going to love them no matter what.”

At 32 weeks of gestation, the mother needed to have an emergency C-section because the three babies were in danger. She gave birth to Vivienne, Georgina, and Ivy. We’ll pray that they continue to do well. [For further reading see: Annalisi Teggi, “Mother gets pregnant (again!) while pregnant with twins,” *al-eteia.org*, 1 June 2021]

God bless you!

Father Eric

P.S. These are the triplets:





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Saturday, June 12:

5:00 Concetta Raziano

Sunday, June 13:

7:00 Peter Pellegrito
 9:00 Joseph Reilly Sr.
 11:00 Michael Mustillo Jr.
 1:00 Naomi Tuazon

Monday, June 14:

9:30 Eileen McGarry

Tuesday, June 15:

9:30 Maureen Donnelly

Wednesday, June 16:

9:30 Michael Contardo (8th Anniversary)

Thursday, June 17:

9:30 People of the Parish

Friday, June 18:

9:30 John R. Kubasek

Saturday, June 19:

9:30 Judith Landaverde & Herbert Molina
 5:00 Richard P. Morrison

Sunday, June 20:

7:00 Deceased Members of The Quinn & McCauley Families & Souls in Purgatory
 9:00 Fred & Bessie Althoff
 11:00 Brendan Hoey
 1:00 Alice Leahey

Saturday, June 19:

5:00 PM Jack Gordon

Sunday, June 20:

7:00 AM Theresa Zulch
 9:00 AM Kennedy Apoe
 11:00 AM Patricia Jezycki
 1:00 PM Donald Maj

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 19:

5:00 PM Brandon Pak

Sunday, June 20:

7:00 Abigail Cruz
 9:00 Oliver Czarnecki
 11:00 Gabriel Ortega
 1:00 Jack Smith

Collections:

June 6th\$7,989.00

ATTENDANCE JUNE 6TH: 426

CAPACITY FOR EACH MASS : 210

Wedding Banns

III. Ryan Frederick Brown & Kimberly Anne Gaeta

III. Vincent John Cusimano & Barbara Jean Modzelewski

Sacred Heart Class of 2021: Fr. Eric, Ms. Catalano and the entire faculty and staff of Sacred Heart would like to congratulate the Sacred Heart class of 2021! This past Friday the following students became alumni of Sacred Heart: **Sean Ahern, Inyene Ate, Andrew Cavagnaro, Abigail Cruz, Thomas Esposito, Allison Garcia, Brenda Garpestad, Amaya Jones, Abigail Meurer, Juan Millan, John Mullen, Splendour Nkanga, Michael Perkert, Erik Shashaty, Bethzy Soriano, Yazmin Taylor, Noah Teixeira, Michael Thomas, Javon Wood, Zoe Wright-Russell & Sofia Zall.** We are very proud of all of you! God bless them and their parents, we will surely miss you. We wish you well in all of your future endeavors and remember: **“Once a Spartan, always a Spartan!”** Remember to attend Mass and keep us updated on your high school activities.

Food Donations: The Holy Name Society is in need of food donations for their pantry. Boxes of hot and cold cereal, mashed potatoes, rice, pasta, macaroni & cheese, cans of soups, vegetables, fruit, tomato sauce, fish, meats and jars of peanut butter and jelly are all needed and appreciated.

Sacred Heart Womens Group: The next meeting of the Sacred Heart Womens Group will be on Thursday, June 24th at 7 PM in the Rectory basement. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

Save the Date!!

Sacred Heart Holy Name Communion Breakfast
Sunday, September 19th.

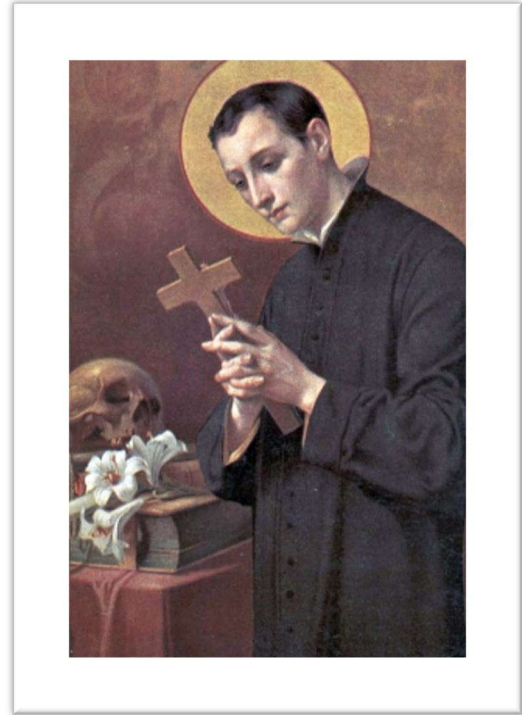


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