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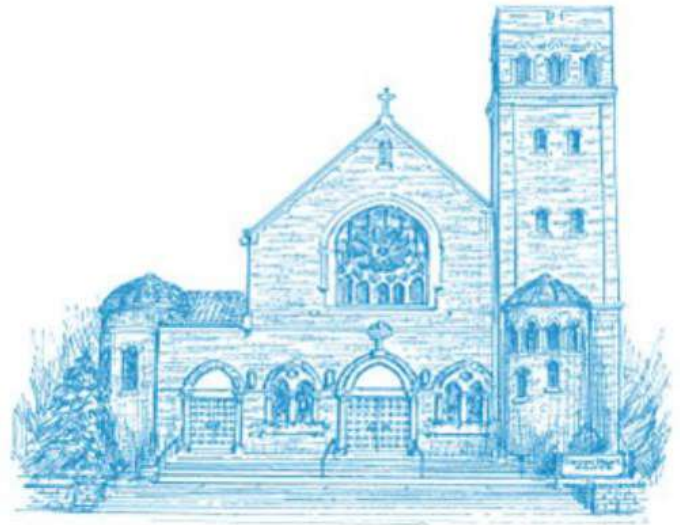
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Daily Mass 9:30 AM Monday-Saturday

Rosary 9 AM (Monday-Saturday)

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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)

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Pro Life Rosary: Tuesday 9 AM

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

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

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THE THIRTIETH 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 EX 22:20-26

Thus says the LORD: "You shall not molest or oppress an alien, for you were once aliens yourselves in the land of Egypt. You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you with the sword; then your own wives will be widows, and your children orphans. "If you lend money to one of your poor neighbors among my people, you shall not act like an extortioner toward him by demanding interest from him. If you take your neighbor's cloak as a pledge, you shall return it to him before sunset; for this cloak of his is the only covering he has for his body. What else has he to sleep in? If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength,
O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

My God, my rock of refuge,
my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold!

Praised be the LORD, I exclaim,
and I am safe from my enemies.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

The LORD lives and blessed be my rock!
Extolled be God my savior.

You who gave great victories to your king
and showed kindness to your anointed.

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

READING 2 1 THES 1:5C-10

Brothers and sisters: You know what sort of people we were among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit, so that you became a model for all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth not only in Macedonia and in Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has gone forth, so that we have no need to say anything. For they themselves openly declare about us what sort of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God and to await his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus, who delivers us from the coming wrath.

ALLELUIA

JN 14:23

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

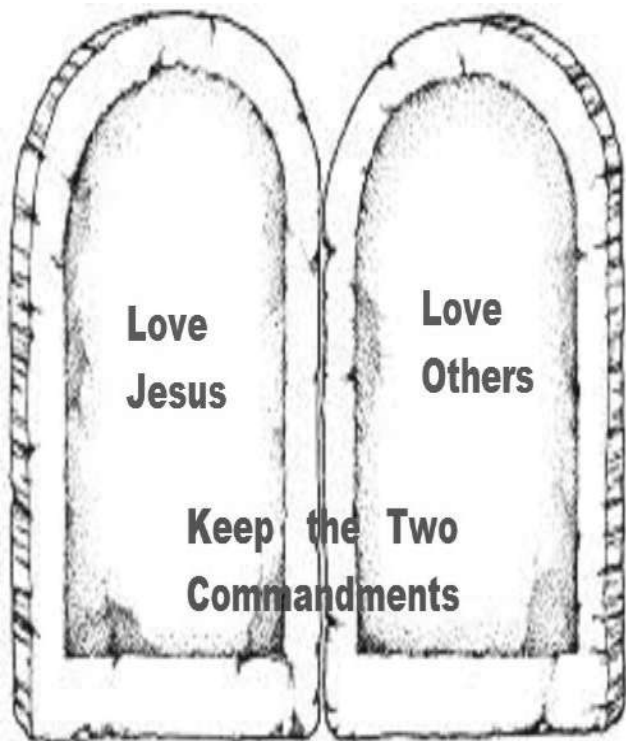
Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

GOSPEL

MT 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a scholar of the law tested him by asking, "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."



PROFESSION OF FAITH

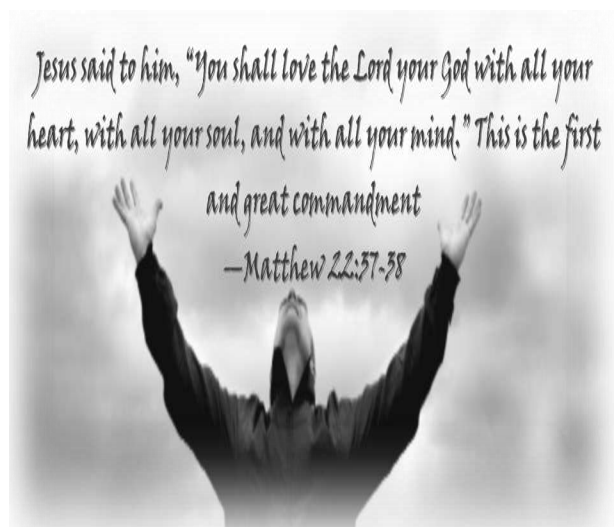
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

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,

Fr. Gabriele Amorth was an Italian priest. He was the world's most famous exorcist. He died in 2016. Many believe he is a saint. His first solo exorcism was in 1997 involving a simple peasant. The man was young and slim and came accompanied by a priest and a translator. Initially, Father Gabriele did not understand why there was a translator. After all, the young man was a native-speaking Italian and so was he. But then the priest explained to him that when the demoniac was under possession, he spoke in English, hence the need for translation.

The exorcism ritual began. The young man, at first, was completely silent and motionless. But when Father Gabriele began to specifically beseech the help of Jesus, the young man fixed his piercing eyes upon him and began to curse and scream in English while spitting at the exorcist, preparing to physically assault him. When Father Gabriele arrived at the prayer *Praecipio tibi* (I command you), the demon composed himself. But a short time later the demon began to howl again, drooling saliva from the young man's mouth.

At a certain point in the exorcism ritual the exorcist has to ask the demon to tell his (the demon's) name, and then the exorcist will order the demon by name to leave. This order by name, with the authority of the Church has great efficacy, as teachers, who call out a misbehaving student's name and order him to immediately end his mischief, have more effect. Because this was his first exorcism, Father Gabriele did not expect to receive such a terrifying answer: "I am Lucifer." He was flabbergasted. He was expecting to be exorcising a mid-level or lower echelon demon. He was shocked to discover that he was *mano a mano* with the Prince of Darkness himself.

Father Gabriele was too far along to give up and terminate the ritual. He was convinced that he had to keep going as long as he had the strength. While he continued with the exorcism, the Devil resumed his screaming, making the possessed man turn his head back and his eyes roll. He remained in this trance with his back arched for fifteen minutes. Suddenly, the room grew very cold. Ice crystals formed on the windows and the walls. Refusing to give up, Fr. Gabriele ordered Lucifer to abandon the young man. At that point, the young man's body became rigid and then began to levitate. For several minutes, he hovered above the ground, three feet in the air.

Meanwhile, the exorcist continued with the prayers of liberation. Then, at a certain point, the possessed fell into a chair, and then Lucifer announced through his mouth the day and the exact hour that he would leave the man's body. Father Gabriele continued to exorcise the young man each week until the fatal day arrived. Then on the day and at the hour that the Devil had stated he would leave, he began to howl like never before and departed shortly thereafter. At the end of that ordeal, the young man felt completely renewed and very light and peaceful. (For further reading, See Fr. Gabriele Amorth, *The Devil is Afraid of Me: The Life and Work of the World's Most Popular Exorcist*, Sophia Institute Press, 2020).

These days it's not always easy to speak of the Devil. Many scoff at the subject because they do not believe that he exists. That is a major error that the Evil One uses to his advantage. An enemy is most dangerous and destructive when his presence is unknown and invisible. That the Devil exists is clear from Sacred Scripture. Jesus is on record as having spoken more about Satan and Hell than all of the Prophets and Apostles *combined*. Moreover, our Lord was constantly exorcising demons. Furthermore, He resisted the temptations of the Devil during His fast of 40 days. Speaking of Heaven and Hell our blessed Savior said: *Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction, and those who enter through it are many. How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life. And those who find it are few.* (Matthew 7:13-14). This statement from the Word of God makes clear that not everyone goes to Heaven, unfortunately.

Although many others acknowledge that the Devil exists, they cringe when you mention him as if by hearing the topic that will somehow summon him into their lives, and so they meticulously evade the subject the way the pedestrian walks around canine droppings on the sidewalk. It is not the mention of the Devil that summons him into our lives. It is sin that summons the Devil into our lives. We are so blessed to have the Sacrament of Confession! We are also so blessed to have been given the gift of prayer! We do well to pray every day for the grace to repent of our sins. *A contrite, humbled heart, Oh God, You will not scorn.* (Psalm 51:17).

God bless you!
Father Eric

**CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

OCTOBER 25, 2020



Saturday, October 31:
5:00 Jack Gordon

Sunday, November 1:
7:00 AM Efrain Ortiz
9:00 AM Roy Hansen
11:00 AM Frank DiSalvo
1:00 PM Charles Sullivan

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 31:
5:00 Christopher Basile
Sunday, November 1:
7:00 Angela Laureano
9:00 Jacob Torres
11:00 Tara Murphy
1:00 Matthew Basile

COLLECTIONS:

October 18th.....\$6,570.00
World Mission Sunday..... \$977.00

**LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 400
CHURCH CAPACITY: 210**

Wedding Banns

**II. Paul Anthony Lavoro Jr.
& Jaclyn Marie Durkin**

II. Joseph George Montalbano &

Teresa Maria Montuori

I. Austin Jay Crawford

& Tianna Marie Santiago

Saturday, October 24:
5:00 Edward & Margaret McCauley

Sunday, October 25:
7:00 Kevin Leach
9:00 Brother Kevin McDonnell
11:00 Deceased Members of The Decker Family
1:00 Catherine Sullivan

Monday, October 26:
9:30 Patricia M. Silvestri

Tuesday, October 27:
9:30 Grace Stanger

Wednesday, October 28:
9:30 Thomas Valentino

Thursday, October 29:
9:30 Stanley & Edith Modzelewski

Friday, October 30:
9:30 John & Patricia Molloy

Saturday, October 31:
9:30 Rosemary Selfridge
5:00 Shawn Bator

Sunday, November 1:
7:00 Patricia M. Silvestri
9:00 June Cordell
11:00 Robert & Helen Mullaney
1:00 Rosemary Selfridge

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.

St. Peter's Boys High School: St. Peter's will be having their annual open house on Sunday November 1st. This year due to the pandemic the Open House is limited to just one date and only 8th grade students can attend with their parents. Also if you are planning to attend you need to pre-register www.stpetersboyshs.org. This school has had a reputation for academic and athletic excellence for over a century.

Employment Opportunity: Good Counsel Homes are looking for a Handyman. The ideal candidate will have some basic plumbing, electrical, mechanical, carpentry and sheetrock skills. The position includes 100 % employer paid health benefits. Good Counsel Homes are a pro-life Catholic organization which provides housing for pregnant women. If interested, please call Melanie at (860)-235-4558.

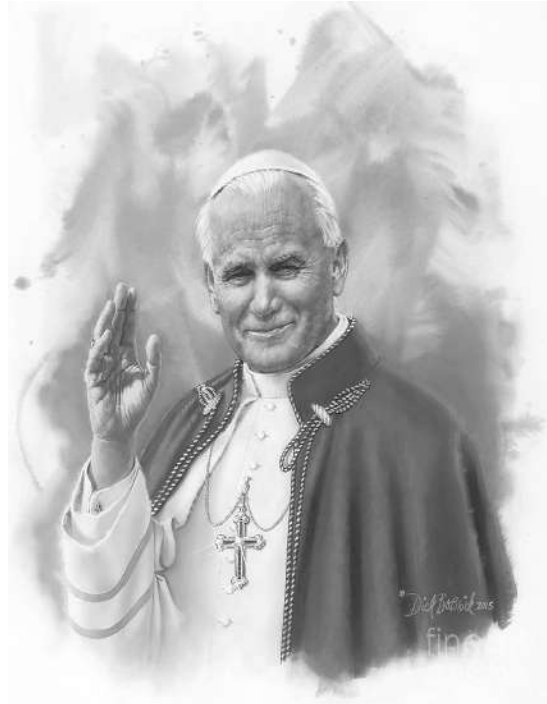
Call to Action: As you are well aware our Catholic schools have been open and operating very smoothly despite the ongoing pandemic. Our Superintendents, principals, teachers and maintenance staff have gone to great lengths and devoted many hours of planning to ensure a socially distanced, germ free learning experience. Now because of some spikes in the virus in Brooklyn and Queens (in the public school system) our Mayor wants to shut down Catholic schools in these areas as well. We cannot let that happen as we have all worked too hard to turn back now. The powers that be had ample time to get their schools prepared as we did. Our children need social interaction as it is vital to their development and critical to the learning process. Please on behalf of our schools in Queens and Brooklyn let your voice be heard by calling Mayor De Blasio at (212)-788-3000 or Governor Cuomo at (518)-474-8390.

Public Square Rosary: We are sure that Our Lady is pleased with all those who participated in The Public Square Rosary on October 10th at noon. Thanks to those who could not attend but found time to pray the Rosary in private. At Fatima in 1917, Our Lady promised peace if the Rosary was prayed each and every day.

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FEAST DAY OCTOBER 22ND

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