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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time * September 21, 2025 We come together as a Christian community to minister the Gospel of Christ

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday.......7 a.m. and 8:30 a.m.
(No 7 a.m. Mass from Memorial Day through early September)
Saturday......8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
Sunday......7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m..
Holy Days.......5 p.m. (Vigil Mass)
7 a.m., 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on Holy Day
Eucharistic Adoration....Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are held every Sunday and some Saturdays at 1:00 pm. Baptism Preparation Sessions are held on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month via Zoom. Please call the office for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions are heard Monday through Saturday following the 8:30 A.M. Mass and on Saturdays from 4:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M. in church or by appointment.

CARE OF SICK

Arrangements should be made through the parish office for home visits with the Eucharist for the sick and elderly. The office should be contacted for the Sacrament of the Sick.

SACRAMENTAL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must:

Be a registered member of a Catholic parish

Be at least 16 years of age

Received Sacraments of Initiation:

Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation

If married, according to the laws of the Catholic Church

Sunday, September 21 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus tells a story about a servant who tries to cheat his employer. The owner is impressed because he would do the same thing himself. Jesus then describes the importance of being trustworthy in small matters, as well as in greater ones. He then states that no one can serve two masters faithfully, so people cannot give themselves completely to both God and money.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 20 Sts. Andrew Kim & Paul Chong-Ha-sang

8:30am Thomas & Elizabeth Maloney r/b Parcells Family 5:00pm William & Rita Dunbar r/b daughter Linda & son Bill

Sunday, September 21

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Marie Randazzo r/b Chris Bellace
9:30am Joseph Gehousky r/b Knights of Columbus
11:30am Catherine Wolfe r/b her Husband & Family
Paul, Shane & Johanna Heipp
r/b B. Petrellis & Family
Emily Maglione r/b Maria Cody
Ray Hays r/b Jenkins Family
Florence Kempista r/b Annette Zambrano
Peter Colonna r/b sons Nick & Frank

Monday, September 22

7:00am Living & Deceased Members of the Parish 8:30am Michael F. Flood Jr. r/b Loving Family

Tuesday, September 23 – St. Pius of Pietrelcina

7:00am Richard Huysie r/b McGowan Family 8:30am Dr. Rosalie Ghiardi Mirenda r/b DelleMonache & Mirenda Families

Wednesday, September 24

7:00am Jackie Hoffer r/b sister Cathy 8:30am Herbert Lum r/b Lucille & Paul Jones Jr.

Thursday, September 25

7:00am Michael Onesti r/b Joe & Beth York 8:30am Peter Colonna r/b sons Nick & Frank

Friday, September 26 – Sts. Cosmas & Damian

7:00am Richard White r/b Incarnation Angels 8:30am Nick Brandemarti r/b Brandemarti Family

Saturday, September 27 – St. Vincent dePaul

8:30am Ann Marie Zimmerman r/b her Father 5:00pm In Thanksgiving r/b St. Vincent dePaul Society

Sunday, September 28

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Linda Falcone r/b Robert & Irene Binz
9:30am Donald Fanelle Sr. r/b Louise Houwen
Peter Worthington r/b Paul & Patty Kelly
Kathleen Magnotta r/b Kevin & Luanne Corcoran
Peter Worthington r/b Friends of Rose Dougherty
For the Intentions of Grace Romeo
r/b Agnes & Helen

Nancy McLauglin r/b Michael & Barbara O'Leary 11:30am Judy Signiski r/b Nora & Peter Traum

Readings for the Week

 Monday, September 22
 Ezr 1:1-6; Lk 8:16-18

 Tuesday, September 23
 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b,14-20; Lk 8:19-21

 Wednesday, September 24
 Ezr 9:5-9; Lk 9:1-6

 Thursday, September 25
 Hg 1:1-8; Lk 9:7-9

 Friday, September 26
 Hg 2:1-9; Lk 9:18-22

 Saturday, September 27
 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Lk 9:43b-45

Prayer for Religious Vocations

Priest: Let us pray for vocations

All: O God, we earnestly beseech you to bless the Church with many priests, deacons, seminarians and

religious who will love you with their whole strength, be faithful to their vocation and gladly spend

their entire lives to teach your truths, serve your Church and make you known and loved.

Priest: Bless our families, bless our children.

All: Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work.

Priest: O Mary, Queen of the clergy,

All: Pray for us. Pray for our priests, deacons, seminarians and religious. Obtain for us many more. Amen.

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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 - Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land! "When will the new moon be over," you ask, "that we may sell our grain, and the sabbath, that we may display the wheat? We will diminish the ephah, add to the shekel, and fix our scales for cheating! We will buy the lowly for silver, and the poor for a pair of sandals; even the refuse of the wheat we will sell!" The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Never will I forget a thing they have done!

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 - Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Reading 2 - 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Beloved: First of all, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity. This is good and pleasing to God our savior, who wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth. For there is one God. There is also one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as ransom for all. This was the testimony at the proper time. For this I was appointed preacher and apostle - I am speaking the truth, I am not lying - teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. It is my wish, then, that in every place the men should pray, lifting up holy hands, without anger or argument.

Gospel - Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples, "A rich man had a steward who was reported to him for squandering his property. He summoned him and said, 'What is this I hear about you? Prepare a full account of your stewardship, because you can no longer be my steward.' The steward said to himself, 'What shall I do, now that my master is taking the position of steward away from me? I am not strong enough to dig and I am ashamed to beg. I know what I shall do so that, when I am removed from the stewardship, they may welcome me into their homes.' He called in his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, 'How much do you owe my master?' He replied, 'One hundred measures of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Here is your promissory note. Sit down and quickly write one for fifty.' Then to another the steward said, 'And you, how much do you owe?' He replied, 'One hundred kors of wheat.' The steward said to him, 'Here is your promissory note; write one for eighty.' And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. I tell you, make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. The person who is trustworthy in very small matters is also trustworthy in great ones; and the person who is dishonest in very small matters is also dishonest in great ones. If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth? If you are not trustworthy with what belongs to another, who will give you what is yours? No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon."

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and 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.

To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven.

Ecclesiastes 3:1

"...a time to be born..."

Kaylee Valentina Casella Grant Steven DeLaurentis

"...a time to welcome..."

Fitzgerald Family, Bodine Family

"a time to be married..."

Kelly Flanigan and Sean Lenahan

...a time to be healed..."

Sam Amaradio, Bernadette Andrews, George Austin, Edward Boyd, Joseph Brickley, Rita Bruno, Charli Burke, Christine Cassell, Colleen, Krista Collings, Bob D'Alessio, Roxanne Day, Robert Deegan, Alberta & Tony DiFabio, Lucyna Dinces, Mirenda Donnian, Rich Donofrio, Kristine Ebright, Ellie & Les Edwards, Barbara Facchine, Agnes Flood, Anna Forsman, Keith & Linda Franchetti, Marylou Furfari, Gerwatoski, Jay Gigante, John Gilmore, Dave Griffith, Michael Groody, Ben Groves, Donovan & John Gura, Kathy Heisinger, Karol Hennessey, Carol Iannotti, Jason, Adalynne Johnson, Susan Kane, Karen, Carol Taylor-Kearney, Caroline Keenan, Marilyn Angelotti-Kelly, Fred Krumm, Steffanie Lerch, Judy Longo, Joe Lumpkin, Richard Maloumian, Richard Marcantonio, Michelle Marhefka, Barbara Marker, Elwood Martz III, Dorothy McKeever, Anne McMenamin, Barbara & Ira McManus, Christina McNasby, Tim McSorley, Hannah McStay, Joan Morlachetta, Katie Mutek, Peter Myers, Frank Nowak, Lorene Newman, Nicole P., William Pappernek, Lee Peters, Giovanni Poloney, Helen Powell, Rose Quigley, Janet Rainier, Teri Reed, Joan Reilly, Mary Reilly, George Rein, Pete Richman, Patti Roberts, Jim Roche, Karen Rucci, Ivey Caruso Rupert, Denise Sacco, Marguerite Sadler, Caterina Saya, Santi Saya, Loretta Scardino, Nicholas Simeo, Sr., Linda Sesko, Eda Shannon, Jason Shipman, Frank Smith, Chris Stalker, Nick Stansbury, Janie Talemal, Jason Tallarida, Evelyne & Tom Tull, Lou Underwood, Rosemarie Villari, Kathy Voelmle, Darlene & John Voll, William Walsh, John Werner, Mary White, Shannon Whyte, Nancy Taylor-Williams, Dianne Williamson, Richard Wilson, Theresa Woods, Lois Worthington, Lori Wotypka, Lois Wunsch, Maria Wyzykowski, Catherine Zabrodski, Francesco Zarzycki, their caregivers, all others in need of our prayers.

"...a time to die..."

All the Faithful Departed

STEWARDSHIP SERVICE

"No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)."

-LUKE 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money through <u>Stewardship</u> frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need.

FORGOT YOUR ENVELOPES?

If you forgot your envelopes, are new to the parish or are visiting the parish and would like to make a donation. You can do so here. Be sure to select one-time gift – as recurring is default.



STEWARDSHIP

September 9 through September 15 - \$18,322.65

Many thanks to everyone who has donated to the SJ Catholic Ministry Appeal – to date we are \$10,000.00 away from our goal of \$196,800.00. When we reach our goal we will receive \$19,680.00. These funds are used to help those in need through our parish pantry and the St. Vincent dePaul Society.

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Bishop Joseph A. Williams has called Michael C. Drees and Douglas R. Stetser to the Order of Deacon. The Church rejoices in the commitment to ministry which Michael and Douglas have made, and we announce it to you with great joy! The ordination is to take place at 10:30AM on October 4 at St. Agnes Church, Our Lady of Hope Parish, Blackwood.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP

The Bereavement Support Group is meeting again. If you are grieving the loss of a loved one and need support, please join us on Tuesdays at 3:30 PM in the Conference Room in the Parish Offices. Please ring the bell to enter.

If you would like more information, please call Rita 856-693-2932.

SENIOR STRETCH

Senior stretch classes have started – but it's not too late to join us. Classes are Mondays at 11:00 AM. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday classes are at 9:15 AM. A great way to stay in shape and socialize. Cost for the Fall Session is \$35.00. All are welcome!!

KNIGHTS' KNEWS

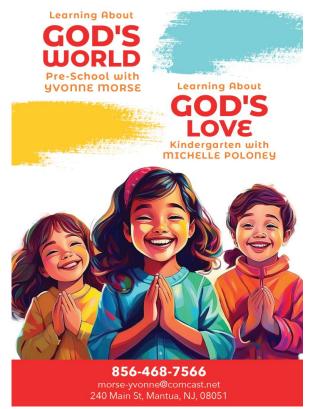
K of C #6364 members will be conducting the annual Disability Drive, collecting donations outside of church after Masses the weekend of Sept. 26-27. The proceeds benefit Hollydale School, the Larc School and New Jersey Special Olympics. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Comedian Gordon Douglas will light up the Kernan Center with laughter on Saturday, October 4. Doors open at 6:00 PM beginning with a spaghetti dinner. Show starts at 7:15 PM.

The cost is \$30.00 for adults/\$15.00 for children 12 and under. The proceeds will benefit the Incarnation food pantry and local Knights of Columbus charities.



SUNDAYS During 9:30 mass From Sept. - Apr. meet us at the Kernan center!



It's not too late to sign your child up for Pre-School or Kindergarten classes – Sundays during the 9:30 AM Mass. If you would like more information, please email Miss Yvonne at morse-yvonne@comcast.net.

ANNUAL BLUE MASS

Join the Diocese of Camden in honoring Law Enforcement and First Responders at Mass on September 29 at 10:30 AM. Our Lady of Hope, 701 Little Gloucester Rd. Blackwood, NJ

JOSEPH HOUSE

REMINDER – Casseroles and products will be delivered to the Joseph House this Monday, October 6. Any questions please contact Jerry at 856-579-7004 or jerbotemple@comcast.net. Thank you for your continued support!



Save the Date

The Food Truck Festival is back on Friday, October 3 from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM!! This year's Food Trucks are Carolina Blue, Dominic's Tavern, Just Fork It and Mister Softee. There will be games for the kids, live music, good food - so don't cook, bring the family and enjoy a night out!

LIVING AS MISSIONARY DISCIPLES

Our scripture passage for this Sunday comes from the Gospel of Luke 16:1-13. This passage is known as either the Parable of the Dishonest Steward or the Wiley Manager. The manager in the parable was in a moment of crisis and asked himself a very important question; "What shall I do?" The word "crisis in Greek means "a time of decision". Indeed, the manager reached a time when he had to make a decision because he saw where his life was heading – namely, he was about to be dismissed. The manager realized that he had to act immediately. Something bad was about to happen, and if he didn't do something immediately, a disaster awaited him. And he did act. Jesus was not praising his dishonesty; rather, Jesus is pointing out the importance of the initiative the manager showed by taking charge of his life and doing what was necessary to prepare for his future. It is that kind of responsiveness that Jesus wants to see in disciples when it comes to our spiritual lives. When we realize our need to grow in faith, or to turn away from sin, then we must act on that need, and we must do something to avoid a spiritual disaster or to pursue spiritual growth. Disciples don't just pray about what's going on in their lives; they also do something about it.

Think about it: What tempts me to be passive or non-active in my spiritual life?



Save The Date

Saturday, November 15, 2025



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St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and 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, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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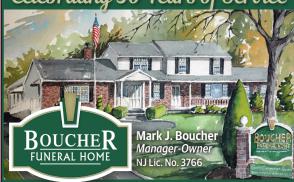
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