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August 9, 2020
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:

Monday - Saturday 7:30 AM

Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses:

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Masses:

7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

Summer Sunday Mass Schedule:

June 28, 2020 - September 6, 2020

Saturday 5:00 PM;

Sunday 9:00 AM only

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of
the month after the 10:30 AM Mass.
Arrangements for the Baptism should
be made at least one month in
advance. There are no Baptisms
during Lent.

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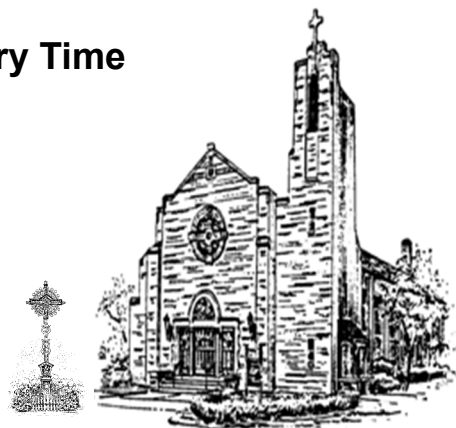
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Eucharistic Ministers.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements should be made one
year in advance of the proposed
marriage according to the Common
Policy of the Bishops of the Province
of New Jersey. Either the bride or
groom must be registered with
Our Lady of Sorrows Parish.

RELIGIOUS VOCATION

Women and men who feel called to
the Religious Life and men called to
the Holy Orders should contact the
Vocation Office 973-497-4365 or
speak with a parish priest.



PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Welcome! Every Catholic should be
registered in the parish. Letters of
testimony for Godparents and
Sponsors cannot be given unless
one is registered. All parishioners
should be active in parish life and be
known to one of the parish priests.
Stewardship (church support) is a
serious responsibility of every Cath-
olic. We urge all parishioners to
make regular use of their collection
envelopes. When moving, please
notify the rectory office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (R.C.I.A.)

If you have not received the
Sacraments of Baptism, First
Eucharist, or Confirmation, and are
over 18 years of age, and are
interested in membership in the
Catholic Church, please call the
rectory office.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS MISSION STATEMENT

We are Catholic Christians of Our
Lady of Sorrows Parish who are
conscious of the plan of God for the
salvation of all. We praise the Lord
in our everyday lives by sharing our
faith and talents with each other for
the continued growth of Our Lady of
Sorrows Parish Community. We
wish to live the Beatitudes of Jesus
and put them into practice in our
daily lives as we answer His call to
evangelization.

Kindness

and truth shall meet;

justice and peace shall kiss.

Truth shall spring out of the earth,
and justice shall look down from heaven.

Psalm 85:11-12



August 9, 2020
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FREE TO CHOOSE

Our readings today drench us in God's kindness. The Old Testament reading, Paul's letter, and the Gospel demonstrate God's creative and personalized outreach to us. In each case, we see a different reaction to God's gestures. Elijah drinks in his consolation, recognizing God in gentle silence and going out to meet God. The Israelites, according to Saint Paul, though encountering God in a variety of ways through the centuries, ultimately reject the Messiah whom God sends to them. Peter thinks he recognizes the Lord coming to him on the water, but demands proof and grows frightened. At all times and in all places, God longs for us to believe and goes to great lengths to strengthen our faith. Ultimately, God never compels belief, but leaves us free to choose. Today's scriptures challenge us to consider our own response to God's constant work in our lives.

EMBRACING DIVERSITY

Today's readings console and challenge us, reminding us just how hard God works for us so we might have faith. God's labors are infinitely diverse, too, always tailored to fit our particular situations, personalities, and needs. In Elijah's case, he is hiding in a cave on the very same mountain where Moses once encountered God in the burning bush. Hunted by the pagan Queen Jezebel, Elijah is running for his life. While Moses experienced God in fire on this mountain, Elijah requires a gentler touch. God comes to him not in awesome displays of power, but in a "tiny whispering sound." God provides exactly the tranquility Elijah needs before sending him off on a new mission.

God's creative care for us does not always lead to faith, however. In a strikingly tender passage, Saint Paul shares his heartbreak that God's chosen people could reject Jesus, even after all God has done to prepare them for the Messiah. God has accompanied the chosen people through adoption, miracles, covenants, commandments, prophets, and kings. Despite ages of dedicated and inventive caregiving, God's people do not unite in worship of the true Messiah. The proper response to this lack of faith is sorrow, and Saint Paul pours out the "constant anguish" in his heart.

In yet another astonishingly creative gesture, God visits people in need of faith by defying the laws of nature. Matthew's Gospel describes Jesus actually walking on water to comfort his disciples during a storm at sea. After their terror subsides and the winds grow calm, faith floods the disciples' hearts. They worship Jesus, proclaiming, "Truly, you are the Son of God."

TO THE LIMIT

Sometimes God's creative overtures are almost too much to handle. In a daring effort to trust, Peter challenges Jesus to share miraculous power with him. Jesus obliges, and Peter walks on water. Peter enjoys his miracle until his natural limitations spoil his faith. Just imagine what barriers we can shatter if only we believe.

TODAY'S READINGS

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Psalm 85:9-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

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Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died; may God reward them for their good deeds done in faith. Let us also pray for those who are sick at home or in a hospital, especially **Joseph Colamedici, Mary Calabrese, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Kathleen Podlaski, Barbara Russell, June Struzienski, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".**

May God grant them healing.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In many church buildings constructed in the early twentieth century, there is a window or statue of Pope St. Pius X. Often, these windows were purchased with coins collected by grateful children, since in 1910 a decree admitted much younger children to First Communion. Before then, only teenagers were customarily confirmed and then admitted to the Eucharist. What we often think is ancient practice in fact sometimes has fairly shallow roots, in this case only ten decades. For centuries, Communion had marked the end of formal religious education, but a hundred years ago, Pius X located it at the point at which a child could express a desire for the sacrament and receive it with understanding. In 1917 a new code of canon law determined that age to be about seven, and this practice was observed almost everywhere until the beginning of the Second Vatican Council forty years ago.

In a growing number of dioceses, recent practice has restored the sacramental order that Pius X's generous decree upset, and increasingly confirmation is celebrated before First Communion. But the gift Pius gave to the children of the Roman Church remains firm: everywhere we admit children to the Lord's table. Where the traditional order has been restored, seven-year-old children are confirmed before First Communion.

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**SAINT TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS
(EDITH STEIN) (1891-1942) AUGUST 9**

"Come," Edith gently whispered, taking her sister Rosa's hand, "let us go for our people!" These were Edith Stein's last words as the Nazis, enraged at the Dutch bishops' condemnation of their genocide, took into custody all Catholic converts from Judaism. Born Jewish, but non-practicing from her teens, Edith's search for truth led to a doctorate in philosophy, a brilliant career as professor and author and, finally, to the *Autobiography of Saint Teresa of Avila*, which she read in one sitting, then declared, "That is the Truth!" Baptized on January 1, 1922, observed then as the feast of Jesus' initiation into the covenant of Abraham, confirmed on February 2, the feast of Jesus' Presentation in the Temple, Edith entered the cloistered Carmelites in Cologne, transferring to a convent in Holland when she realized that, because of the Nazi persecution of the Jews, her presence could imperil the safety of the other nuns. She died in the gas chambers of Auschwitz as a daughter of Israel and of the Church.

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SING

Alas for those who never sing, but die with their music within them.

—Oliver Wendell Holmes

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



**Saturday
5:00 PM**

**August 8
Anthony Daunoras**
Req. Kathy Daunoras

**Sunday
9:00 AM**

**August 9
Teresa Mosca**
Req. Anthony J. Lore

**Monday
7:30 AM**

**August 10
Diane Murphy 30th Anniversary**
Req. Jean Morton

**Tuesday
7:30 AM**

**August 11
Anne Caveney**
Req. Dolores Walingavich

**Wednesday
7:30 AM**

**August 12
Sergio Sanchez**
Req. Family

**Thursday
7:30 AM**

**August 13
Edward McBride**
Req. Chris Danzi

**Friday
7:30 AM**

**August 14
Wilfred Furlong**
Req. Theresa Tiberi

**Saturday
7:30 AM**

**August 15
People of the Parish**
Req. OLS

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday
5:00 PM**

**August 15
McBride and Pfluge Families**
Req. Dot McBride

**Sunday
9:00 AM**

**August 16
Frank Abromaitis**
Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

THE ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED 20 MINUTES BEFORE EACH WEEKEND MASS.

**MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK
AUGUST 9, 2020**



Altar Bread & Wine...
People of the Parish
Sanctuary Lamp...
People of the Parish
Altar Candles...
People of the Parish

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, August 23rd, in St. Cecilia Church at 3:00 PM. There will be a practice before the celebration of the Mass at 2:00 PM. Sponsors must be present with the candidate. Please pray for our students, families, sponsors, and those preparing them for the sacrament.



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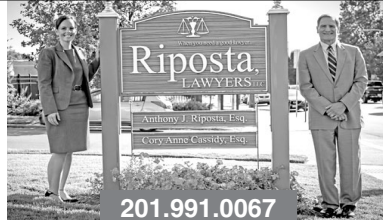
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