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August 23, 2020
21st 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:

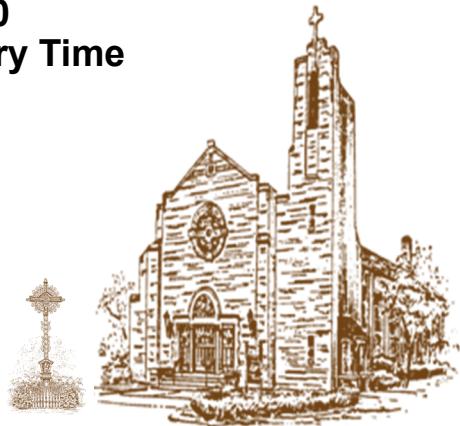
7:30 AM, 12:00 PM & 7:00 PM

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.

**SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING
OF THE SICK**

Please notify the rectory or priest in the event of a serious illness. Visits to the home-bound and those in hospitals are made by Priests, Deacons and Extraordinary 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

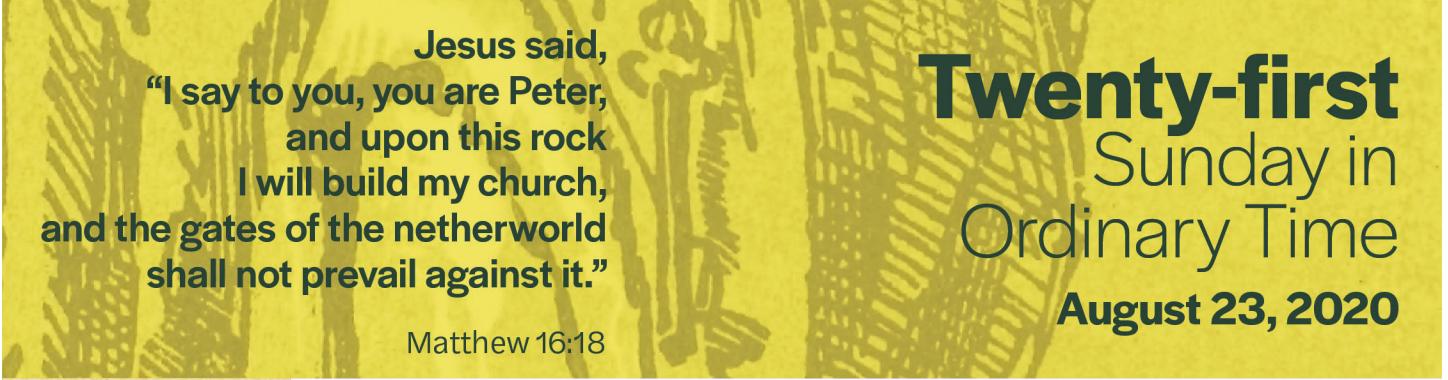
Welcome! Every Catholic should be registered in the parish. Letters of testimony for Godparents and Sponsors cannot be given unless one is registered. All parishioners should be active in parish life and be known to one of the parish priests. Stewardship (church support) is a serious responsibility of every Catholic. 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.



**Jesus said,
“I say to you, you are Peter,
and upon this rock
I will build my church,
and the gates of the netherworld
shall not prevail against it.”**

Matthew 16:18

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2020



Saint Peter, undated
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TRUSTING GOD'S WISDOM

Over the past several weeks, Matthew's Gospel has shown us a variety of Jesus' miracles: multiplying fish and bread, walking on water, and expelling demons. Thousands of people have witnessed Jesus' miraculous powers. Yet today, when Peter professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah, Jesus swears him to secrecy. We might wonder at Jesus' gag order after his very public miracles. Saint Paul's Letter to the Romans captures our curiosity: "How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways!" Today's readings ask us to have faith in a marvelous God who guides us in ways we cannot fully understand. The readings from Isaiah and the Gospel both show us times when the Lord designates earthly leaders. Eliakim and Peter are fallible men, yet God entrusts them with far-reaching, even eternal, responsibility. Trusting God's wisdom, we pray for our leaders and join together to worship the Lord.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

In a dramatic moment, Jesus gives Simon a new name: Peter, the rock. The account of Simon's new name is told differently in other Gospels. In John and Mark, Jesus renames Simon upon first meeting him and calling him to be one of the Twelve. Here in Matthew's account, however, Jesus changes Simon into Peter only after he professes his faith in Jesus as the Messiah. Peter's experience helps us reflect on dramatic moments in our own lives: "What is a personal moment that affected me so radically that I seemed to become a new person? What transformative experience changed my name, either literally or figuratively?"

Sometimes a name change is built into major life moments, naturally flowing from birth, adoption, Confirmation, profession of religious vows, or marriage. But imagine if someone gave you a new name, without any warning, and without consulting you. Renaming someone is an extraordinary act. Jesus surely knows this, and renames only one of his disciples. Simon is the only disciple Jesus sets apart in this way. While the Gospels gradually reveal many of Simon Peter's character flaws, we constantly keep in mind the day Jesus called him rock and entrusted him with the path to salvation.

CALLED BY NAME

Jesus never revokes Peter's keys to the kingdom of heaven, even after Peter denies him during the Passion of the Lord. Jesus' call is as immutable as stone. And so it is with each of us. At Baptism, the very first question the minister asks is "What name do you give your child?" As we are reborn in the waters of Baptism, in the name of Jesus, we receive God's call to live in the light of Christ. Our call is irrevocable. We can do nothing to erase God's personal call. Even if we should deny Christ himself, as Peter did, the Lord continues to love us and to desire our own love in return.

TODAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 22:19–23
Psalm 138:1–3, 6, 8
Romans 11:33–36
Matthew 16:13–20



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.



OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION THIS SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2020 AT 3:00 PM AT SAINT CECILIA CHURCH.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CANDIDATES, THEIR SPONSORS AND THEIR FAMILIES.



SAINT MONICA (332-387) AUGUST 27

She had smiles for the neighbors, though her husband found her religion and the charity it inspired annoying. She made tearful prayers in private for a son, outwardly self-assured but, as his mother knew, inwardly restless, and whose girlfriend of a dozen years had borne his child out of wedlock. Though not the first or last such mother and son, Monica and

Augustine are the Church's most famous, so we keep their feast days back to back, with Monica's, fittingly, first. To Rome she followed Augustine, then to Milan, where years of prayer—and nagging—finally bore fruit in his conversion by Saint Ambrose. For six months, mother and son enjoyed the blessing of rediscovering each other. Just in time! On the way home to North Africa, Monica took sick and died near Rome. No child who has mourned a parent can read, unmoved, Augustine's tender account, in his *Confessions*, of Monica's last days. At this time of the year, when parents watch apprehensively as children leave for school, may Monica's perseverance and Augustine's long-prayed-for conversion ease anxiety and kindle hope.

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THE TRUE MEASURE

When I die, God won't measure my head to see how clever I was. God will measure my heart to see how loving I was.

—Anonymous

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

| Saturday | August 22 |
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| 5:00 PM | Barbara Lore Req. Loving Family |
| Sunday | August 23 |
| 9:00 AM | Robert Wolenski Req. Loretta Wolenski |
| Monday | August 24 |
| 7:30 AM | Sergio Sanchez Req. Irene Potts |
| Tuesday | August 25 |
| 7:30 AM | Edward McBride Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas |
| Wednesday | August 26 |
| 7:30 AM | Special Intentions of Harry & Teresa Manaois (Wedding Anniversary) Req. Family |
| Thursday | August 27 |
| 7:30 AM | Anne Caveney Req. Theresa Tiberi |
| Friday | August 28 |
| 7:30 AM | Carmen Torres Req. Theresa Tiberi |
| Saturday | August 29 |
| 7:30 AM | People of the Parish Req. OLS |
| 22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | |
| Saturday | August 29 |
| 5:00 PM | Raymond Blair Req. Muldoon Family |
| Sunday | August 30 |
| 9:00 AM | Tony Accatta and Martha Req. Kathleen Fudali |

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



MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 23, 2020

Altar Bread & Wine...

James Mooney / Mary Mooney & Family

Sanctuary Lamp...

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Altar Candles...

James Mooney / Mary Mooney & Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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|------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday: | Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10-13; Mt 23:23-26 |
| Wednesday: | 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18; Ps 128:1-2, 4-5; Mt 23:27-32 |
| Thursday: | 1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-7; Mt 24:42-51 |
| Friday: | 1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13 |
| Saturday: | 1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-21; Mk 6:17-29 |
| Sunday: | Jer 20:7-9; Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Rom 12:1-2; Mt 16:21-27 |

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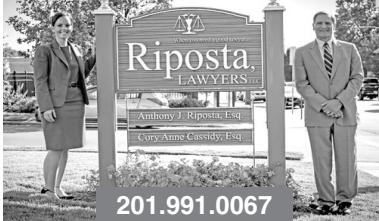
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