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SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Weekday Masses:
Monday - Saturday: 7:30 AM
Saturday evening Mass: 5:00 PM
Sunday Mass: 9:00 AM
Holy Day Masses:
7:30 AM | 12:00 PM | 7:00 PM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday
9 AM—12 PM
(The office is closed on Saturday & Sunday.)

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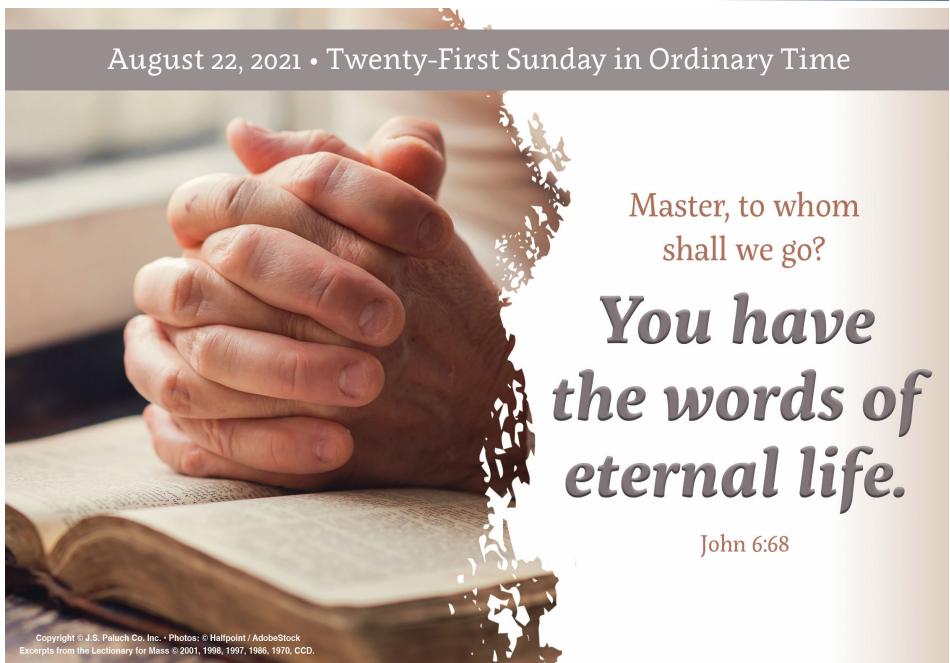
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Church, Kearny, NJ

August 22, 2021 • Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time



Master, to whom
shall we go?

You have
the words of
eternal life.

John 6:68

PARISH REGISTRATION

All are Welcome! New parishioners are welcome and encouraged to register at our parish. Registration forms are available at the Rectory office. When moving, please notify the Rectory office.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Baptism is held the third Sunday of the month after the 9:00 AM Mass. Arrangements for 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

Congratulations to our engaged couples! Arrangements should be made one year in advance of the proposed marriage.

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.

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.



AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSEHOLD,
WE WILL SERVE THE LORD.

JOSHUA 24:15

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

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WHOM SHOULD WE FOLLOW?

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the Bread of Life discourse in John. After Jesus' continued insistence that he is the Bread of Life come down from heaven, and that his words are "Spirit and life," most of his disciples drift away. The Twelve, however, affirm their faith in Jesus, whom Simon Peter professes to "have the words of eternal life." In the first reading, Joshua and the Israelites are preparing to enter the Promised Land, and Joshua asks the people to decide which god they will follow, the Lord their God, or the gods of neighboring peoples. The Responsorial Psalm features Psalm 34, the "taste and see" psalm, that reflects the kinds of struggles the Israelites faced during their sojourn in the wilderness. In the second reading, Paul gives counsel for maintaining domestic peace and happiness.

CROSSROADS IN LIFE, THEN AND NOW

Sometimes in life we find ourselves at a crossroads, faced with an existential choice that will alter the course of our life. We are aware, at these moments, just how significant our choice will be and that there will be no going back.

In both the first reading and the Gospel we see such moments calling people to make such choices. Which god will the Israelites follow? Joshua, their leader after Moses, knows that the area around the Promised Land is occupied by other peoples, with other gods. Perhaps remembering how, after Moses had gone up Mount Sinai, the Israelites set up a golden calf to worship, Joshua worries that they may again be susceptible to such attractions. He is asking them for a commitment, and proclaims, "As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

CAN WE STAY WITH JESUS?

The people who were frenetically following Jesus, crossing the lake twice to pursue him, eating the bread he miraculously provided, are now puzzled by Jesus proclaiming himself as "the bread of life," and they are incredulous. They can go with him no farther, so they gradually drift away. The Twelve, however, stay with Jesus. What else could they do? Who else offers such a profound vision of human life? Peter expresses it well: "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."

Not all of our life's crossroads involve our faith, but some do. Perhaps there is someone in your parish who chose to become Catholic and is now alienated from their family; someone who is unhappy with a new pastor and wondering about looking for a different parish; someone who was especially distressed by the clergy sex abuse and prayed long and hard before deciding that she needed her parish to get through it. There may be many in your parish facing such choices, and they need our support and our prayers. In the meantime, we can hope that someday they will again experience Jesus as the Holy One of God, offering them words of eternal life.

TODAY'S READINGS

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Psalm 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21
Ephesians 5:21-32 [2a, 25-32]
John 6:60-69



Let us remember all our family members, loved ones, and fellow parishioners who have died, especially **Richard Bubenas** and **Bernice Malley**, 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**, **Maria Cunha**, **Kathleen Fudali**, **Gary Davitt**, **Ted Hirschi**,

Kathleen Podlaski, **Jaxson Rivera**, **June Struzienski**, **Irene Zarbetski**, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

May God grant them healing.

2021-2022 CCD REGISTRATION

Registrations are still being accepted for all children, first grade and older, for Religious Education classes.

New registrations: A copy of your child's Baptism certificate and First Communion (if applicable) is required (unless Sacraments were received here at Our Lady of Sorrows Church.) **Please register by August 29th.**

Children will attend 9:00 AM Sunday Mass followed by Religious Education classes. Classes begin on Sunday, September 19th.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is the process of welcoming new members into the Catholic Church. It is for those men and women who have not been baptized, received First Communion or Confirmation in the Catholic Church. Its main purpose is to assist prospective Catholics in their journey to become active members of the church. RCIA is held at St. Cecilia Church, Kearny. Please call Fr. John Wassell at St. Cecilia Parish Center office at (201) 991-1116 for more information.

2022 MASS BOOK

Before we can open the 2022 Mass Book, there are many 7:30 AM weekday Masses still available for 2021. If you would like a Mass intention for a loved one, deceased or living, please call the Rectory office for an available date. Thank you for your support.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Are you a registered parishioner? Catholics often need to verify that they are registered and practicing members of a Parish Church when they are asked to serve as Godparents or Sponsors and at other times. If you are NOT receiving mail from us, it is an indication that you are not registered, even if you attend Mass at our Church regularly. Registration forms are available in the Church vestibule or at the Rectory office. Forms can be dropped in the collection baskets or at the Rectory office.

Rejoice in the Lord NEWSLETTER

The latest edition of *Rejoice in the Lord*:

"The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary affirms our belief in the resurrection of Jesus and anticipates the resurrection of all members of His Body."

Cardinal Tobin's newsletter to the faithful, is available online at www.rcan.org/rejoiceinthelord and linked on the archdiocesan news site, www.JerseyCatholic.org. Please share this with your family and friends.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK

Saturday

5:00 PM

August 21

Nick Zuza

Req. Sally Zuza

August 22

Robert Wolenski

Req. Loretta Wolenski

August 23

Ann Colzangari and
Deceased Members of FOSS

August 24

People of the Parish

August 25

Victims of Ohio Shooting and
Deceased Members of FOSS

August 26

Special Intention - Anniversary of
Harry and Teresa Manaois

Req. Family

August 27

Tom Hughes and
Deceased Members of FOSS

August 28

Shirley McDermott and

Deceased Members of FOSS

August 29

5:00 PM

Saturday

7:30 AM

August 28

Susan Cox

Req. Lauren Muldoon and James Pagano

August 29

Mary Manik

Req. Alice Keogh

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday

5:00 PM

Sunday

9:00 AM

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

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK

AUGUST 22, 2021

Altar Bread & Wine...

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James Mooney / Mary Mooney & Family



WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

The 1st collection August 15th: \$1047.00

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