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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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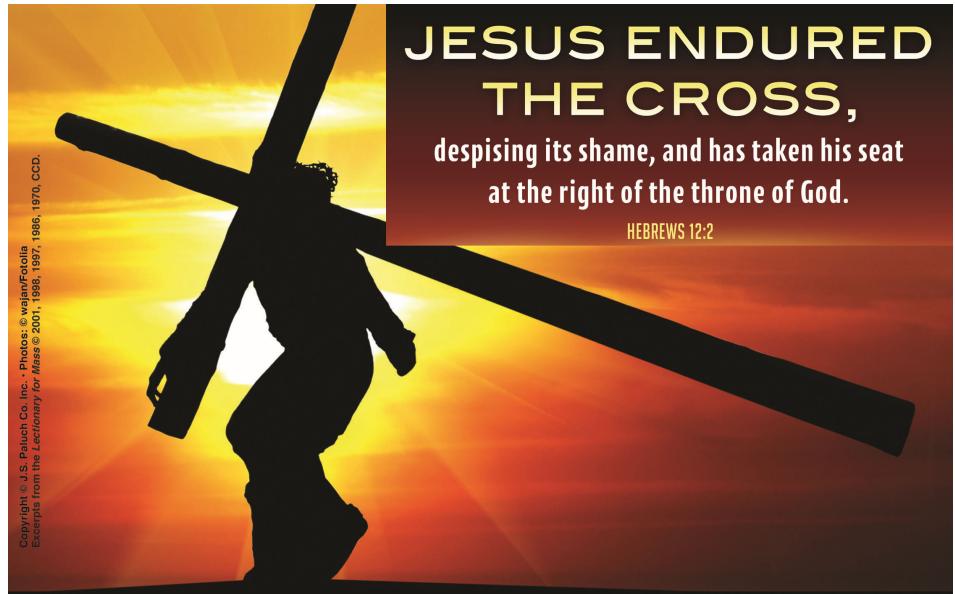
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PARISH REGISTRATION

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.



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SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

August 14, 2022

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REJECTION AND DIVISION?

Tomorrow is the Solemnity of the Assumption. Mary stands with the “great cloud of witnesses” described in Hebrews: those who kept their eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. We may not be thinking of Mary when we hear Jesus’ harsh words in today’s Gospel, but when she said “yes” to Gabriel, it carried the risk of the rejection and division that Jesus describes. As the early Christians surely knew, to hold Jesus as the sole leader and perfecter of faith meant that you would likely find yourself divided from those in your household who held other beliefs. This occurrence is not unknown in our own time and place, and many of us surely know a household divided on the issue of religion, even if the divisions are occurring solely through indifference. A life of faith lived to the full will likely eventually call on us to separate ourselves somehow, keeping our gaze firmly on Jesus, so we will also one day join the great cloud of witnesses.

FIRE IN THE MUD

Prophets have been described as being on fire with God’s message. Today, that fire in Jeremiah has to keep burning in the bottom of a muddy cistern. The rulers of his own people (including Judah’s king, Zedekiah) have placed him there for speaking an unpopular, if truthful, message to them. His own leave him there, mired in the mud, to starve and die. It takes a foreigner, an outsider, to convince Judah’s king that Jeremiah ought to be rescued, his life spared to continue as God’s prophet. As so often happens in the lives of the prophets, the help and saving power of God are shown through unexpected people in unexpected ways. We can often find ourselves mired in mud of one sort or another. Do we truly have the fire of God’s message in us, so that we can look for our rescue from places we might not expect?

SPIRIT FIRE IN THE SUMMER

A generation or two ago, these Summer Sundays in Ordinary Time would have been known as Sundays “of Pentecost.” That naming convention helped recall that the Spirit’s Pentecost fire was carrying us through all the Sundays until the end of the liturgical year. Though we may no longer use that name for these Sundays, the underlying reality is the same. The fire that Jesus speaks about today is the blaze of the Spirit. The fire he spoke about when he told his followers they were light for the world was the flame of the Spirit lighting the lamp of discipleship. It takes courageous disciples to allow the blazing fire of which Jesus speaks into their lives, to allow its light, warmth, and even cleansing to work in them and through them. Though we may not want to think about the heat of the Spirit’s fire on a summer Sunday, that Spirit is always with us, burning within.

I have come to set the earth on fire,
and how I wish it were already blazing!

Luke 12:49

TODAY'S READINGS

Jeremiah 38:4–6, 8–10
Psalm 40:2, 3, 4, 18
Hebrews 12:1–4
Luke 12:49–53



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, Maria Cunha, Kathleen Fudali, Gary Davitt, Ted Hirschi, Jaxson Rivera, June Struzienski, Irene Zarbetski, Sally Zuza**, and all those whose names appear in our "Parish Book of Prayers for the Sick".

May God grant them healing.

2022-2023 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Registrations are being accepted for all children, grades 1 through 8, for Religious Education classes. Since books and materials must be ordered ahead of time, we need your cooperation in this endeavor, so please register now.

New registrations: A copy of your child's Baptism certificate and First Communion **Please register by Friday, August 26th. Children will attend 9:00 AM Sunday Mass followed by Religious Education classes.**

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.

REQUIREMENTS FOR GODPARENTS & SPONSORS

We receive requests for Sponsor letters for Baptism and Confirmation. The following are the requirements for godparents and sponsors: **only** those who are registered in our Church, attend Mass every Sunday and all holydays, those who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation, and are either **single or married in the Catholic Church**, are eligible to act as godparents or sponsors.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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| 1 st collection | 08/07/2022 | \$1031.00 |
| 2 nd collection | 08/07/2022 | \$334.00 |

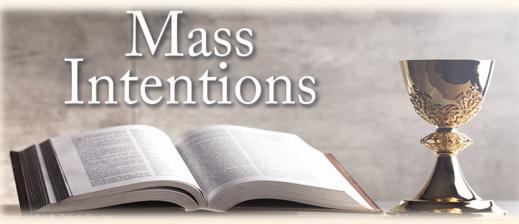
There is no second collection for Sunday, August 21st.
Thank you for your continued support and generosity!!



WELCOME OUR NEWLY INSTALLED ALTAR SERVER, NICHOLAS BALL!

We welcome Nicholas Ball to the Ministry of Altar Servers! Nicholas has been training to become an altar server and was recently installed at the 5PM Mass on Saturday, July 30th! Nicholas is the son of our talented organist, Gina Ball-Sgalia, and brother to Vincent Ball, who is also an altar server.

Thank you to Nicholas and to all our dedicated altar servers for answering God's call to serve at His Holy Altar.



Saturday

5:00 PM

August 13

Helder Esteves (Birthday Remembrance)

Req. Family

August 14

Maria Soroka

Req. The Muldoon Family

August 15

Hilde Tompkins

Req. Theresa Tiberi

August 16

Lisa Diehl

Req. Leonard and Eleanor Rokas

August 17

People of the Parish

August 18

People of the Parish

August 19

People of the Parish

August 20

Special Intention for Marlene Sanchez

Req. Marlene Sanchez

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday

5:00 PM

August 20

James Mooney

Req. Mary Mooney and Family

August 21

Robert Wolenski

Req. Loretta Wolenski

MEMORIALS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 14, 2022

Altar Bread & Wine...

People of the Parish

Sanctuary Lamp...

People of the Parish

Altar Candles...

People of the Parish



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Today well lived makes every yesterday a dream of happiness and tomorrow a vision of hope.

—Kalidasa



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