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JANUARY 26, 2025

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily

7:00 am Church ☎

Saturday

8:30 am Church ☎

Confessions follow

4:00 pm (Vigil) Memorial Hall

Sunday

7:30 am Church

9:00 am (Family) Memorial Hall*

10:30 am Church ☎

12:00 pm (Spanish) Church

5:00 pm Church

☎ = Mass also available via livestream

CHURCH HOURS

Monday - Friday

6:45 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday

8:00 am - 9:30 am

Sunday

7:00 am - 1:00 pm

and

4:45 pm to 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS

Appointments requested

Monday - Thursday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Friday

By appointment only

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THE
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LORD
IS UPON ME

LUKE 4:18

Mass + Intentions

To request a Mass intention, please visit st-teresa.org/mass-intentions.



Stewardship Reflections...

Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared... - Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

¡Vayan! Preparen buena comida, beban vino dulce y compartan con los que no tienen nada preparado... - Nehemiah 8:10

Las instrucciones de Esdrás al pueblo nos muestran que Dios no nos prohíbe disfrutar de las cosas buenas de la vida. ¡Él quiere que seamos felices! Sin embargo, Dios espera que seamos agradecidos de todo lo que Él nos ha dado y que compartamos nuestras bendiciones con los necesitados. Ahora bien, esa es la parte difícil - compartir todo lo que tenemos sin esperar nada a cambio.



May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**CARL MEYER
JOHN LANDABURU
JAMES HARQUAIL**

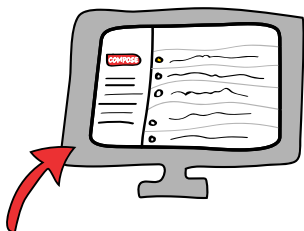


"A Time to be Healed"
PARISH SICK:

Contact the parish office.

Saturday, January 25	8:30 AM	† Eugene Howe † Mary Field † TOM KIERAN † William A. Scanlon † Jim Steurer † Toni Dellaccio † Sister Elise Redmerski, OP † Reverend Francis Xavier Aracil, SDB † James Edward Simon
	4:00 PM	† Raymond Chimileski
Sunday, January 26	7:30 AM	† Jerry Dempsey
	9:00 AM	† Gloria Malandrakis
	10:30 AM	† Eneida Santiago
	12:00 PM	† Carmen Edith Valentín
	5:00 PM	† Gloria Malandrakis
Monday, January 27	7:00 AM	† Jerry R. Dempsey
Tuesday, January 28	7:00 AM	† Jerry R. Dempsey
Wednesday, January 29	7:00 AM	† Mary and John Harvey
Thursday, January 30	7:00 AM	† Carmen Edith Valentín
Friday, January 31	7:00 AM	† Carmen Edith Valentín
Saturday, February 1	8:30 AM	† Kowimbany Jorel Olivier Ambouroue † Jerry Dempsey † Rev Thomas J. Petrillo † Sr Lois Kikkert, OP † Sr Carol Hoban, SC † Rev James J. Reilly † Jerry Dempsey † Tiger Bech Jr.
	4:00 PM	† Maria Mezzacappa
Saturday, February 2	7:30 AM	† Dario Basilone
	9:00 AM	† Kathleen Di Chiara
	10:30 AM	† Carlo and Maria Piraneo
	12:00 PM	Celida Valentín
	5:00 PM	† Gerry Smith

ANNUAL GIVING STATEMENTS
for 2024 will be emailed by the end of the month.



Please check your inbox
(and your junk box just in case).



If your email address is not on file with the parish, a hardcopy statement will be mailed by January 31, 2025 for donations totalling \$250 or more.

If you give via PARISH GIVING, your statement will be e-mailed directly by PARISH GIVING. Please switch to our current giving platform at <https://www.st-teresa.org/donate>.



We need SAINTS...

Think of a single mother who goes to the parish and says to the priest:
"I want to baptize my son"
and the priest replies, "No, you can't, because she's not married... "!

Let us keep in mind that...

This mother had the courage to continue a pregnancy,
and what did she find? With one closed door!
And so, if we follow this path and with this attitude,
we are not doing good to the people, the people of God.

Whoever approaches the Church
must find open doors and not taxes of faith.

We need saints without veils, without grudges.

We need saints in jeans and sneakers.

We need saints who go to the movies,
listen to music and walk with their friends.

We need saints who put God first and excel in University.

We need saints who find time to pray every day
and know how to fall in love in purity and chastity,
or who consecrate their chastity.

We need modern saints, 21st century saints
with a spirituality embedded in our time.

We need saints committed to the poor and necessary social changes.

We need saints who live in the world,
who sanctify themselves in the world
and who are not afraid to live in the world.

We need Saints who drink Coke, eat hot dogs, who listen to iPods.

We need saints who love the Eucharist and are not ashamed
to drink a beer or eat pizza on the weekend with friends.


We need saints who like cinema, theater, music, dance, sports.

We need saints who are social, open,
normal, friends, cheerful, companions.

We need saints who are in the world
and know how to taste
the pure and good things of the world,
but without being worldly.

This is going to be us!!!!

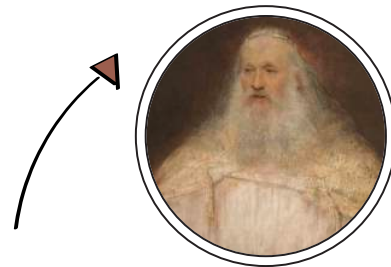
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ROSARY
EACH SATURDAY
FOLLOWING THE
8:30 AM MASS

50 QUESTIONS EVERY CATHOLIC SHOULD KNOW...

4. WHO WAS ABRAHAM?



Abraham was a Hebrew patriarch.
Because of Abraham's great faith, God
promised to bless all people through his
descendants. God's promise to him was
fulfilled in Christ, so Christians consider
Abraham our father in faith.

EXPLORE THIS SOME MORE...



Scripture:
Genesis 12:1-3;
Romans 4:1-21

Catechism of the
Catholic Church:
CCC nos 59-60,
145-46, 2570-73



JANUARY 25

Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle

[Divine] Art History

Conversion of St Paul on the Road to Damascus

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For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God [that is] with me. Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:9-11

ST PAUL THE APOSTLE WAS THE GREATEST OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES. He first appears in the Acts of the Apostles under the name of Saul. Saul was raised in the Jewish faith as a Pharisee trained in the strict observance of God's Law. He believed the Law should be obeyed by himself and all Jews. Saul was upset by the early Christian Church, believing that the early Christians had broken away from their Jewish traditions. He actively persecuted the Church in Jerusalem. As the first Christian martyr Stephen was being stoned to death, Saul watched the cloaks of the persecutors (Acts 7:58).

Paul then traveled to Damascus to further persecute early Christians. On the road to Damascus Saul had an encounter with the Risen Jesus Christ (Acts of the Apostles 9:1-19, Galatians 1: 13-14). Jesus asked, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" Paul replied, "Who are you, sir?" Jesus responded, "I am Jesus whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9: 4-5). Jesus then sent Saul into Damascus to wait for further instructions. Saul was shaken and blinded by the experience. When a Christian named Ananias came and baptized Saul, his blindness went away. As a result of this encounter Saul became a follower of Christ. He was now convinced that fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, not the observance of the Law, was all that was needed to receive God's promise of salvation. (Galatians 1:11-12; 3:1-5)

Saul, whose name now became Paul, went to Jerusalem to consult with Peter (Galatians 1: 18). After his first missionary journeys, Paul was called by Jesus to proclaim the Gospel to the Gentiles. He spent the rest of his life journeying on his missions, establishing local churches, and writing to them when he heard of their accomplishments and failures. Paul's letters are the earliest records of the life and history of the early Church. As inspired by the Holy Spirit Paul's letters are part of the Canon of the New Testament. As a record of the happenings in the early Church they are in invaluable record of the expansion of the Christianity.

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Holy Year Pilgrimage to Italy

September 30-
October 10, 2025

Join Bishop Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B., on a special pilgrimage to Italy during the Holy Year sponsored by our regional bishop for Union County



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Letter from
the Bishop



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WEEKLY JUSTICE CHALLENGE



This is the last week of National Poverty Awareness Month. Poverty in the US affects over 37 million people. The largest age group affected is children. Your challenge this week is to increase your own awareness of childhood poverty. Go online and find statistics on the national, state, and local levels. Read why there are so many children living in poverty in our country. Share what you learn with others so they become more aware as well. Then find one concrete action you can take this week to help a child suffering from poverty in your local community.

MINISTRY Board

LOAVES AND FISHES

THANKSGIVING & CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVES THANKS!

Thanks to the assistance of many volunteers, the Loaves and Fishes volunteers distributed 740 meals to needy families for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We provided a turkey/ham/chicken and a bag of food due to the generosity of our parishioners. These food drives would not have been possible without contributions from following organizations:

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Much of the food was distributed to needy families in Summit. The rest was given to Churches and organizations in our area that support the needy. Thanks to everyone involved who have allowed us to continue this long running tradition.

—
The Loaves and Fishes volunteers

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 783

The Knights of Columbus Council 783 are holding their annual "Right to Life" collection, (traditionally known as The Rose Sale). Contributions can be made on-line at <https://koc783-right-to-life> or by check, payable to the Knights of Columbus, Summit Council and mailed to the parish office. (Please note on the memo area; "KOC-Right to Life"). 100% of your donation is distributed to local charities supporting single mothers facing the challenges in choosing to give life and protect their unborn baby. Last year's charities included Mercy House, Several Sources, Life Choices and Birth Haven.

May God Bless You and Your Family!

—
Knights of Columbus, Right To Life Committee

The Knights of Columbus is a faith based organization for Christian men. Interested in joining or simply receiving additional information on our activities, please contact us directly at 908-227-4945.

COMMUNITY Announcements

DRESS EXPRESS BOUTIQUE is seeking new/gently worn prom, bridesmaid, formal and semi-formal dress donations. **Clean dresses can be donated at Tiboni & Tiboni, 166 South Street, New Providence, through February 14, Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.** The curated collection will be offered on Sunday, February 23 at Embassy Suites by Hilton, 250 Connell Drive, Berkeley Heights from 10:00 am - 4:00 pm with proceeds being donated to the Mercy Girl Effect. This sustainable, pop-up boutique will provide shoppers with beautiful dresses, while also supporting a good cause. **For questions, please call Sophia Tiboni at 908-963-4943 or email DressExpress@Tiboni.com.**

He's From Where??

This Week's Readings at Mass

- ▶ Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 - Ezra reads the Law
- ▶ 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 - Analogy of the body
- ▶ Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 - Beginning of Jesus' preaching

Luke reminds us that Jesus is from the town of Nazareth, a backwater village of about 500-1,500 people, most of whom were poor and illiterate. As part of the immensely powerful Roman Empire spread across the Mediterranean, Nazareth would barely have registered on the radar of the rulers of the day.

No wonder that the world was shocked to hear about an itinerant preacher from there who was attracting a great following. In John's Gospel, we hear how incredulous this seems. When Philip told Nathanael about Jesus for the first time and mentioned he was from Nazareth, Nathanael burst out, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" (Jn. 1:46).

But here is Jesus, already gaining fame and respect in the area, reading from the Old Testament scroll. (He's from Nazareth, and he knows how to read!) He was not from the priestly class, yet by the time he comes back to Nazareth on this particular day, Jesus had already assumed the role of a religious teacher by speaking in the local synagogues. Then he reaches beyond that role and announces he is the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy about the anointed one sent by God. This happens very early in Luke's Gospel,



“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me ... he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”

Sheepish Question:
With my eyes fixed on Jesus, where does his Spirit lead me this week?

and Jesus is starting off with a bold proclamation, unapologetic about his background and upbringing. He is setting the tone for the work he has come to do.

Questions of the Week

- 1 Who do you know from a background of no reputation who has made a positive impression or impact on you? Maybe they were from a tiny town, or went to a little-known college, or didn't go to college at all, or in some way rose above their station.
- 2 Which of Jesus' lines about what he was anointed to do strikes you as most exciting or hopeful? Why?

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