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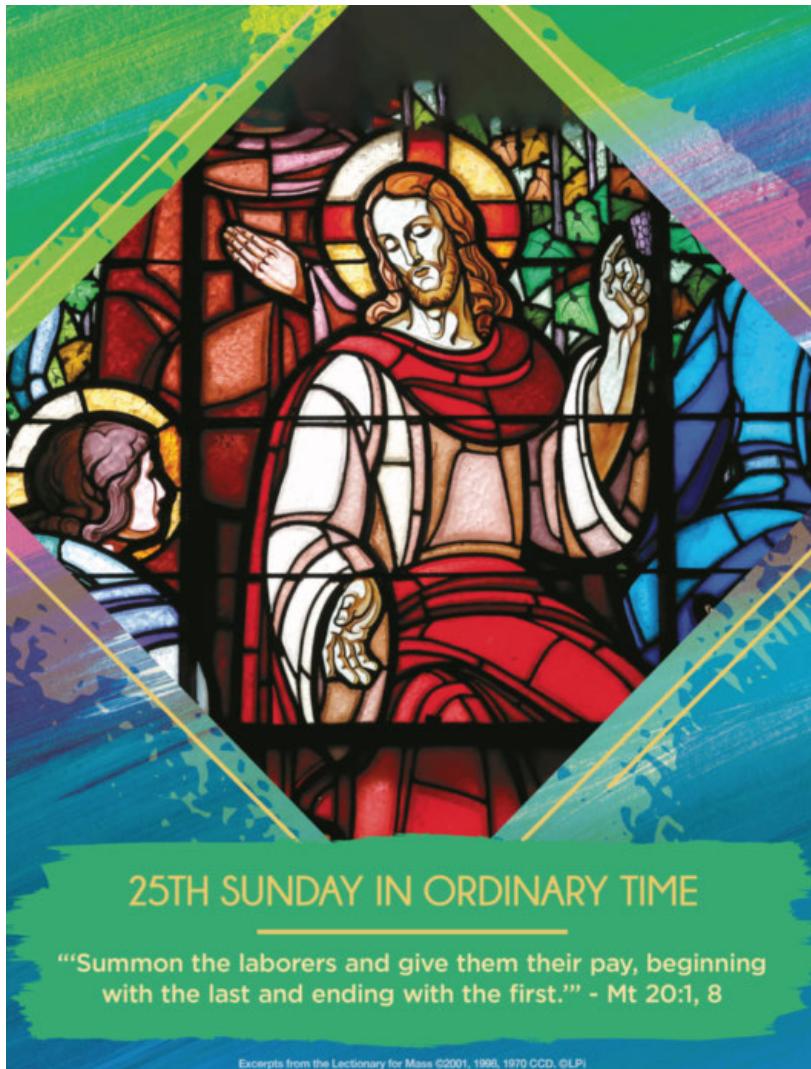
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass:
5:30 PM, 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Sunday Masses:
7:30 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 PM
1:15 PM - Spanish

Daily Masses:
Monday—Friday
7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 7:30 PM



Saturday	<u>September 23</u>
5:30 pm	Lolita Capati Flores
7:00 pm (Español)	Arnoldo Cabrera
Sunday	<u>September 24</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	Ken Rowland—1st Anniversary
10:30 am	Frank, Sally & Annette DeMaggio
12:00 pm	Loretta Marie Borrows Giordano
1:15pm (Español)	Intentions of Ariella Mendoza
Monday	<u>September 25</u>
7:00 am	Guadencio Dimayuga
9:00 am	Magdalen Korzinski
7:30 pm	John Paul Alker
Tuesday	<u>September 26</u>
7:00 am	Bliss Rose
9:00 am	Felix & Benita Colina
7:30 pm	Joseph & Sarah McHale
Wednesday	<u>September 27</u>
7:00 am	Claire Bufano Cialone
9:00 am	Myrna & Gerardo De Leon
7:30 pm	Ricardo De Leon
Thursday	<u>September 28</u>
7:00 am	Patricia Sutherland
9:00 am	Elpidio Bernardo
7:30 pm	Adolfo D'Silva
Friday	<u>September 29</u>
7:00 am	Claire Bufano Cialone
9:00 am	Sp. Int.: The Tom Family and the Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry—Spiritual Protection
7:30 pm	Fortunato J. Campesi
Saturday	<u>September 30</u>
7:00 am	Ester Rodriguez
9:00 am	Helen Perkins
5:30 pm	Intentions of Mildred Lobaton
7:00 pm (Español)	Francisco Liranzo
Sunday	<u>October 1</u>
7:30 am	The People of the Parish
9:00 am	John Alvarez
10:30 am	Ramon Corona
12:00 pm	Vivian Ernest
1:15pm (Español)	Ana Argentina Ruiz

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember Bernard McGrane and Peter Robert Ducut in your prayers.

Memorial Fund/Special Intention

Week of Sept 23rd–29th

Altar Flowers

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Adults seeking to enter the Catholic Church, either unbaptized or baptized in another denomination, are invited to inquire about our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults preparation program which will begin in the Fall. This program is also open to baptized Catholics who have not received First Communion or Confirmation. For more info, contact Deacon Jim for English or Fr. César for Spanish at the rectory 201-384-0101.


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Saturday, 7 October 2023
9:00 am - 3:30 pm
Holy Mass at 11:00 am

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Pre Cana



Fr. Sean, together with three couples from our parish, will be giving a Pre Cana Marriage Course, on Wednesday evenings at 8pm in the School Chapel, **starting this week Sept 27th.**

All couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage are invited to come. Also invited are couples who are only married civilly but would like to be married in the Church. This Marriage Course would also benefit couples who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage. The course will be given in English with simultaneous translation in Spanish for those who need it.

We will meet every Wednesday evening during the following weeks. I look forward to seeing you there. **-Fr. Sean**



Children's Liturgy

Let the children come to me, said Jesus... CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOW) begins next Sunday at the 10:30am Mass!

CLOW is a wonderful opportunity for young people to experience the Mass readings in a simple, more understandable way. On most Sundays, children will be invited to the altar after the Introductory Rites, brought to the Lower Church for the Liturgy of the Word with a team of parish volunteers, and will return to the church (and their families) after the Prayers of the Faithful. We need more teens and adult volunteers to serve 1-2 Sundays per month. Contact Rosemarie Flood at roflood@yahoo.com or 201-384-3601.

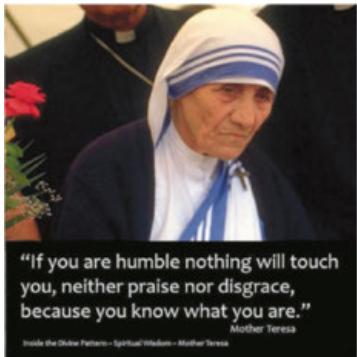


40 Days for Life

will be starting again next Wednesday, September 27, on Zabriskie Street, Hackensack. Pray-ers are needed between 7am and 2pm on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. For more information or to sign up, see special flyers at the doors of the church.

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters



After a weekday Mass last week, someone asked me if I had my homily written down, since they wanted a copy. Truth is I had prepared it for that particular day- the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross - as I always do, in hand written format; not to read during Mass, but to have an idea of what to say when I get in the pulpit.

Since The Exaltation of the Cross is central to our Catholic Christian belief, I thought it may be worthwhile reminding myself, and the person who asked, of what was said in the liturgy that day.

All of us have a cross in our life. Our crosses can take many forms. The cross is always something tangible, specific. It may be something that happened twenty five years ago, it may be an aspect of our personality, it may be a person we live with, it may be a sickness, it may be an injustice, it may be a situation in work, it may be the death of a loved one.

The cross is the instrument which the Enemy of our soul, the deceiver, the father of lies, uses to make us doubt God's love for us. He shows us our cross and says 'You see, if God is so good, explain this to me! Why would God allow this to happen to you? You know why? Because deep down he does not love you. If you were God, you would do a much better job. To hell with religion, the church, the priests, all this is nonsense, take your life in your own hands and fix it, because only you are able to.' Well, in those or similar words.

The cross is always an experience of limitation, it is humbling. Eve had a cross in the Garden of Eden. God had placed her in Paradise, giving everything to her, with the exception of one fruit. She fixates on this, and cannot accept that she cannot have it. She believes the lie: 'you cannot have it, you cannot do what you want, your life is not the way you want, because God is jealous of you.' She believes this lie and falls. Sin is always a result of rejecting the cross in our life.

The only one who has not doubted the love of God when confronted with the cross is Jesus Christ. He experienced all that we do, and when faced with the cross he cried out in our humanity "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabbachtani – My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" To feel forsaken, cut off, abandoned, deprived of the face of God – this is the experience of Hell itself, it is the most terrible anguish a person can experience. Jesus Christ experienced this, and yet he did not doubt God's love.

He embraced the cross, saying 'Even if I do not understand why this is happening, even if I do not see the meaning of this now, I know that you, my God, are love, that you love me, and that you will not abandon me to death.' The cross is the place where he meets the love of God.

What Jesus experienced in his flesh, we also experience sacramentally in the liturgy. In God's own way, and in his own time, the Crosses in our life can become enlightened, and we begin to understand why they are there. When you think about it, God has always waited for us at a crossroads in our life. In front of the cross, we either throw everything out of the window, or transcend ourselves through the grace of Christ and experience the love of God in that very circumstance.

The Holy Humility of Christ! He could have called down a legion of angels to wipe out his enemies, those who were mistreating him, but he did not do so. He embraces the cross, not out of stoicism, or resignation, but really believing that God the Father loves him, and that he allows the cross as a means, the only means, to experience that love. May the cross which you and I have today be enlightened, may our crosses be, in virtue of Christ, an occasion for us to experience the immense love which God has for us.

Fr. Sean

Del Pastor

Queridos hermanos y hermanas

"Si eres humilde nada te tocará, ni la alabanza ni la desgracia, porque sabes lo que eres"



Después de una Misa diaria la semana pasada, alguien me preguntó si tenía mi homilía escrita, ya que querían una copia. La verdad es que la había preparado para ese día en particular - la Solemnidad de la Exaltación de la Santa Cruz - como siempre hago, en formato escrito a mano; no para leer durante la Misa, sino para tener una idea de qué decir cuando llego al púlpito.

Ya que La Exaltación de la Santa Cruz es central para nuestra creencia Cristiana Católica, pensé que valdría la pena recordarme, y a la persona que preguntó, lo que se dijo en la liturgia ese día.

Todos nosotros tenemos una cruz en nuestra vida. Nuestras cruces pueden tomar muchas formas. La cruz es siempre algo tangible, específico. Puede ser algo que sucedió hace veinticinco años, puede ser un aspecto de nuestra personalidad, puede ser una persona con la que vivimos, puede ser una enfermedad, puede ser una injusticia, puede ser una situación de trabajo, puede ser la muerte de un ser querido.

La cruz es el instrumento que el Enemigo de nuestra alma, el engañador, el padre de la mentira, usa para hacernos dudar del amor de Dios por nosotros. Nos muestra nuestra cruz y nos dice: 'Ves, si Dios es tan bueno, explícame esto! ¿Por qué permitiría Dios que esto te pasara? ¿Sabes por qué? Porque en el fondo no te ama. Si fueras Dios, harías un trabajo mucho mejor . Al diablo con la religión, la iglesia, los sacerdotes, todo esto es una tontería, toma tu vida en tus propias manos y arréglala, porque solo tú puedes.' Bueno, en esas o palabras similares.

La cruz es siempre una experiencia de limitación, es humillante. Eva tenía una cruz en el Huerto del Edén. Dios la había puesto en el Paraíso, dándole todo, con la excepción de un fruto. Ella se fija en esto, y no puede aceptar que no puede tenerlo. Ella cree la mentira: 'no puedes tenerlo, no puedes hacer lo que quieras, tu vida no es como quieras, porque Dios está celoso de ti.' Ella cree esta mentira y cae. El pecado es siempre el resultado de rechazar la cruz en nuestra vida.

El único que no ha dudado del amor de Dios cuando fue confrontado con la cruz es Jesucristo. Él experimentó todo lo que hacemos, y cuando se enfrentó a la cruz gritó en nuestra humanidad "Eli, Eli, Lama Sabbachtani - Dios mío, Dios mío, ¿por qué me has abandonado?" Sentirse abandonado, cortado, abandonado, privado del rostro de Dios - esta es la experiencia del Infierno mismo, es la angustia más terrible que una persona puede experimentar. Jesucristo experimentó esto, y sin embargo no dudó del amor de Dios.

Abrazó la cruz, diciendo: Aunque no entiendo por qué está sucediendo esto, aunque no veo el significado de esto ahora, sé que tú, mi Dios, eres amor, que me amas, y que no me abandonarás a la muerte. La cruz es el lugar donde él encuentra el amor de Dios.

Lo que Jesús experimentó en su carne, también lo experimentamos sacramentalmente en la liturgia. A la manera de Dios, y en su tiempo, las Cruces en nuestra vida pueden ser iluminadas, y comenzamos a entender por qué están allí. Cuando lo piensas, Dios siempre nos ha esperado en una encrucijada en nuestra vida. Frente a la cruz, o tiramos todo por la ventana, o trascendemos a nosotros mismos a través de la gracia de Cristo y experimentamos el amor de Dios en esa misma circunstancia.

iLa Santa Humildad de Cristo! Podría haber llamado a una legión de ángeles para acabar con sus enemigos, los que lo maltrataban, pero no lo hizo. Él abraza la cruz, no por estoicismo, o resignación, sino realmente creyendo que Dios el Padre lo ama, y que permite la cruz como un medio, el único medio, para experimentar ese amor. Que la cruz que vosotros y yo tenemos hoy sea iluminada, que nuestras cruces sean, en virtud de Cristo, ocasión para que experimentemos el inmenso amor que Dios tiene por nosotros.

Fr. Sean

Priesthood Sunday Whenever we interact with our priests, do we see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or on the other hand, do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human?

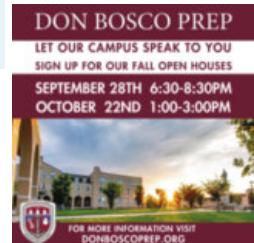
I hope you see your priest as very human. Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why? Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too.

Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!



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In a couple of weeks, on the weekend of **October 7 and 8**, our Hispanic community will be selling food after all of the Masses to raise funds for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, which will be celebrated on December 12.

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Please consider donating other items such as: kids cereal, adult cereal, pasta, sauce, mac&cheese, tuna, peanut butter & jelly. Thank you!



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Penance - Saturdays: 1:00pm-2:00pm in the Church.

Baptisms - English - 3:00pm — 2nd & 3rd Sundays of the month
Spanish—2:45pm—4th Sunday of the month

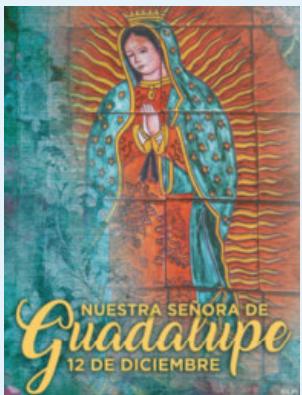
Instructions for parents will be held on the 1st Sunday of the month in English at 1:30pm in the Parish Life Center Basement and the 3rd Sunday of the month in Spanish at 2:45pm in the Parish Life Center Gathering Room for parents having their first child baptized. All parents must be registered parishioners and present the child's birth certificate at the time of arranging the baptism. Godparents must be practicing Catholics, at least sixteen years of age, who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation & Eucharist, and, if married, the Sacrament of Matrimony. Sponsor certificate must be presented at least one week before Baptism. Please call the Rectory at 201-384-0101 for information.



Hora Santa en Español

Septiembre 25—8:00pm

Iglesia Principal



Próximamente en unas semanas, **Octubre 7 y 8** habrá venta de comidas después de todas las Misas para recaudar fondos para la celebración de la Virgen de Guadalupe que se celebrará el 12 de diciembre.



Los adultos que buscan entrar en la Iglesia Católica, ya sea sin bautizar o bautizados en otra denominación, están invitados a preguntar acerca de nuestro Rito de Iniciación Cristiana de Adultos (R.I.C.A) programa de preparación que comenzará en el otoño. Este programa también está abierto a los católicos bautizados que no han recibido la Primera Comunión o Confirmación. Para más información, póngase en contacto con el Diácono Jim para Inglés o con el Padre César para Español llamando a la Rectoría 201-384-0101.



Cada vez que interactuamos con nuestros sacerdotes, ¿los vemos como humanos y frágiles como el resto de la humanidad? O por otro lado, ¿los vemos como superhombres, capaces de soportar todas las tensiones y tensiones de ser humanos?

Espero que veas a tu sacerdote como muy humano, incluso más humano que la mayoría de nosotros. ¿Por qué? Porque no solo tienen sus propias luchas siendo humanas, sino que también nos acompañan en nuestra humanidad.

Por tanto, este Domingo del Sacerdocio, volteas las mesas. Intenta ser el oyente del lado humano de tu sacerdote. No le digas automáticamente tus problemas; comienza preguntándole qué está pasando en su vida. Agradézcale calorosamente por haber renunciado tanto para pasar su vida al servicio de los demás. Pruébelo. ¡Quizás te sorprenda saber que tu sacerdote es como tú!

Pre Cana

El Padre Sean, junto con tres parejas de nuestra parroquia, darán un Curso de Matrimonio, Pre Caná, los miércoles a las 8pm en la capilla de la escuela, **a partir de esta semana**,

27 de septiembre. Todas las parejas que se preparan para el sacramento del matrimonio están invitadas a venir. También están invitadas las parejas que están casados por lo civil y desean casarse por la Iglesia. Este curso de matrimonio también beneficiaría a las parejas que están experimentando dificultades en su matrimonio. El curso será en inglés con traducción simultánea en español para aquellos que lo necesitan. Nos encontraremos cada miércoles por la noche durante las siguientes semanas. Estoy deseando verlos allí.

- Padre Sean

Grupos Parroquiales

La Palabra ~ lunes, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Legión de María ~ martes, Capilla del Parish Life Center de 6:00pm ~ 7:30pm

Tienda del Encuentro ~ martes, Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:00pm ~ 10:00pm

Emaús Mujeres ~ miércoles, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Emaús Hombres ~ miércoles, Basement del Parish Life Center de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Grupo de Oración Luz y Vida ~ jueves, Iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:30pm

Devoción a la Preciosa Sangre de Cristo ~ viernes, Basement del Parish Life Center de 8:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Ministerio Matrimonios Con Cristo ~ tercer viernes del mes, iglesia de abajo de 7:30pm ~ 9:45pm

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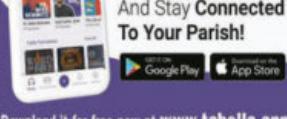


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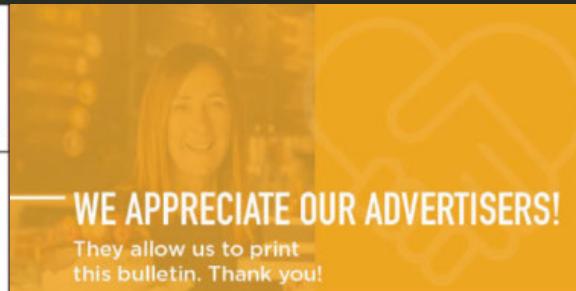
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