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September

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Any who give you a
cup of water to drink
because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you,
will surely not lose their reward.

Mark 9:41

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Living God's Word

We ask for the discernment to recognize when God is working in unexpected ways through unexpected people who do unexpected things . . . and for the wisdom to distinguish the wise from the wacky, much less the wicked. And we pray both that we never let ourselves fall from grace or lead another away from God.

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Spanish Mass Change - Next Sunday

Due to a previously scheduled wedding, the 1:15pm Spanish Mass on Sunday, October 3rd, will be in the lower church.

The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul;
the decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
— Psalm 19:8

Overnight Eucharistic Adoration – Oct. 1

We will resume our monthly First Friday overnight Eucharistic Adoration, starting Friday, October 1st, with a holy hour at 8pm. The monstrance with the Holy Eucharist will then be brought in procession to the Notre Dame chapel of the parish life center, where adoration will continue overnight until 6:45am. Please consider signing up for an hour. The list is in the main vestibule of the church.

Special Needs Mass

Due to a previously scheduled wedding, the Special Needs Mass will not be offered next Sunday, but will begin on the first Sunday of each month, starting November 7th.

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all masses next weekend October 2nd & 3rd. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

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Blessing of Animals

Our annual Blessing of Animals will take place in the parking lot behind the rectory next Saturday, Oct. 2nd, at 12noon. Pets and children must be in control of a responsible adult.



Saturday

5:30 pm
7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday

7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm
1:15 pm (Español)

Monday

7:00 am
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7:30 pm

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Saturday

7:00 am
9:00 am
5:30 pm
7:00 pm (Español)

Sunday

7:30 am
9:00 am
10:30 am
12:00 pm
1:15 pm (Español)

September 25

Jeanette Varden
Bertha Espinoza Munoz y
Leoncio Rolando Munoz

September 26

People of the Parish
T.J. Lee, Jr.
Frank, Sally, & Annette DeMaggio
T.J. Lee, Jr.
Margot Uribe

September 27

Alexander Michael Babia
Myrna De Leon & Gerardo De Leon
Francisco Liranzo Rondón

September 28

Dino Reloj
Cristina Guevarra
In Thanksgiving to St. Jude

September 29

Victoria Mendoza Apigo
Fred Behn –1st Anniversary
Spiritual Protection for Tom Family

September 30

Conrad Martin
Helen Landgraf Perkins
The Eternal Repose of the soul of
Diecith Cardona

October 1

Protection of the Unborn Babies &
Their families
Robert Murray
Ramon R. Corona—2nd Anniversary

October 2

Erlinda Ilano
Catherine & Dominick Grieco
The Lee Family
Roberto Taborda, Jr—Aniversario

October 3

People of the Parish
John Cox—1st Anniversary
Vivian Earnest
Alfonso Francisco, Sr.
Cristian Pichardo

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember

Alicia Galeas, Gina Rose Terese Halasnik,
Mary E. Henitz, & Rev. Charles F. Theobald
in your prayers.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you to all who helped to make our Parish Carnival the success that it was! A full report will be given when completed. We remind you that the Giant 50-50 Raffle continues until October 17th. Tickets are on sale after all the weekend Masses.

Next weekend a special collection will be taken at all the Masses, for the Catholic Charities of our Archdiocese and State to provide legal assistance, psychological first aid, and general wellness and recreational activities for the many Afghan families who have arrived and will continue to arrive at Fort Dix.

Many of you are aware of the problems with the sound system in the main church. Some of the equipment is more than 20 years old, and with the extra strains of livestreaming, need to be replaced. We have the parts on order, and some parishioners have generously contributed to its cost of around \$2,000.00. Donations for the sound system can be made at the rectory.

Msgr. Richard Arnholts, Pastor

Reflection on Today's Scripture Readings

Focus on God's agenda, not your own. This message could be the link between the reading from the book of Numbers and the Gospel. When Joshua gets upset at the two men who are suddenly prophesying and wants Moses to stop them, Moses asks, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the people . . . were prophets!" (Numbers 11:29). And Jesus responds to his disciple John, also upset that someone outside their group was casting out demons in Jesus' name, that "whoever is not against us is for us" (Mark 9:40).

Both Jesus and Moses recognized that God's spirit blows where it will. It sometimes ends up in the strangest places, working through very unexpected people. At the same time, no one can presume that the Spirit will always be working through a particular group or the proper channels. We must be careful of trying to box in or corral the spirit of God.

Being on the inside is no guarantee. Thus, we get Jesus' hard words about cutting off a hand or a leg or plucking out an eye rather than letting it cause us to sin and be cast into hell. Most say this is hyperbole, Middle Eastern exaggeration. I think Jesus is calling his disciples to look honestly at their lives and face whatever it is that leads them away from God. "Deal with it," he says. We must always watch what we hold, the path we choose to walk, and the vision that guides us.

Those on the inside can lose sight of, lose touch with, go off the path that takes us to the kingdom. And they can take others with them. What matters is that God's work be done. God will see to it; don't get in the way. —James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R. Copyright © 2014, World Library Publications. All rights reserved.

Stewardship: Sharing our Time, Talent, and Treasure!

*"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ,
amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward."*

MARK 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then generosity becomes easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

*Our Sunday Offering: Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021 — \$15,655.28 ~ Aug. 16, 2020 — \$11,360.83 (quarantine)
Aug. 18, 2019 — \$16,717.00*

Escritorio del Párroco

Estimados Feligreses,

¡Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a que nuestro Carnaval Parroquial fue todo un éxito! Se entregará un informe completo cuando se complete. Les recordamos que el sorteo 50-50 continuará hasta el sorteo, el 17 de octubre. Los boletos están a la venta después de todas las Misas de fin de semana.

El próximo fin de semana se llevará a cabo una colecta especial en todas las Misas, para que Catholic Charities de nuestra Arquidiócesis y el estado brinden asistencia legal, primeros auxilios, psicológicos y actividades recreativas y de bienestar general para las muchas familias afganas que han llegado y seguirán llegando en la base militar de Fort Dix.

Muchos de ustedes conocen los problemas con el sistema de sonido en la iglesia principal. Algunos de los equipos tienen más de 20 años y, con las tensiones adicionales de la transmisión en vivo, deben ser reemplazados. Tenemos las piezas en orden y algunos feligreses han contribuido generosamente a su costo de alrededor de \$2,000.00. Las donaciones para el sistema de sonido se pueden hacer en la rectoría.

Monseñor Richard Arnhols, Párroco

Reflexión de las Escrituras de Hoy

Concéntrate en la agenda de Dios y no en la tuya propia. Este mensaje pudiera ser el enlace entre la lectura del libro de los Números y el Evangelio. Cuando Josué se enoja con los dos hombres que empiezan a profetizar de súbito y quiere que Moisés los detenga, Moisés pregunta: “¿Tienes celos por mí? ¡Ojalá que todo el pueblo profetizara!” (Números 11:29). Y cuando Juan, el discípulo de Jesús, también estaba enojado porque alguien que no era de su grupo había expulsado demonios en nombre de Jesús, éste le responde que “el que no está contra nosotros está a favor nuestro” (Marcos 9:40).

Tanto Jesús como Moisés reconocieron que el espíritu de Dios sopla donde quiere. Algunas veces se encuentra en los lugares más extraños y obrando por medio de las personas más inesperadas. No obstante, nadie puede presumir que el Espíritu siempre obre a través de un grupo en particular o de los medios apropiados. Debemos cuidarnos de no tratar de acaparar o acorralar al espíritu de Dios.

Estar adentro no ofrece garantías. Por eso entendemos las palabras duras de Jesús acerca de cortarse la mano o los pies, o sacarse un ojo si fueran ocasión de pecado y de causar el que seamos echados al fuego. La mayoría de la gente dice que esto es hiperbólico o que son exageraciones del Oriente Medio. Yo pienso que con esto Jesús les pide a sus discípulos que miren honestamente su propia vida y sepan enfrentar cualquier cosa que los aleje de Dios. “Lidien con lo que sea”, dice Jesús. Siempre debemos estar atentos a lo que creemos, al camino que elegimos seguir y a la visión que nos sirve de guía.

Los que están adentro bien pueden perder de vista el camino que los conduce al reino, pueden desconectarse o desviarse del mismo. Y pueden llevarse a otros con ellos. Lo que importa es que la obra de Dios se lleve a cabo. Dios se ocupará de eso; no le obstaculices el camino. —James A. Wallace, C.Ss.R. *Derechos de autor* © 2014, *World Library Publications*. Todos los derechos reservados.

Administradores: ¡Compartiendo Nuestro Tiempo, Talento, Y Tesoro!

"Les aseguro que cualquiera que les dé un vaso de agua en mi nombre por ser ustedes de Cristo no perderá su recompensa."
MARCOS 9:41

Somos hechos a imagen y semejanza de Dios. Tenemos la tendencia a olvidar eso. Cuando mira a los demás, ¿ve en ellos la cara de Jesús? Cuando los demás lo miran a usted, ¿ven la cara de Jesús en usted? Cuando notamos que todas las vidas le importan a Dios, entonces la gratitud y la generosidad se nos hacen más fácil. ¿Por qué? ¡Porque esa es la manera en la que fuimos hechos! Somos uno en el Cuerpo de Cristo: cuando uno de nosotros sufre, todos sentimos el dolor.

*Nuestra Ofrenda Dominical: Domingo, 15 de agosto 2021 — \$15,655.28 ~ 16 de agosto 2020 — \$11,360.83 (cuarentena)
18 de agosto 2019 — \$16,717.00*



In October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. We pray that during this Respect Life Month our resolve will be strengthened to cherish and protect the gift of every human life.

Come & Pray

This week's Adoration Schedule:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 12pm — 6:30pm



THE PRESENCE OF GOD

In all our thoughts and actions we ought to remember the presence of God, and account all lost in which we think not of God. —St. Bernard of Clairvaux

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11:00 am – 4:00 pm, Saturday, October 9, 2021
 Holy Mass starts at 12:00 pm

CONTACT PERSONS: Sis Lhot Liwanag 201.233.8235 (Coordinator) John Teopengco 201.658.4032 (Assistant Coordinator)

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 Rev Oliver D. Nilo Mass Celebrant
 Bro Prez Manaoag Gospel Message

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R.C.I.A.

Catholic Adults who have not received their First Communion or Confirmation, as well as members of other religions or no religion seeking to become a Catholic, are invited to contact the rectory to begin the process of inquiry. Please leave your name & phone number, indicating whether you would prefer the sessions of formation in English or in Spanish, and one of our deacons will be in touch with you. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults has its sessions on Sunday mornings in the Parish Life Center.

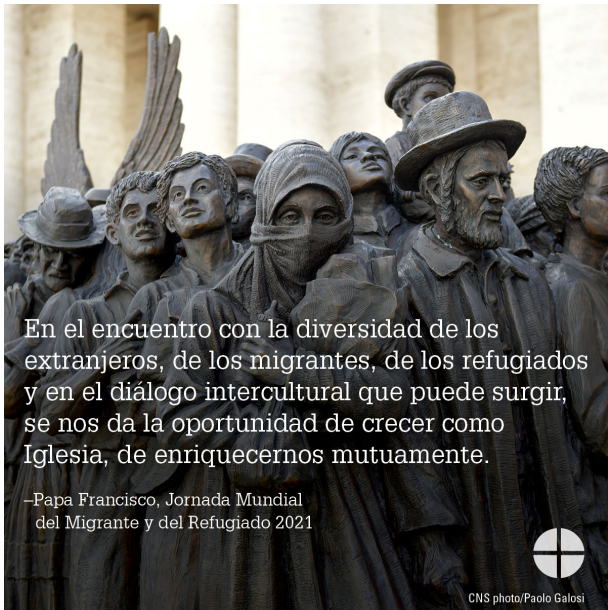


En octubre, la Iglesia Católica en los Estados Unidos celebra el Mes del Respeto a la Vida. Oremos para que durante este Mes del Respeto a la Vida nuestra determinación se fortalezca para valorar y proteger el don de cada vida humana.

Vivamos la Palabra de Dios

Pedimos el discernimiento para reconocer cuándo Dios está obrando de maneras inesperadas y a través de personas inesperadas que hacen cosas inesperadas . . . y también pedimos la sabiduría para distinguir al sabio del absurdo, y mucho más del malvado. Oremos de igual manera a fin de que nunca nos cerremos a la gracia ni alejemos a otras personas de Dios.

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En el encuentro con la diversidad de los extranjeros, de los migrantes, de los refugiados y en el diálogo intercultural que puede surgir, se nos da la oportunidad de crecer como Iglesia, de enriquecernos mutuamente.

–Papa Francisco, Jornada Mundial del Migrante y del Refugiado 2021

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R.I.C.A.

Los adultos católicos que no hayan recibido su Primera Comunión o Confirmación, así como los miembros de otras religiones o ninguna religión que busquen convertirse en católicos, están invitados a ponerse en contacto con la rectoría para comenzar el proceso. Por favor deje su nombre y número de teléfono, indicando si prefiere las sesiones de formación en inglés o en español, y uno de nuestros diáconos se pondrá en contacto con usted. El Rito de la Iniciación Cristiana para los Adultos tiene sus sesiones los domingos por la mañana en el Parish Life Center.

Grupos Parroquiales

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

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

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**
Tercer piso del Parish Life Center de 8:00pm ~ 9:00pm

Ministerio Matrimonios Con Cristo ~ **Tercer viernes del mes**, Iglesia de abajo de 8:00pm ~ 9:45pm

Bendición de animales

Nuestra Bendición de Animales anual en conmemoración a San Francisco de Asís, se llevará a cabo en el parqueadero detrás de la rectoría el próximo Sábado, 2 de octubre a las 12 del mediodía. Las mascotas y los niños deben estar bajo el control de un adulto responsable.





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