

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2021
4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
5:00PM Josip & Zorka Ivin
10:00AM Carmela & Attilio Dente
12:00PM Nickolas Busanic

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

11:00AM Maria Tarabocchia

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

11:00AM Joseph DeLuca

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

ST. BLAISE & ST. ANGAR

11:00AM Marc Tarabocchia

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4

11:00AM Gloria Jadrosic

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5

ST. AGATHA

11:00AM Rajko Kamic

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6

ST. PAUL MIKI & COMPANIONS

11:00AM Sal Sciarrino

5:00PM Francesco & Josephine
Olmo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:00AM John Piccinich

12:00PM Culleton & Kindelan

Families



ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of

*Garritano, Martire, Stancato &
Abbate Families*

PREPARING FOR MASS

The readings for this Sunday are:

Deut 18:15-20

Moses explains to the people that a prophet will come from among them, and they should listen to this prophet's words.

Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1 Cor 7:32-35

Paul tells the Corinthians how an unmarried man or woman is able to devote themselves to God without concern for a spouse's needs.

Mk 1:21-28

Jesus ordered the spirit out of a man, who shrieked violently as the spirit departed.

LISTENING TO THE VOICE OF AUTHORITY

An armed bandit stops a bus on the freeway, shows his gun to the passengers, and begins to search them one after another. After stealing all their valuables, he enters his car and zooms off. A few minutes later, in his uniform, a policeman appears on the same freeway, stops the same vehicle, shows his ID to the passengers, and begins to search all of them while asking some questions and taking notes. Now the question, "what is the difference between the armed thief and the policeman?"

The difference between the armed robber and the policeman is explainable by the difference between power and authority. The Armed bandit was able to stop the vehicle and search the passengers through the gun's power. On the other hand, the policeman was able to stop the car and search the passengers leveraging the authority conferred on him by the law of the nation.

The First Reading and the Gospel today tell us about authority. Authority has to do with the legitimate power one has to carry out an activity. We could then understand power merely as the ability to act without a legal right. Authority is usually conferred, but power could be assumed.

The Readings link authority to prophecy. Why? The answer would become more evident when we understand who a prophet is. The word prophet comes from the Greek "**prophetes**," which means a spokesman or if you like one who speaks for another. For one to speak for another person, the individual needs to be authorized. This explanation settles the confusion among many people who believe that a prophet can see the future. The prophet could speak about the past, the present, or the future but always following God's direction and authority.

God is constantly speaking to us through His words, but are we ready to hear and accept the voice of authority, or are we still listening to other distracting voices around us? The voice of the world speaks of negatives things that open doors to demons in our lives. In the Second Reading today (1 Cor.7:32-35), St. Paul urges us to be the ideal virgin or unmarried woman who is anxious about the things of God, not about the things of the world. What are you concerned about in your life now?

As we march into a new week, let us continue to ask God for the grace to assist us to listen always to the voice of authority that would help us to gain everlasting life. Have a lovely Sunday and a blessed new week.

Fr. Bonnie

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you for sharing the gift of your treasure so that we can continue to do God's work here.

January 24, 2021

\$4,234.00

Sunday Collection

"Brothers and sisters: I should like you to be free of anxieties." – 1 Corinthians 7:32

How much anxiety do we bring upon ourselves by constantly worrying about not having enough or attaining more things? God will not necessarily give you everything you want, but He will provide everything you need. Try this – use the word "pray" instead of the word "worry" in the future. Then pray for things instead of worrying about them.

2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal directly supports various ministries and programs throughout the Archdiocese, such as evangelization efforts, Catholic education, Catholic Charities, youth and young adult ministries and many other ministries. **Your participation in this Campaign is vitally important. Our goal this year is \$31,700.** Complete a pledge envelope, located on the table at the elevator entrance, and return it to the rectory or in the collection basket. Thank you for your consideration to this Appeal.

CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

Christ the Teacher School is registering students for the 2021-2022 school year. A Nationally Recognized Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, we offer a full academic program from Pre-K to 8th grade with many additional specials such as Spanish, art, music, computers, library and physical education. We have an award-winning STEM program and a one-to-one technology initiative for grades 4-8. Students enjoy a number of clubs, activities and sports, even virtual ones this year.

We are very happy to announce a Madonna Scholarship for new students entering our school. Based on financial need and scholarship, families are encouraged to apply.

Our website is: www.christtheteacherschool.org. Tours are by appointment only. Please call 201-944-0421.

MISSALETTES FOR ORDINARY TIME-LENT

New Missalettes for Ordinary Time through Lent are on sale at the rectory for \$3.00 each. We will not be able to put the books into the pews during this pandemic. If you wish to have a book to follow along with the mass, please purchase your own. All books contain weekday and Sunday readings.

SUNDAY MASSES

Sunday Masses will be at 5:00PM on Saturday and on Sunday at 10:00AM and 12 Noon. We can now accommodate up to 150 persons at each mass. When you attend mass, you must wear a mask before you enter the Church and leave it on for the whole mass. Also, please sanitize your hands when entering the Church with the hand sanitizers found at the elevator entrance. Please do not take off or lower your mask when you approach the priest for Holy Communion. Take the Communion in your hand and step aside and lift your mask as you return to your seat.

Once again, please consider whether you are “at risk” and make a good choice about whether or not to attend mass. I remind you that the Archbishop has indefinitely dispensed all Catholics from their “Sunday obligation” so do NOT feel compelled to attend mass out of fear. If any of you is feeling “under the weather” or running a fever, we ask you please DO NOT come to the church. You may be jeopardizing the life and health of others.

HOW TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. You may report an allegation of sexual misconduct by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

CORONA VIRUS PRAYER

**Keep us good Lord,
Under the shadow of your mercy,
In this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
And lift up all who are brought low;
That we may rejoice in your comfort
Knowing that nothing can separate us from
Your love.
In Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

MASS CANDLES, SANCTUARY LAMPS & ALTAR BREAD & WINE

Mass Candles, Sanctuary Lamps and Altar Bread and Wine are available for the year 2021. Please come to the rectory between the hours of 10:00AM-3:00PM to book any of the above items in memory of or in honor of a loved one.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Wednesday is the Feast of St. Blaise. There will be a communal blessing of throats after the 11:00AM Mass. Individual blessings will not be given this year due to the pandemic.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday is the First Friday of the month. Eucharistic Adoration will be held following the 11:00AM Mass concluding with Benediction at 1:00PM.

MASS BOOK FOR 2021

Parishioners and non-parishioners may now book **only three more masses** for 2021. Please come to the Rectory Office between 10:00AM-3:00PM, Monday-Friday.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

What do Ground Hog Day and Job have in common? “Job spoke saying: Is not man’s life on earth a drudgery?” (Job 7:1) The Ground Hog Day story relates how life seems to repeat itself ad nauseum. Don’t let your love become a boring drudgery. Wake up determined to refresh your love on February 2nd.

PARENTING POINTERS

While you may still be lamenting some changes that Covid-19 has brought to your family life, help your child make a list of advantages that your family has, for example: food, warmth, safety, a pet, friends, ability to read...

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Ann Callagher, Caroline Craven, Felicia Martello, Arianna Cappola, Cindy Simeone Reynolds, Baby Juliette Payne, Brian Hone, Cora Shaffer, Baby Michael, Cesar Valdecantos, Kay Tak, Michele Spino, Evelyn Rodriguez, Barbara Snow, Mary Iannaccone, Doris Portillo, Teresita Zafra-Santos, Ann Marie Applegate, Tatiana Flores, Christopher Nash, Pat Romano, Tony Martello, Little Gabriel, Rachel Rocks, Sean O’Connor, Vladimir Drobikov, Louanne Mitchell, Colleen Meyers, Domenick Deodino, Rosemarie Liversidge, Christine Caruso, Patrick Bove, Camille Moglia, John Keegan, Kay O’Connor, Anthony Martini, Pantaleon Domingo, Conrado Trinidad, Joanne Kaiser, Patricia Warren, Ramon Villavicencio, Danilo Bonifacio, Daniel Johnson, Ryan Cariddi, Laura Cipullo, Richard Allen, Anthony Martello, Jr., Miguel Madera, Joe Villani, Lisa Mutchler, Elizabeth Chan, Benjamin Yap, Henry Yap, Anthony McCluskey, Jane Kim Estantino, Mike Hromin, Nancy Manto, Roy Regaspi, Gloria Marquez, David Barmore, Drew Johnson, Kunaim Emelyanesko, Kathy Santiago, Vinny Franco, Baby Grayson DiNatale, Kathie Gumb, Michael O’Connor, Patrick Shanley, Rev. John Renard, Louise O’Connor, Cathleen McLaughlin, Fran Barbato, Jared Lanzaloto, Joel Rivera, Angelina Cozzitorto, Joseph Kirincich, Lucy D’Ambrosio, Steven Skific, Baby Luca, Eileen Palazzo, Rosalind Yap, Barbara Curran.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED OF THE PARISH

Rev. Charles Reinbold, Antonia Hroncich.

**“HAVE I BEEN STRUCK BY THE LOVE
OF GOD SO AS TO GO OUT AND
SHARE IT WITH OTHERS?”**

