CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH
ON THE GRACE OF THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

1642: Christ is the source of this grace. “Just as of old God encountered his people with a covenant of love and fidelity, so our Savior, the spouse of the Church, now encounters Christian spouses through the sacrament of Matrimony.” Christ dwells with them, gives them the strength to take up their crosses and so follow him, to rise again after they have fallen, to forgive one another, to bear one another’s burdens, to “be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ,” and to love one another with supernatural, tender, and fruitful love. In the joys of their love and family life he gives them here on earth a foretaste of the wedding feast of the Lamb:

How can I ever express the happiness of a marriage joined by the Church, strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels, and ratified by the Father?... How wonderful the bond between two believers, now one in hope, one in desire, one in discipline, one in the same service! They are both children of one Father and servants of the same Master, undivided in spirit and flesh, truly two in one flesh. Where the flesh is one, one also is the spirit. (Tertullian, Ad uxorem)
**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 2**
- Confessions 3:00 PM
- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 PM
  - Doris Colasanto
  - Alfred Fregeau
- 5:00 PM - Liturgical Training

**Sunday, October 3**
- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 9:00 AM - English
  - Francesca Fardini Abbruzzese
  - In Honor of St. Francis of Assisi
- 10:30 AM - Italian
  - Emilio and Maria Giuseppa Rivera
- 12:00 PM - Spanish
  - Pro Populo
- 1:30 PM - Baptisms
- 2:30 PM - Rafanelli and Scivola Wedding

**Monday, October 4** No scheduled Mass

**Tuesday, October 5**
- 7:00 AM
  - Yvette Vary
  - Matthew DiIorio

**Wednesday, October 6**
- 7:00 AM
  - Rev. Joseph Hynes
  - Theresa Little
    - Adoration 5:00-7:00 PM
    - Confessions from 6:00 PM until Benediction

**Thursday, October 7**
- 7:00 AM
  - Madonna del Rosario
  - Theresa Gomes
- 7:00 PM - Spanish
  - Immacolata Piro

**Friday, October 8**
- 7:00 AM
  - Deceased Clergy of Holy Ghost

**Saturday, October 9**
- 9:00 AM - Mass for Marriage Retreat
  - Confessions 3:00 PM
- 2:00 PM - Zervas and Manzo Wedding
  - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 4:00 PM
  - Eleanor Ricci

**Sunday, October 10**
- 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- 9:00 AM - English
  - Teresa Petrone
- 10:30 AM - Italian
  - Mafalda DeVecchis
- 12:00 PM - Spanish
  - Pro Populo

* The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3:00 PM until the beginning of the 4:00 PM Mass. It is also available on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM until Benediction, after morning daily Masses until 8:00 AM and at other times by request.
* Baptisms are held each first Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Other times are possible by request.
* Weddings should be scheduled a year in advance to account for different situations that may be present with the bride and groom that take time to work through. A wedding will not be truly scheduled until it is demonstrated that a couple is free to marry.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 3

Collect
Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, we pray, the sacrifices instituted by your commands and, through the sacred mysteries, which we celebrate with dutiful service, graciously complete the sanctifying work by which you are pleased to redeem us. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion
Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord.

TWENTY-EIGTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 10

Collect
May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer over the Offerings
Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer after Communion
We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
The Saint Vincent de Paul Society at Holy Ghost Church is continuing to run a food pantry and other services for those in need. Please visit us or call the rectory at (401) 421-3551. The food pantry is open each Saturday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. It is located at the back of the rectory.

Our friends are in need of cereals, children snacks and canned pasta sauce.

Our 87th Annual Reunion and Dinner Dance is scheduled for Saturday November 13, 2021. Meetings have begun and this year the dinner will be held in our Parish Hall following the Vigil Mass at 4:00 PM.

In addition to being a celebration of our love for Holy Ghost Church it is also our biggest fundraiser of the year. One part of it is the Souvenir Ad Book. It is like a yearbook that is full dedications and advertisements and other statements of love and support for Holy Ghost Church.

There is also a section that recalls those who have passed from this life, the In Memoriam section. We will have In Memoriam envelopes in the church and they will be available in other places, including this bulletin, for you to list individuals that you would like others to know and pray for. We will also be praying for all our parishioner and benefactors, living and deceased at the 4:00 PM Vigil Mass on November 13.

Our Next meeting will be October 13 at 7:30 PM in the Church Hall.
PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Ghost Church will be hosting a Matrimonial Retreat under the direction of Sr. Rocio and the CERS group. Even if you are not able to enroll please come and visit this retreat in Spanish. With enough interest and with more of the parish seeing what goes into such an event I would like to have more of them for others in the future. /FF

This year's theme for World Mission Sunday is “We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard” (Acts 4:20). Every parish in the world can participate, united in this special Eucharistic celebration. Every parishioner is a missionary, sharing our love for Christ's Gospel with one another, supporting the Church most in need.
Reminder about next weekend. Federal Hill will be celebrating Columbus Day and travel along Atwells Avenue will be restricted. We will also be hosting a Marriage Retreat and a Wedding so it will be a full weekend. Our regular Mass schedule will be in place.

Please take extra care and time when coming to Church and be ready to take alternate routes to get here and to get back home.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

• Classes will begin for students in grades K to 6th on Tuesday, Sept. 28, 2021 from 5:15-6:30 PM.

• Confirmation Classes will begin for Students in grades 7th to 12th on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 from 6:00-7:30 PM.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

• Deacon Stephen Raymond will begin RCIA classes on Sunday September 26, 2021

• They will be held in the Church Hall after the 9:00 AM Mass

• A full schedule will be published soon but the pattern for classes will be the second and the third Saturday of the month.

LITURGICAL TRAINING

• The first Saturday of the month falls on this weekend and we will be stating our liturgical training sessions. Because there is a wedding rehearsal that begins at 5:30 PM it will be brief. We will go over the significance of all those who assist at the Church in general and highlight the great dignity that we all possess as Catholics. Some are able to serve in the worship of God but all of us can grow in love and knowledge of that service.
To assist with the beginning of the liturgical training at Holy Ghost the following texts will be helpful.

The first is taken from what is called the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. It is often referred to as the GIRM. A copy of it is present in every Missal and its title is very direct: it describes the manner in which the Mass is to be celebrated. Most of what is teaches applies universally for the whole Church and it also provides for lawful changes that can be agreed upon by the Bishops in different areas. It makes use of paragraph numbers, as many Church documents do.

From the GIRM:

**DUTIES AND MINISTRIES IN THE MASS**

91. The celebration of the Eucharist is the action of Christ and of the Church, namely, of the holy people united and ordered under the Bishop. It therefore pertains to the whole Body of the Church, manifests it, and has its effect upon it. Indeed, it also affects the individual members of the Church in a different way, according to their different orders, functions, and actual participation. In this way, the Christian people, “a chosen race, a royal Priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession,” expresses its cohesion and its hierarchical ordering. All, therefore, whether ordained ministers or lay Christian faithful, in fulfilling their function or their duty, should carry out solely but totally that which pertains to them.

From Sacrosanctum Concilium, referenced in the GIRM 91:

26. Liturgical services are not private functions, but are celebrations of the Church, which is the “sacrament of unity,” namely, the holy people united and ordered under their bishops. Therefore liturgical services pertain to the whole body of the Church; they manifest it and have effects upon it; but they concern the individual members of the Church in different ways, according to their differing rank, office, and actual participation.

28. In liturgical celebrations each person, minister or layman, who has an office to perform, should do all of, but only, those parts which pertain to his office by the nature of the rite and the principles of liturgy.

29. Servers, lectors, commentators, and members of the choir also exercise a genuine liturgical function. They ought, therefore, to discharge their office with the sincere piety and decorum demanded by so exalted a ministry and rightly expected of them by God’s people. Consequently they must all be deeply imbued with the spirit of the liturgy, each in his own measure, and they must be trained to perform their functions in a correct and orderly manner.

30. To promote active participation, the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons, and songs, as well as by actions, gestures, and bodily attitudes. And at the proper times all should observe a reverent silence.
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