MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 30
10:30am - People of the Parish, Living & Deceased

Tuesday, November 1  All Saints Day
8:00am - Waureen Anderson - Juliet Anderson
12:10pm - Raymond Gordinier - Estate
7:00pm - (Spanish) (Chapel) Constancia Vellon - Richard Rozon

Wednesday, November 2
8:00am - Rose Senese - Husband, Joseph & Family

Thursday, November 3
8:00am - Christine Carr-James -Mary Ellen Hayden

Friday, November 4
8:00am - Lucille Brien - Daughter

Saturday, November 5
4:00pm - People of the Parish, Living & Deceased

Sunday, November 6
9:30am - Frank & Margaret Paolino - Louis Paolino & Family
11:30am - (Spanish) People of the Parish, Living & Deceased

CALENDAR

Sunday, October 30
9:00am - Rosary for Peace
10:30am - All Saints Day Celebration

Monday, October 31  Happy Halloween
7:00pm - Alcoholics Anonymous (HA)

Tuesday, November 1  All Saints Day
7:00pm - Narcotics Anonymous (HA)

Wednesday, November 2
11:00am - Bible Study (MTMC)
7:00pm - Prayer Meeting, Spanish (MTMC)
7:00pm - Bible Study, Youth Group (Youth House)

Thursday, November 3
7:00pm -Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory)

Friday, November 4
5:30pm - Evening Prayer - (HA)
6:00pm - Youth Group (Youth House)
6:30pm - Holy Hour, Spanish (Chapel)  0

Saturday, November 5
11:00am - Faith Formation Class (MTMC)
3:00pm - RCIA (Rectory)

Sunday, November 6
9:00am - Rosary for Peace

Weekend Collection Reports: 10/15 &16
OFFERING $3,447.45
ATTENDANCE 383

Continued... It’s Coming!
The New Edition of the Roman Missal!

As we have been saying, the last weekend in November (the first weekend of Advent) we will start using the new edition of the Roman Missal. Part of the reason for the change is that it will more closely correspond to where our prayers and responses at Mass come from in the Bible. Last week’s bulletin gave you three examples and here is one more: Before the Communion Rite, the priest breaks the Host and shows it to the people, saying:

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.  (The Order of Mass, 132)

The first part of this prayer echoes the words of John the Baptist, heralding the coming of the Christ: "The next day he (John) saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” On 1:29). In the same way, we who are united in the Body of Christ in the Sacrament of Baptism and strengthened in the Eucharist are called to point others to Jesus through our words and actions.

The second part of this prayer reflects the words of the Book of Revelation: "Then the angel said to me, 'Write this: Blessed are those who have been called to the wedding feast of the Lamb" (Rev 19:9). In this prayer, we are not rejoicing that we may receive the Eucharist. Instead, we rejoice for those who have been found worthy to share in the heavenly Liturgy, the supper of the Lamb, and we pray that one day, we may join them in the everlasting life of the Kingdom of God.

CONCLUSION By delving more deeply into the scriptural background of the Mass, we come to know more closely Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, whose Paschal Mystery we celebrate.

HOSPITALITY MINISTRY

Don’t you feel wonderful when you are warmly welcomed? When you are received some place in such a way that you feel that you have been noticed and that you matter, doesn’t that make you feel good about yourself?

In order to encourage this, I will begin a new Hospitality Ministry at Holy Apostles which will concentrate on this. Our second training session for the new Hospitality Ministry is on Saturday, November 19th at 9a.m. Please save the date. May the peace of the Lord be with you!  -Fr. Tony
Dear Father,

I have been attending this church for a number of years now. I do very much like coming to this church. For one, it is in the neighborhood I grew up, so there are many memories as I drive to Mass each Sunday. It is not my home parish. Sadly, that closed a few years ago, as did many other churches like it. That church was where I was baptized and made all my sacraments. I attended the Catholic school. My wife and I were married in that church. All of our children were baptized there. It was difficult to let it go - there were so many memories. We, the other parishioners and myself, tried to keep it open, but the numbers just did not match. Out of the loss did come some hope and my wife and I decided to come to this church. We had other options, but they did not seem right. We could have not come to Mass entirely, but that definitely did not feel right. There is something about these sacraments - they seem to pulse through my body. I suppose I am one of those people that have a DNA gene for being Catholic. The connection I have with the sacraments is partly due to you and the other priests I have known. It is hard to describe, but the way each priest has celebrated the sacraments has been uniquely different, yet also the same. Is that what is meant by being called by name and the universality of Catholicism? I do not remember my baptism, but I have heard that it was a special day in our family. The priest who baptized me has been dead for many years, but there is a bond between us that I cannot explain. As for the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, I do remember those. They were days of anticipation, anxiousness, joy and happiness - the party afterwards was great, too. The “Father” even came to my house after my 1st Communion. Now I do remember my Confirmation. My sponsor stood next to me - I took his name. We stood in front of the bishop. That was the first time I was so close to a bishop. It was awe inspiring until he slapped my cheek, but not too hard. I heard they do not do that to the kids anymore. A few years later, there was our wedding. Oh what a day! If there is a day that I felt particularly close to Jesus - that was it. Then, one after the other, our children were born and baptized followed by the other sacraments right there in the middle was the parish priest. The names and faces changed, but the spirit was still there. The biggest surprise of our life was when our son announced to the family he wanted to be a priest. At first, I was shocked and wondered if God knew what he was doing. On the day of his ordination, I cannot explain the joy I felt in my heart. Many people do not get to experience the sacrament of Holy Orders, but to be a witness to one is an inspiration. Finally, the day came when my wife of 55 years grew sicker and sicker. “Father” came over to administer the sacrament of the sick to help the journey to the next life. A few weeks later, the whole family gathered in the church for the funeral to celebrate a beautiful life and say good-bye. Since her death, it has been the church that has kept me going. Sure I have my children, but they have their own lives. The church is my life. This remembrance of mine is for the faith I call my own. For it is not just built on bricks and mortar, even though this church is beautiful. It is built by the people within its walls, especially our priests. There is a reason why we Catholics call the head of our church “Father” - like a father, he guides, protects, instructs, provides, laughs, cries and loves us. Thank you to all the men who have dedicated their lives to the priesthood and blessing our churches and our lives with your presence.

Prayer for World Priest Day

You came from among us to be, for us, one who serves.
We thank you for ministering Christ to us and helping us minister Christ to each other.

We are grateful for the many gifts you bring to our community:
for drawing us together in worship, for visiting us in our homes, for comforting us in sickness, for showing us compassion, for blessing our marriage, for baptizing our children, for confirming us in our calling,
for supporting us in bereavement, for helping us to grow in faith, for encouraging us to take the initiative, for helping the whole community realize God’s presence among us.

For our part, we pray that we may always be attentive to your needs and never take you for granted.
You, like us, need friendship and love, welcome and a sense of belonging, kind words and acts of thoughtfulness.
We pray, also, for the priests who have wounded priesthood.
May we be willing to forgive and may they be open to healing.
Let us support one another during times of crisis.

God our Father, we ask you to bless our priests and confirm them in their calling.
Give them the gifts they need to respond with generosity and a joyful heart.
We offer this prayer for our priest, Who is our brother and friend, Amen

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