

Saint George Parish Community

Under the Guidance of the Holy Spirit

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 10, 2021



As Jesus as setting out on a journey, a man ran up, knelt down before Him, and asked Him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus answered him, “Why do you call Me good?” No one is good for God alone. You know the commandments: You shall not kill; you shall not commit adultery; you shall not steal; you shall not bear false witness; you shall not defraud; honor your father and your mother. He replied and said to Him, “Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth. Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him, “You are lacking in one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to

the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me.” At that statement his face fell, ad he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to His disciples, “How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” The disciples were amazed at His words. So Jesus again said to them in reply, Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!” It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle that for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God.” Peter began to say to Him, “We have given up everything and followed You.” Jesus said, “Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for My sake for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and others and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come.”

~Mark 10: 17-30

Prayer to Saint Joseph

Join us as we pray the *Prayer to Saint Joseph* at the conclusion of Mass throughout the remainder of this Year of Saint Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

*To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. ~Amen.*



Contact Us!

New Parishioners

We are pleased to welcome new members to our Parish Community. Please call the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to make an appointment to register and to learn more about our parish, or visit www.stgeorgeparish.org. *Note: Students must be registered in the Parish before registering in the Parish Religious Education Program.*

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the *second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM*. Parents seeking baptism for their child are asked to please call the rectory. Pre-Jordan is required for parents with a first-born child or parents with additional children who have not attended within a two-year period. Pre-registration is required for Pre-Jordan and Baptism. Please contact Mrs. Lynda Batten at the Rectory Office for more information.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Couples planning a wedding are asked to call Father Oswald at the Rectory Office at least one year in advance of the wedding date. Couples are required to attend the Archdiocesan Marriage and Family Life Preparation Program.

Sick or Homebound

In case of serious illness or advanced age, please call the Rectory Office. Arrangements will be made for the Sacrament of the Sick and for Holy Communion. If you are going into the hospital and you would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick, please call the Rectory. Also, when you are hospitalized, please contact the hospital Chaplain and the Rectory Office.

Tree of Life Memorial

If you would like to have a leaf (\$150) or a boulder (\$600) permanently inscribed in memory of a loved one on the Tree of Life, which is located in the vestibule at the main entrance of the church, please contact Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633.

Vigil Candles

Vigil Candles, which are located in front of the Blessed Mother and St. Joseph statues in the front of the church, are available for your intentions. Small candles are \$2 and will burn for two days. These can be purchased by placing your donation in an envelope and dropping it in the slot provided by the candles. Large candles are \$100 and will burn for an entire year. Large candles can be purchased by contacting Mrs. Mary Ann Zeller at 610-237-1633. A gold label with your loved ones name will be placed on the candle and it will remain there throughout the year.

Godparents

Only one godparent is required for Baptism. If two are chosen, one must be male and one must be female. A godparent must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and receiving the Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, if married, must be married in the Church, and in good standing with the Church. A baptized non-Catholic Christian may be chosen as a "Christian Witness" provided there is one Catholic godparent. A former Catholic may not serve as either a godparent or Christian witness.

R.C.I.A.

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, or if you were baptized Catholic but did not complete your sacraments, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, SSJ at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633 to learn more about our Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Program.

Mass Cards

Mass cards are available at the Rectory Office. If you would like to have a Mass celebrated in memory of a deceased loved one, or for special intentions, please contact the Rectory Office for details. Standard cards are available for a \$10 stipend and booklets are available for a \$20 stipend.

Food Pantry

Our Parish Food Pantry is available for parishioners and friends who are in need of a meal but cannot provide one for themselves. If you or a friend needs temporary food assistance, please contact Mrs. Batten at 610-237-1633.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Church *every Friday from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM, followed by daily Mass*, unless otherwise announced.

Quotes of the Week

Everybody that is just is called to form part of the Kingdom of Heaven-whether they be Buddhas, Jews, or Atheists - as long as they are good.

~Pope John Paul II

The only true riches are those that make us rich in virtue. Therefore, if you want to be rich, beloved, love true riches. If you aspire to the heights of real honor, strive to reach the kingdom of Heaven. If you value rank and renown, hasten to be enrolled in the heavenly court of the Angels.

~Pope Gregory I

Parish Staff

Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Pastor

Rev. Martin E. Woodeshick, Pastor Emeritus - Holy Spirit

Rev. James McBurney, OSA and Rev. James McCartney, O.S.A., Weekend Assistants

Mrs. Lynda Batten, Administrative Assistant and
Coordinator of Religious Education, Ext. 101

Mrs. Pat Dinan, Receptionist, Ext. 113 (Tues & Wed)

Mrs. Gloria Greene, Data Entry, Ext. 104

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Mr. Patrick McCullough, Maintenance, Ext. 104

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Pastoral Care, Ext. 103

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Mrs. Barbara Fister and Mrs. Teresa Murray - Housekeeping
Rectory/Convent/Church

Parish Information

Rectory Hours

Monday thru Thursday

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Summer Hours: 9AM to 4 PM daily

For more details, see page 5.

Phone Number: 610-237-1633

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Mrs. Mimi Ednie

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Mrs. Theresa Murray

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Mrs. Lynda Batten

Choir Director and Music

Ministry

Mrs. Kathleen Lerro

R.C.I.A.

Sister Lorraine Muglie, SSJ

Join us on Twitter!



Rite of Reconciliation

3:30 PM - 4:15 PM Saturday afternoons

Care of the Sick

Please contact the Rectory Office in the event of sickness or hospitalization.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Thursday 6:30 PM - Sept. to Easter

Baptism

Second Sunday of the month at 11:30 AM

Please call the Rectory Office for an appointment to schedule a Baptism and Baptism Preparation (Pre-Jordan)



Devotions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Fridays 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Miraculous Medal Devotion - Following the 8:00 AM Mass on Saturdays

Holy Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet - Thursdays 7:00 PM

Daily Readings & Mass Intentions

Sunday, October 10: Wisdom 7: 7-11; Hebrews 4: 12-13; Mark 10: 17-30 - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Helen Horton

Requested by: Family

10:30 AM Jack and Linda Hawkins

Requested by: Denis and Pat Casey

Monday, October 11: Romans 1: 1-7; Luke 11: 29-32

4:00 PM Joseph Malloy

Requested by: Diane Malloy

Tuesday, October 12: Romans 1: 16-25; Luke 11: 37-41

4:00 PM Reverend Dennis Boyle

Requested by: St. George Parish

Wednesday, October 13: Romans 2: 1-11; Luke 11: 42-46

4:00 PM Mary Dominick

Requested by: Bill Battagliese

Thursday, October 14: Romans 3: 21-30; Luke 11: 47-54

4:00 PM Joseph Doran

Requested by: Vinny & Bethany Port

Friday, October 15: Romans 4: 1-8; Luke 12: 1-7 - St. Teresa of Jess, Virgin and Doctor of the Church (Memorial)

4:00 PM Larry Gilchrist

Requested by: Hicks Family

Saturday, October 16: Romans 4: 13, 16-18; Luke 12: 8-12

4:30 PM Fred Strasser & Pro Populo

Requested by: Anna Notte

Sunday, October 17: Isaiah 53: 10-11; Hebrews 4: 14-16; Mark 10: 35-45 - 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Ann Marie McIntyre

Requested by: Fr. Oswald and Staff

Sunday continued...

10:30 AM

Edmund Ferguson

Requested by: Mary Ann Ferguson



Daily Mass

4:00 PM Monday thru Friday

Weekend Mass

4:30 PM Saturday

8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Sunday

Holy Days

As Announced

Legal Holidays: 9:00 AM

Contributions

Sunday, October 3 \$4,756

Mass Counts: 102=4:30 PM 76=8:00 AM 95=10:30 AM

Total Mass Count=273

Stewardship Weekend at St. George

October 30-31, 2021

Look for our annual Stewardship letter this month.

Gospel Reflection and Parish

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

In his provocative 1916 poem, "The Road Less Traveled," Robert Frost ends his thoughts with this line: "I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference." As always, one can take from the poet's words a truth applicable to oneself. May I suggest that the thought here presents food for thought for any Christian? Call this menu item a type of "consciousness exam" as opposed to an examination of conscience.

Certainly the road that began with our baptism is one that invites detours. No reason to be surprised that the world provides attractive options for travel. Our Lord Jesus Christ left His footprints on the One Best Way, because He walked it first all by Himself. No, it isn't an easy path. You will see His blood prominent on the path.

Today's First and Third Readings spell out some details just in case we need concepts made explicit. The Book of Wisdom contains the prayer of that Old Testament paragon of wisdom, King Solomon, who prays to make the right decision for his life in the face of multiple alluring options. Those make for a contemporary list as well, namely: power, riches, health, comeliness and light. Who of us has not felt the tug of war they create in our hearts as we try to stay on the path?

The Letter to the Hebrews comes across as a commentary on what Our Lord declares. The Word challenges us to be attached to Him alone, which includes, of course, His values.

When that unnamed wealthy man knelt down before Truth itself, he got God's opinion about riches. Our man got a shock to his lifelong belief system: "Go sell what you have, and give to the poor." While we're not shocked so many centuries later, we are challenged.

The added element here is the courage it takes to be different from "the herd." To "take the road less traveled by." So our disappointed questioner stands up, perhaps looking sad and a bit perplexed. Then he walks back, figuratively speaking, to the familiar "road" that nearly everybody in his time and place traveled by.

Meanwhile, the disciples were amazed. All of their devout Jewish lives heretofore they were taught that riches are a blessing from God, and not an obstacle to His favor. They get Jesus' funny image of the camel and the eye of the needle. We get it too, but how many of us laugh shakily, knowing that what Jesus said is aimed at any materialism in us. Though we don't dare voice it, we may think of saying something to Jesus like "Lord, with all due respect, let's be practical here." He just smiles at us saying nothing. He knows that we can always change paths.

"One step must start each journey, one word must start each prayer, one hope will raise our spirits, one touch can show you care. One voice can speak with wisdom, one heart can know what's true, one life can make the difference, you see, it's up to you." (Anonymous)



Rosary Group

The Rosary Group meets on *Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM* in the Church. We recite the Rosary and conclude with the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy for your intentions and for an end to the Coronavirus. All are welcome. ***October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please come and pray with us for your intentions.***



Feast Day Tip

St. Teresa of Avila

Friday, October 15, 2021

On **Friday, October 15**, we celebrate the feast of Saint Teresa of Avila. The convents in Spain where St. Teresa of Avila spent her life are known for their candy making, particularly candy made with egg yolks, which are left over after starching sisters habits with the egg whites. Naturally, a candy was invented and named after St. Teresa, *Yemas de Santa Teresa*, or St. Teresa yolks. Though finding these in a store would be near impossible, you can create this Spanish favorite at home. Several simple recipes are available online. Visit feast-day.co for more help celebrating feasts and saints.

Advertise Your Business

Interested in placing an ad in our Parish Bulletin to help your advertise your business? Please contact Karen Donehower at karendonehower@gmail.com or 484-363-9475 for details. Help us help you!



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Sister of St. Joseph Chance Drive

Visit our Chance drive page at <https://www.ssiphila.org/home/support-out-mission/fundraising-events/annual-chance-drive>. For additional information, please contact Sr. Lorraine Muglie, any Sister of St. Joseph, or the Development Office at 800-482-6510, Development@ssiphila.org or <https://bit.ly/3yg4gRO>.

Turn \$5 into \$10,000 - there are 6 ways to win.

The Grand prize is \$10,000 - there are also 5 prizes of \$500.

The donation is \$5 per ticket or \$20 for a book of 5 tickets.

The Winner will be drawn on **December 5, 2021**.

Get your tickets online today!

All proceeds benefit St. Joseph Villa and the Retired Sisters of St. Joseph. *A Healing Presence*.

Parish and Local



A Message from Fr. Oswald

Please check out my weekly video reflections at www.stgeorgeparish.org or on our Facebook page at St. George Church, Glenolden, PA. God bless you, one and all!

~Father Oswald, Pastor

Adult Choir

If you would like to consider joining us, please contact Mrs. Kathy Lerro, Director of Music, at 610-237-1633. New voices are always needed and welcome. You don't have to be a professional singer to join us. All voices join in harmony! Practices are held every **Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM**. Won't you consider joining us?



Join the choir...
You'll Be Glad
You Did!

God sent his Singers upon earth, with songs of sadness and of mirth, that they might touch the hearts of men, and bring them back to heaven again.

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow



Happy Birthday

We wish everyone who is celebrating their birthday this week, a happy and healthy year ahead.

Happy Birthday, one and all!

Upcoming Parish Events

Halloween Dance - Grades 5-8, **Oct. 22, 7-10 PM** St. Gabriel Hall
Stewardship Weekend - **October 30-31**
Annual Memorial Mass - **Tuesday, November 2**, Time TBA
Mom & Baby Drive - **November 13-14**
Thanksgiving Day Mass - **November 25 at 9:00 AM**
Bake Sale - **December 11-12**
Stay tuned for these and more upcoming parish events this fall.

Holiday Outreach

If you would like to help a family in need this holiday season, please contact Mrs. Batten at the Rectory Office by **November 1st** to add your name to the list. Gift cards are welcome, as well as turkeys for Thanksgiving, monetary donations, non-perishable food, and gifts for our parish giving tree.

Please call asap for details.

Pray for Our Beloved Deceased

As we pray for our own families and friends, we ask you to please remember those who died from the coronavirus. May all of our dearly departed, through the mercy of God, rest in the peace of Christ.



PRAY
FOR THE SICK

Pray for Our Sick

Al Beck, Mary Jane Beck, Helen Belcher, Dan & Marie Bellinger, Roberta Bennett, Michael Berger, Lillian Berlingeri, Irene Burns, Pat Muter Cahill, Suzie Carboni, Rose Celia, John Cianciarulo, Dominic Corvaia, Fred Cuccinello, Lenora Cuccinello, Martin Deeney, Betty DiGrasso, Leonard DiGrasso, Terry Dolores, Mark Ednie, Michelina Giuliono, Frederick Green, Delores and Ed Harrity, Ken and Peg Haynie, Kathleen Higgins, Doris Kerker, Silvio Lelli, Sr. Ann Marie Loftus, Madeline Loftus, Margie Loftus, Suzanne Madden, Maureen Maley, Ashley Marshall, Maureen McCann, Peg McCann, Bethann McCormick, Michael McFadden, David McFarland, Julia McGlenn, Angelo and Mary Ann Minutillo, Eric Mullica, Joseph Nowrey, Rev. Leo P. Oswald, Madeline Pfaff, George Phillips, Maria Prince, Joan Ratch, Ettore Ricci, John Rush, Sara Schilling, Harry Sperone, Denise Sponheimer, Michael Talent, Valerie Thompson, Mary Wizda, Carmella Young and Mary Ann Zeller. **Names are listed for 30 days unless more time is needed. Please keep us updated.**

Paper Shredding Event

This Sunday, October 10, 2021 - 12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM

Protect Your Identity

Includes Expired Prescription Pills Drop Off & Destruction
McCausland Garrity Marchesani Funeral Home & Crematory
343 S. Chester Pike, Glenolden

Please bring a canned good donation for our local food bank!

Family Pumpkin Painting

October 17 - 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM

McCausland Garrity Marchesani

Funeral Home

343 Chester Pike, Glenolden

Snacks, treats, games, pumpkin painting and other fun fall festivities will be provided.

Visit Facebook at [McCauslandGarrityFuneralHome](https://www.facebook.com/McCauslandGarrityFuneralHome) for upcoming community events and giveaways.



Most Rev. Nelson J. Perez to Preside over the Closing Ceremony for the Archdiocesan Phase of the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God, William E. Atkinson (1946-2006)

Tuesday, October 19, 6:30 PM at the Church of St. Thomas of Villanova, 800 E. Lancaster Avenue in Villanova

Please see the insert in today's Parish Bulletin for more details about this magnificent, local event. You can also visit www.augustinian.org/the-cause for the press release and for more details, including the 2020 PBS documentary entitled, "Extraordinary: The Bill Atkinson Story." Father Atkinson is the first quadriplegic ordained as a priest in the history of the Roman Catholic Church and he was stationed at Monsignor Bonner High School for almost thirty years (1975-2004). During the Closing Session, Archdiocesan officials will provide information summarizing the six-year long inquiry, and the Archbishop will decree that the documentation be authenticated, sealed and delivered to the Congregation at the Vatican.

School News and Local



Our Lady of Angels

Congratulations to our newly elected student council!!!! These kids have hit the ground running. They have some great things planned for this year, starting with a Halloween basket raffle. The executive board choose some fun items for the basket and Mrs. Carney, our in house designer, did a beautiful job putting everything together. Good luck to all those who "take a chance"!

As we move into October, the month of Mary, Our Lady we focus on praying the rosary and pray for all the benefits this beautiful prayer promises to send us.

Twenty-one of our seventh graders will receive the last Sacrament of Initiation – Confirmation - this year at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Our Lady of Fatima, and Saint Joseph Churches. We congratulate the students and their families for raising them in the faith and we keep them in our prayers as they move into an active role in our church.

Our Annual Fall Gala will take place at Springfield Country Club on **Sunday, November 21, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM**. Tickets are \$50.00 per person. This includes buffet dinner, DJ and door prizes! Cash bar. They will be available at the school office or by calling 610-543-8350 very soon. All proceeds will go to aid the financial needs of Our Lady of Angels Regional School and to keep tuition costs down. We hope to see you there!

Progress Reports for students in Grades 1 to 8 will be available for parent viewing on **Friday, October 22, 2021 after 3:00 PM** on our Option C website.

Monsignor Bonner & Archbishop Prendergast

50th Reunion Celebration - Class of 1970

DrexelBrook Catering and Event Center

Friday, October 22 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Email bonnerprendie1970@gmail.com or call John Matthews at 215-260-4568 or matthewstown@comcast.net.

Roman Catholic High School

Roman Catholic High School will hold its Fall Open House for prospective students on **Sunday, October 17, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM**. Pre-registration is required and, because of the pandemic, we request that only one parent attend with their son. A Scholarship Entrance Exam will be held for 8th grade boys on **Saturday, October 23, Sunday, November 7, and Saturday, November 27**. Testing will begin at **9:00 AM and conclude at Noon**. We ask all applicants to arrive 30 minutes ahead of time. For more details, visit www.RomanCatholicHS.com or call 215-627-1270, ext. 110 or 111. Follow us on Instagram, Twitter or Facebook at [@RomanCatholicHS](https://www.instagram.com/RomanCatholicHS) or Snapchat at ECHS1890.

Delicious Pierogi Sale

(Pierogi is a case of dough filled with a savory potato and cheese filling and cooked by boiling and then pan frying) Sponsored by Sacred Heart Church with new pick up location at St. Stephen's Church Hall, 199 W. Baltimore Ave (Baltimore Pike & Church St), Clifton Heights, **November 8-19**. \$8.00 per dozen. Call Joanne Bidoli to order at 610-574-7077 or 610-623-0409 **between 10AM and 3PM**. Pick up times at St. Stephen's Church Hall on **weekdays 10AM to 12 Noon** or evening pickup on **Wednesday** of both weeks, **5:30 to 6:30PM**.

Thank you, Father!

"Thank you, Father" is a simple way to show your love and support for our wonderful priests, most especially to a priest who has been significant in your life. Perhaps it is your pastor, the priest who conferred your sacraments, or the priest who married you and your spouse.

Catholics of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia are encouraged to send a letter or email of gratitude for the remarkable priests in their lives between **September 26** (which was Priesthood Sunday) and **Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2021**.

Render thanks to God. O Great and God Creator, how much do I owe to Thee, since out of my nothingness thou hast made me what I am. How can I ever worthily bless thy holy name, and thank thine infinite goodness?

~ St. Francis de Sales, A Devout Life

Delaware County Elections' 2021

Municipal Election Kickoff

The November 2021 Municipal Election includes a large number of impactful judicial, county, municipal and other local contests, including Mayors, Constables, Auditors, Tax Collectors, Commissioners, Borough and County Council members, School Directors from several School Districts, Election Board members, and several judicial retention questions. Voters in the PA House of Representatives 164th District will also cast their vote as part of a concurrent Special Election that will determine their future State Representative. The deadline to register to vote for the first time, or file a name or address update, is **Monday, October 18**. The deadline for voters to request a vote-by-mail ballot is **Tuesday, October 26**. Election Day itself is **Tuesday, November 2, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM**. The last day for the County to receive Military and Overseas Absentee Ballots is **Tuesday, November 9**.

Voter Service Center

Delaware County Elections maintains a year-round Voter Service Center at the Government Center Building at 201 W. Front St. in Media. Hours of operations are: **Monday-Friday: 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Election Day: November 2: 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM.** *Note: The Media Voter Service Center will have limited evening and Saturdays closer to Election Day.* Services include: Voter registration for new voters and those who need to file an address or name change; mail-in and absentee ballots applications and on-site processing; 3rd party ballot-return applications, polling place confirmation, vote-by-mail status verification, replacement ballots for voters who did not receive their ballot, lost their ballot, mis-marked their ballot, or received a damaged ballot; and answers to election-related questions. Registered voters who have not yet applied for their vote-by-mail ballot can visit our Voter Service Center in-person and request, receive, complete, and return a vote-by-mail ballot in a single trip.

Voters with questions about voter registration, vote-by-mail ballots, the locations of ballot drop boxes, election security, and other election issues may contact the Election Hotline by phone at (610) 891-VOTE or by email at DelcoElection@co.delaware.pa.us or visit the Delco Votes! website at delcopa.gov/vote.

www.HeedTheCall.org

Parish Religious Education



St. George-St. Gabriel Parish Religious Education Program

PREP classes continue with live instruction! All Levels are now full. If you are interested in learning more about our program, please contact Mrs. Batten at the Rectory Office at 610-237-1633.

Halloween Dance

Grades 5-8, Friday, October 22, 7-10 PM - St. Gabriel Hall, Norwood

Students in Catholic school and our Parish Religious Education Program are invited to join us on **Friday, October 2**, for a Halloween Dance and Social at St. Gabriel Parish Hall in Norwood. There will be lots of fun, music, pizza, drinks and even a costume contest. Please join us for the fun and contact St. Gabriel Rectory at 610-586-1225 for more details.

Presentation Mass to Bless and Welcome Students Preparing for Sacraments

Students who are preparing for sacraments in the 2021-2022 school year will be presented to the Parish Community on **Sunday, December 6, at the 10:30 AM Mass**. We are pleased to acknowledge and bless these students as they continue their journey toward their First Penance, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. All students in sacrament classes are asked to attend with their parents.



Yikes! Will a Camel Fit Through the Eye of a Needle?

Have you ever gotten dressed in the morning only to discover your sock has a hole in it? Don't you just hate that! And if you don't have another clean pair to wear, you might have to have a parent sew it up before you put it on so your toe doesn't stick out.

Do you know how to sew a sock? First, you have to thread a needle. That means you hold the needle up and push the thread through a very, very, tiny hole called the "eye." Ask a parent or a guardian to show you how this is done. You may be surprised at how difficult it can be.

You know, this problem of threading the needle reminds us of something that happened with Jesus. One day, a rich young man came to Jesus and asked what

he needed to do in order to go to heaven. Jesus answered him, "*You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not lie, do not cheat, honor your father and mother.'*"

Well, the young man said he'd followed all the commandments since he was young. How many of us have never, ever, ever broken a commandment, even a little bit?

Then Jesus told him there was one more thing he needed to do: "*Sell all you have and give the money to the poor,*" Jesus said.

The young man was very disappointed. He turned and walked away because he was very wealthy, and he wasn't willing to give up his wealth and belongings -- not even to go to heaven.

Then Jesus turned to His disciples and said, "*It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than it is for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven.*"

Now, putting thread through the eye of the needle can be pretty difficult. But how would you like to try to put a camel through the eye of a needle? That seems impossible, doesn't it?

Does that mean Jesus was saying it is impossible for a rich man to enter into heaven? We don't think so, because next, Jesus said, "*With man this is impossible, but not with God. With God, all things are possible.*" That is the God we serve. The God of the impossible! *Heavenly Father, we are thankful that You are the God of the impossible. For without You, it would be impossible for any of us to get to heaven. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.*

Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America & Catholic Cruises and Tours

November 26 - December 2, 2022 - Vienna, Austria, Salzburg, Melf and Grein, Austria, Passau, Germany, Regensburg and Nuremberg, Germany. Christmastime on the Danube with Father Edward Aigner - a 7-day cruise experience. \$1,867 per person land price with \$500 down to reserve your space. Contact Brian or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

Reflection

"The Church is a pilgrim people, ever on the move toward the fullness of God's kingdom. They are a community of people with a future. All of us influence the future of ministry in the Church by our own attitudes toward its value and worth," said Fr. John Damski, a former director of vocations for the Archdiocese of Atlanta, Ga. "I have the opportunity to make sure that the message of the importance of ministry in the Church, both now and in the future, is proclaimed, heard and, hopefully, understood. My words and works can encourage all of us to grow even more faithful as ministers for our world."

Some personal definitions of ministry are: *somehow bringing the life of Jesus to our brothers and sisters; being the bridge between the Scripture and the elements of our faith, tradition and the reality of people's lives' dispensing something to another, material or spiritual; serving others in the name of Jesus out of love for God and His people.* **Take inventory of yourself: How do you bring the Gospel to others? Do you put Jesus' words into action by serving others in His name?**

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