

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 21, 2024

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

SECOND & FOURTH SUNDAYS
1:15 PM ENG
2:15 POLISH

Please arrange the date of baptism through the Rectory office after the birth of your child.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Please call the Rectory for an appointment at least six months prior to the desired date.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS
4:00 to 4:45 PM
and
THURSDAYS BEFORE
FIRST FRIDAYS
4:00 to 5:00 PM

Other times by appointment.



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."
- Mk 1:17

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

WEEKDAYS
7:00 AM
SATURDAYS
8:00 AM
SATURDAY
EVENINGS
VIGIL MASS 5:00 PM
SUNDAYS
8:00 & 9:15 AM
10:30 AM (Polish)
12:00 Noon

RECTORY HOURS WEEKDAYS

9 AM to 12 Noon
& 1 PM to 4 PM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

TUES. 12 to 1 PM

MILLIONS OF MONICAS

TUES. 1 to 2 PM

PL PRAYER GROUP W/ ADORATION

2ND THURSDAYS 7 PM

LAY CARMELITE CHAPTER

1ST SAT. AFTER
8 AM MASS

Our Mission Statement

*Lord, God, all creation is yours, and you call us to serve you by caring for the gifts that surround us. May the example of St. Isidore urge us to share our food with the hungry and to work for the salvation of mankind. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ, your son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.
Saint Isidore, Pray for Us.*

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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 2024

5:00 pm The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
+ Robert Taylor
+ Nettie Gayda
+ Domitrz Family
Birthday Blessings for Fr. Krzysztof
+ Richard Kane

3RD SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 21, 2024

8:00 am + Joseph Bobinski
9:15 am + Peter Kruszon
10:30 am + Aurelia, Stanley, Ziggy and Roman Wilinski
(PL)
+ Stanislaw Koziol
W intencji Bogu Wiadome
W intencji Alex i Jadwiga Radlinski
+ Henryk Sokol
+ Stasia Grabowski
12 Noon + John Kujawski, Jr.

MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 2024

7:00 am Intentions of Dennis Ludwik

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024

7:00 am Blessings for Farruggio Family

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24, 2024

7:00 am + Kathleen Ronan Sinclair

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

7:00 am Blessings for Karen and Mark Heppner
Healing for Richard and Mary Mader

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26, 2024

7:00 am Intention Known to God / + Dmitrij Starostin

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2024

8:00 am + Brian Versaci (A)
+ Frances Szczypien
Intentions of the DeMarco and Goodale Families
Healing for Virginia Scarangella
5:00 pm + Mary and Stanley Sydlowski
+ Janet, Dillon (A) and Steven Perry
Blessings for St. Isidore's Altar Rosary Society
+ Stasia Grabowski
+ James De Rosa

4TH SUN. IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 28, 2024

8:00 am + Bertha Stepnoski
9:15 am + Peter Kruszon
10:30 am The People of the Parish, Living and Deceased
(PL)
Birthday Blessings for Ksavery Wasilewski
W intencji Alex i Jadwiga Radlinski
+ Stasia Grabowski
O zdrowie i blogoslawienstwo w dniu urodzin
dla Haliny Jolbrzykowskiej
+ Urszula, Jozef and Feliksa Sawickich
12 Noon + Carl Pfaff

THE WEEK AHEAD

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

Adoration 12 to 1 PM
Millions of Monicas 1 to 2 PM

Thursday, January 25, 2024

Health Mobile 10 AM—2 PM

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor
7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk
3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk
3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk
4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a,
10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-
17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor
7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28



St. John Paul II Regional School
Serving Grades PreK3 through Grade 8

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 28th / 11 am to 1 pm
515 Marcy Ave., Riverhead

For more info, call 631-727-1650
Or visit us at sjp2regional.org

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Catherine and Charles J. Sehy * Corinne Clark * Madeline Galka * Stanislaw Andrychowski * Grazyna Pawlak * Gilen Family * Christina Donovan * Blythe Fickenwirth * Gilbert Lebron, Sr. * Irene Monahan * Jody Breitfeller * Benjamin Gonzalez * Dominique Tirado * Diana Pernicaro * Sammy * Brodie * Bob Rozanski * Dolline Welch * Joe and William Hiskey * Sue Brooks * Cathleen Mickaliger * Joseph Stepnoski * James Kenna * Douglas Clark * Eleanor Nystrom * Margaret McCarthy * Jan Suchta * Justin * Mike Smithwick * Dakota Harmon * Courtney Altman * Cole Faller * Claire Latour * Halikias Family * Liana Forstein * Rosemary & Daniel Ambrosini * Thomas Ryall * Anne Marie Donlon * Dorothy Sousa * Anthony Naglieri * Thomas McEnany * Mary Khulman * Denise Babinski * Michael Alperti * Roseanne Murphy * Barbara Kozlowski * James West * Elizabeth Farruggia * Kelly Wine * Mary Van Duesen * Thomas DeGirolamo * William Berenger * Daria Quarlena * Eileen Borchart * Sheila Nolan * Tom Wisniewski III * Jean Reyes Carroll * Jeffrey Clark * James, George and Barbara Jaeger * Ernest and Alex Aponte * Helen Long * Michael Miglionico * Ralph Conforti * The Barauskus Family * Hope & Brittany Williams * John Marion * Emilia Andrychowski * Augie & Georgianna Lucente * Johanna Benthall * Michelle Giaccone * Gloria Keller * Howard Seifert * Ed Kennedy * Kit Z. * Dolores Contino * Agnes Brown * Connie Giordano * Krzysztof Olaszowski * Anders Ryden * Kevin C. Cook * Anita Costi * Doriane Bay * David Vallone * Brittany Schacor * Karen and Kim Finocchiaro * Eleanor Koller * Grace Mary Schulteis * Victor Sechyshyn * George Angle * Marta Andreotta * Melissa Alexandra * Christian Vidal * Suzanne Thompson * Anna Grefe * Anthony Mannino * Marcella Frisen * The Huntley Family * Theresa Puglia * Brian Darmody * Leigh Anne Brown * Dan Modjeska * Judy Zakorski * Marie Miley * Marcjanna Stolarzewicz * John Shuot * Patrick Murphy * Brian Crowley * Louise Pampinello * Barbara Fenn

Please keep all those serving in the military and their families in your thoughts and prayers especially:

1st Lt. Nicholas Santorelli, Nicholas Pelosi, Christopher Drowns, Jeffrey Heppner, James Fleming, Brendan Fitzgerald, Thomas V. D'Auria, Mateusz Marzec, Andre DeRosa and Garrett Bracht

COLLECTIONS

Today, January 21st: Sunday and Annual Fuel
Next Week, January 28th: Sunday and Church in Need
Thank you for your generosity!



Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction

“Always keep in mind that the people of Israel spent forty years in the desert before reaching the Promised Land, even though the journey should not have taken more than six weeks. They were not permitted to ask

why God led them in circuitous and arduous ways, and all those who complained about it died before reaching their destination. Even Moses, that great friend of God, died on the border of the Promised Land and saw it only from afar, without being able to enjoy it himself. Do not focus so much on the path you have; keep your eyes fixed instead on the One who guides you and on the heavenly home to which He is guiding you. Why should you care if you are walking through the desert or through meadows, provided that God is always with you and you succeed in possessing blessed eternity?”

~To Antonietta Vona, December 6, 1917

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CATHOLIC HEALTH MOBILE OUTREACH BUS

**Free Health Screenings
And Flu Vaccinations
By a Catholic Health
Registered Nurse**

**Church Parking Lot
Thursday, January 25th
10 AM and 2 PM**

Services for adults (18 and older):

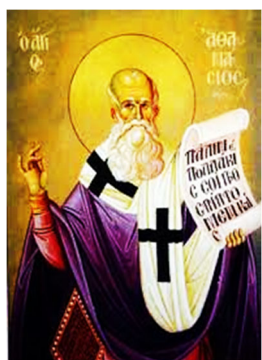
- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
 - BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
 - Health education
 - Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance
 - Free flu vaccination



**Catholic
Health**

St. Athanasius: Pillar of the Church

(Adapted from the book *Persecuted from Within* by Alec Torres and Joshua Charles)



“Let what was confessed by the Fathers of Nicaea prevail.” So wrote Athanasius to a philosopher in his final years. Even to this day, Catholics recite the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed at every Mass. We take for granted what St. Athanasius sacrificed so much to defend. It would serve us well to consider why he defended it, and how.

In short, if the Son was not fully God and fully man, then man could not be saved. The essence of Christian salvation, as Athanasius well knew, was humanity’s partaking in the divine nature, as St. Peter had written (2 Pet. 1:4), and as the priest prays at every Mass: “May we share in the divinity of Christ, who humbled Himself to share in our humanity.” But if the divine had not fully assumed human nature, then human nature could no longer partake of the divine. Athanasius explained why this was so vital to the

Catholic Faith: “Man had not been deified, unless the Word who became flesh had been by nature from the Father and true and proper to Him. For therefore the union was of this kind, that He might unite what is man by nature to Him who is in the nature of the Godhead, and his salvation and deification might be sure.

And yet, standing up for this most basic and essential truth of the Catholic Faith came at great cost—particularly at the hands of his fellow bishops. All other dogmas depended upon this one. In defending it, St. Athanasius presents Catholics with a model of steadfastness under persecution. He stood by the Council of Nicaea at every turn, never bending to the supposed authoritative statements of other bishops and councils that contradicted its dogmas, even when they presumed to declare him guilty of crimes he did not commit and slandered his reputation. He was anathematized by many, for which he fled to Rome and the papacy for support. While Popes Julius and Liberius ultimately stood by him, there was a point at which even the papacy seemed to founder when Liberius—under duress—subscribed to an Arian creed. Athanasius knew the pope to be orthodox and consistently defended him. But the point is that for a brief time, all the world knew is that the pope had supposedly compromised the Faith. But even then, Athanasius stood firm.

Not only did Athanasius stand firm, the great saint often and explicitly encouraged laymen to do the same. He encouraged them to disobey heretical bishops. He encouraged them to withdraw from parishes taken over by heretical priests. He encouraged them to stand by the Faith of Nicaea as steadfastly as he did.

And yet, Athanasius never saw his actions as opposed to the Catholic Church and her discipline. Quite the opposite. Arianism was a heretical novelty. Thus, anyone presuming to rule, govern, or punish in its name was in fact outside the Church and in opposition to the true Catholic Church. Furthermore, the Church had authoritatively spoken at Nicaea, and so to reject its teaching was heresy—and heretics could have no authority in the Church, and indeed heresy necessarily entailed the loss of office in the Church. As he wrote to the bishops of Egypt and Libya, “Thus Judas was degraded from the Apostolical office, not because he sacrificed to idols, but because he proved a traitor.” And as we saw earlier, he explicitly compared apostolic thrones being physically possessed by heretics to the abomination of desolation prophesied by Daniel. Nicaea had removed all doubt about the Church’s teaching on the second Person of the Trinity, Jesus Christ. To be moved from its determination was to fall from the Faith.

St. Gregory Nazianzen described Athanasius as “the pillar of the Church,” in a time when “the truth of our faith [had] been torn asunder, confused, and parceled out into various opinions and portions by many.” He compared his actions to that of Christ cleansing the Temple:

He cleansed the temple of those who made merchandise of God, and trafficked in the things of Christ, imitating Christ in this also . . . He restored too the teaching which had been overthrown: the Trinity was once more boldly spoken of, and set upon the lampstand, flashing with the brilliant light of the One Godhead into the souls of all.

In our own days, when so many have challenged so many teachings of the Church—even members of the hierarchy—we are faced with a similar challenge as Athanasius, whose spectacular example of steadfastness serves as a model for all Catholics. May we, as St. Gregory Nazianzen recommended, call upon the prayers of this great saint to “cast upon us from above a propitious glance, and conduct this people in its perfect worship of the perfect Trinity, which, as Father, Son, Holy Ghost, we contemplate and adore.”



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**More thank you's from the
Advent Giving Tree**

“Thank you for my presents at Christmas. I’m so happy because I loved my presents. Thank you for making each kid happy. I don’t know who you are, but thank you..”

Thank you so much for everything you did for us.
God bless you a lot.”

Thank you for the gifts that you gave us. My family and I are very grateful. Thank you very much. God bless you always.”

“Hello. God bless you every day of your lives for the good work you do all year long. May God grant the desires of your hearts and may you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I thank you with all my heart for the surprise blessings.”

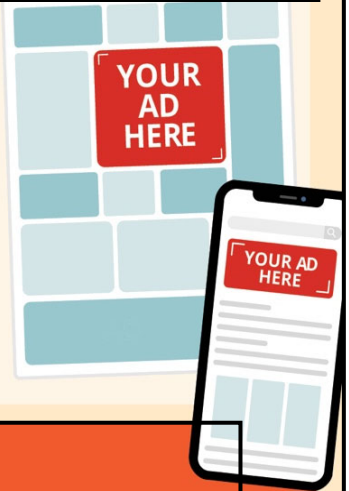
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The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated

Jay from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

Church bulletin advertising is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

Digital advertising allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on ParishesOnline.com — that’s approximately 500,000 page views per month!



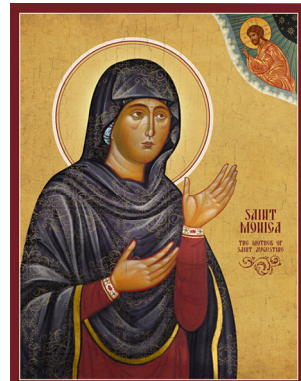
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**Attn: Mothers, Step Mothers,
Grandmothers, Godmothers,
Confirmation Sponsors, and Aunts:**

Has a young adult in your family left the Catholic faith?
Are you hoping and praying for their return?
Would you like to pray together in solidarity with other Catholic women for this intention?

Please join us on Tuesdays from 1 to 2 PM in the Church. Come whenever you can.

To learn more: www.millionsofmonicas.com



The Story of the Conversion of Saint Paul



Saint Paul's entire life can be explained in terms of one experience—his meeting with Jesus on the road to Damascus. In an instant, he saw that all the zeal of his dynamic personality was being wasted, like the strength of a boxer swinging wildly. Perhaps he had never seen Jesus, who was only a few years older. But he had acquired a zealot's hatred of all Jesus stood for, as he began to harass the Church: "... entering house after house and dragging out men and women, he handed them over for imprisonment" (Acts 8:3b). Now he himself was "entered," possessed, all his energy harnessed to one goal—being a slave of Christ in the ministry of reconciliation, an instrument to help others experience the one Savior.

One sentence determined his theology: "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting" (Acts 9:5b). Jesus was mysteriously identified with people—the loving group of people Saul had been running down like criminals. Jesus, he saw, was the mysterious fulfillment of all he had been blindly pursuing.

From then on, his only work was to "present everyone perfect in Christ. For this I labor and struggle, in accord with the exercise of his power working within me" (Colossians 1:28b-29). "For our gospel did not come to you in word alone, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and [with] much conviction" (1 Thessalonians 1:5a).

Paul's life became a tireless proclaiming and living out of the message of the cross: Christians die baptismally to sin and are buried with Christ; they are dead to all that is sinful and unredeemed in the world. They are made into a new creation, already sharing Christ's victory and someday to rise from the dead like him. Through this risen Christ the Father pours out the Spirit on them, making them completely new.

So Paul's great message to the world was: You are saved entirely by God, not by anything you can do. Saving faith is the gift of total, free, personal and loving commitment to Christ, a commitment that then bears fruit in more "works" than the Law could ever contemplate.

Reflection

Paul is undoubtedly hard to understand. His style often reflects the rabbinical style of argument of his day, and often his thought skips on mountaintops while we plod below. But perhaps our problems are accentuated by the fact that so many beautiful jewels have become part of the everyday coin in our Christian language.