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### The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16

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### Our Eucharistic Celebration

**Saturday in Anticipation 5:30 PM**

**Sunday 7:30 AM, 9 AM (Spanish),  
10:30 AM, 12 Noon**

**Weekdays: 12:05 PM**

**Saturday: 8 AM**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

**Saturday: 4 PM - 5 PM and by appointment**

**Holy Days of Obligation as announced**

### Our Communal Devotions

**Novena to St. Jude and Anointing of Sick**

First Tuesday of the month following the Noon Mass

**First Friday of the Month**

11 AM Holy Hour  
6:30 PM KofC Rosary  
7PM Mass & Adoration

**Our Mother of Perpetual Help & St. Joseph**

Wed 6 PM

**St. Jude, St. Thérèse of Lisieux and St. Anthony**

Thur 5:30 PM

**Bereavement Ministry**

Tues 7PM (NDH)

## Sunday, February 8 Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Kathy Steffens  
9:00 am - People of the Parish - Spanish  
10:30 am - Soon Kim  
12:00 pm - Norma Tamborini



### Monday Feb 9 - Ordinary Time Weekday

12:05pm - Peter Baljack

### Tuesday, Feb 10 - St. Scholastica

12:05pm - Joseph & Nicolina Corea and  
Fausto, Priscila & Ernesto Manalili

### Wednesday, Feb 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes

12:05pm - Raymond Potoczniak and Nina  
Carabott

### Thursday, Feb 12 - Ordinary Time Weekday

12:05pm - Lourdes Lao

### Friday, Feb 13 - Ordinary Time Weekday

12:05pm - Kathy Steffens and Vincent  
Damato

### Saturday, Feb 14 - Ss. Cyril, Monk and Methodius

8:00 am - Nicholas & Sarah Fargo  
4:00 pm - Confession  
5:30 pm - Edna & Harry Smith

### Sunday, Feb 15 - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 am - Kathy Steffens  
9:00 am - People of the Parish - Spanish Mass  
10:30 am - Mary Anne Schlemm  
12:00 Noon - Fr. Jose Maria Parcon



STEWARDSHIP  
WEEKLY COLLECTION

**Your stewardship ensures our parish remains a beacon of light for all to encounter Christ each week. We invite you to partner with us in this vital work.**

Recent collection amounts were not available by our publishing deadline for both in-pew envelopes and online giving.

A heartfelt thank you to the Spanish Society who donated **\$4,650** in proceeds from their Christmas fundraiser to the parish.



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## Sunday Isaiah 58: 7-10 | 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5 Matthew 5: 13-16

**Monday** Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 | Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 | Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday** 1 Kgs 10:1-10 | Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday** 1 Kgs 11:4-13 | Mk 7:24-30

**Friday** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 | Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 | Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday** Sir 15:15-20 | 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37



## Reflections for Sunday's Readings

### Reading I | Isaiah 58: 7-10

True religion requires easing the burdens of others by providing them with the basic necessities of food, clothing, and shelter. That makes the provider a true light in the darkness.

### Reading II | 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

God saves the world through what is held to be foolish and weak. In that way God alone can be praised for the result.

### The Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

Disciples described as "salt" means that they season and preserve the world for God. As "light" they are to bear witness to Jesus and His message so that they shine out to the world.

## Memorial Intentions

The AltarBread is in memory of

**Douglas and Anna Platten**



The Sanctuary Lamp is memory of  
**The People of the Parish**



We pray for those in our parish who are sick:  
**Filipinas Fajardo, Doris Doyle, Beatriz Militante, and Catherine Charles**, the homebound, patients in Hudson Regional, Meadowview Hospital, Hudson Manor and the Fountain at the Manor.



We pray for the Repose of the Souls of  
our Beloved Deceased

**James Dondero, Joanna Midgley**



# Pastor's Corner



Welcome to our new expanded bulletin! As we are discontinuing the parish announcements at the end of each Sunday Mass, we invite you to take

a copy home each week to stay informed about our parish life, upcoming events, and spiritual offerings. A digital version is always available at our website: [iccsecaucus.com](http://iccsecaucus.com).

On behalf of myself and the entire parish family, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Betty Ann Pinkman, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service as our bulletin editor. Her commitment has been a blessing to our parish and a beautiful example of faith in action. While we are sad to see her move on, I've invited Don Caputo to step in as our new editor. We are grateful for his willingness to serve, and I ask that you keep both Betty Ann and Don in your prayers during this transition.

As we turn the calendar to February, the Church begins a subtle but profound shift in tone. We are standing on the threshold of the Lenten Season, a sacred time dedicated to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

While the world often moves at a super fast pace, Lent invites us to slow down and walk the Way of the Cross with intentionality. Our journey toward The Passion of Our Lord is not merely a remembrance of historical events, but a personal invitation to witness the depth of God's love for us.

Let us use these remaining days of "Ordinary Time" to prepare our hearts for the transformation that the desert of Lent promises.

In Christ,  
Father Sergio, Pastor



## ANNUAL <sup>2026</sup> APPEAL

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### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism's are celebrated on the Second and Fourth Sunday of each month. Parents are asked to make arrangements at least one month in advance by calling the Parish Office.

**201-863-4840 or [iccofficemail@gmail.com](mailto:iccofficemail@gmail.com)**

### Sacrament of First Communion

Contact Veronica Stuart, Parish Catechetical Leader.

**201-309-5584 or [veronicas.icc@gmail.com](mailto:veronicas.icc@gmail.com)**

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Offered to High School Freshman. Contact Veronica, Parish Catechetical Leader.

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### Sacrament of Marriage

Couples contemplating marriage should speak to a priest at least one year in advance. Contact the Parish office to make arrangements. **201-863-4840 or [iccofficemail@gmail.com](mailto:iccofficemail@gmail.com)**

### Anointing of the Sick

Our parish offers this Sacrament in times of serious illness, injury, or due to the frailty of old age. If you or a loved one would like to receive an anointing, please contact the Parish Office. **201-863-4840 or [iccofficemail@gmail.com](mailto:iccofficemail@gmail.com)**.  
For after-hours emergencies, please follow the prompts on our main phone line.

### Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA, formerly RCIA).

For those who wish to enter the Catholic faith, those Baptized in another Christian faith or Catholics who need to complete full initiation: Baptism-Eucharist-Confirmation.

Please contact Don Caputo at

**[adultfaithformation.icc@gmail.com](mailto:adultfaithformation.icc@gmail.com)**

Classes are Sundays from Sept-April 1:15pm in the parish library.

### Bereavement Ministry

If you've lost a loved one and are seeking bereavement support, our confidential, caring, and supporting group meets every Tuesday in Notre Dame Hall at 7PM.

For more information email **[iccbereavement@gmail.com](mailto:iccbereavement@gmail.com)**


# PARISH EVENTS & NEWS



## Burning of the Palms

February 17, 2026 | 6:30 PM


Mardi Gras Potluck  
to follow in Gym



## Bring in your palms!

Palms from last year are  
being burned on Tues  
Feb 17th and used for  
Ash Wednesday.

Please deposit your old  
palms in the church bins  
by Sunday Feb 15th



# ASH WEDNESDAY

*"Remember that you are dust,  
and to dust you shall return."*

## MASS OFFERED 7AM, 12:05 PM & 7PM

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## Prayer Meeting

An evening of prayer,  
song and scripture

First and Third  
Thursday of the  
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7:15pm

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for inquiries contact  
Tanny Soliven  
2019786120  
Michelle Sanchez  
2012401832



# Living Stations of the Cross

Join our parish family in this powerful, prayerful presentation of Christ's Passion. Our young people will bring the Stations of the Cross to life through living portrayals, music, and reflection

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Good Friday  
7pm  
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## Secaucus Scout Troop 222 Annual Pancake Breakfast



Sunday, February 8, 2026  
Donation \$10  
Children 5 years and younger eat free

Bring this ticket and pay at the door      8:10AM to 12:30PM

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## Knights Knews! Mary Immaculate Council



### Knights of Columbus Baby Bottle Campaign

Please return your full bottle donations by **Feb 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may return to the Gift Shop or see any Knight. Thank you for your generosity!



## LENTEN FISH FRY!



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### PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSIONS

Attention men under 60 interested in the permanent diaconate! You are invited to register for one of two bilingual information sessions on

**Thursday, Feb. 26, and Friday, Feb. 27, at 7:30 p.m.** in the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center.

Please scan QR code for information. For questions, email [diaconate.formation@rcan.org](mailto:diaconate.formation@rcan.org).



## ICC Comunidad Hispana

Compartir seguido de una Charla para Parejas

**Fecha: Domingo Febrero 8, 2026**

**Hora: 10am -12pm**

**Lugar: Cafeteria**

Retiro de Cuaresma

**Fecha: Sábado Marzo 21, 2026**

**Hora: 9am - 3pm**

Lugar: Gimnasio de la escuela/Iglesia ICC  
Puertas abren a las 8am. Desayuno y almuerzo ligero incluido

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Pick up a green and white order packet at the church doors for ordering details or contact Betty Ann at 201-866-8621 or Debbie @ 201-937-8666 for more information

2027

**The 2027 Mass book is now Open!**

**Offerings are \$10 per intention including the Altar Bread and Sanctuary Lamp.**

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