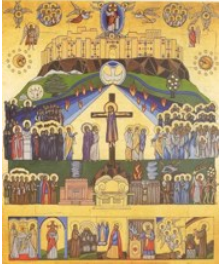


## 8, 9 November, 2014 \* Renewal of the Church



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### **“The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church”**

Pope John XXIII

**Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., \* Sunday 10:00 a.m. \* Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel  
The Miraculous Medal and the St Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy

**Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.

**Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.

**Baptisms:** Call the Office

**Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

\***Suggested donation** for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.  
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

**Choir Director:** Fefa Deeb **Sacristans:** Theresa Nemer & Laurie Nale **Parish Secretary:** Paula Mitchell

**Teachers** **DRE:** 3-5<sup>th</sup> Lenore Boles, K-1<sup>st</sup> Rosanna Joseph, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jane Lee

**Parish Council:** Sheila Bonenfant, Lisa Grard, Lowell Hawes, Rosanna Joseph, Pearley Lachance, David Lee, Aaron Rowden, & Elizabeth Wilson

**Ex-officio:** Deacon Peter Joseph, Subdeacon Steve Crate, Lenore Boles DRE, Paula Mitchell, Rosary Sodality, Larry Mitchell, Knights of Columbus

#### **John 10:22-42**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense?

If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me.

I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.

The Father and I are one.” The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus replied, “I have shown you many good works from the Father. For which of these are you going to stone me?”

The Jews answered, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you, but for blasphemy, because you, though only a human being, are making yourself God.”

Jesus answered, “Is it not written in your law, ‘I said, you are gods’? If those to whom the word of God came were called ‘gods’ — and the scripture cannot be annulled — can you say that the one whom the Father has sanctified and sent into the world is blaspheming because I said, ‘I

am God’s Son’? If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me. But if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, so that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.”

Then they tried to arrest him again, but he escaped from their hands. He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing earlier, and he remained there.

Many came to him, and they were saying, “John performed no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” And many believed in him there.

#### **Dear Parishioners and Friends,**

In the Gospel of John, the tensions between groups of people are used to clarify teachings. Every group has disagreements and it is the mature and open person that seeks all the information to make a sound decision. We need to know ourselves accurately to know our tendency to judge wrongly in some situations.

You would think that Jesus would just respond to them by saying, “Yes, I am the Messiah, and these are all the signs that I have worked to show that I am the Messiah.” We might think that this would end the constant bickering between Jesus and the Jews. We have to be careful not to interpret John’s use of the

word JEW to be a general statement against all Jews. He could have used just about any group of people at this time, because no one knew or believed it was the Son of God yet.

Jesus came to bring reconciliation between the Heavenly Father and us. We have the tendencies to blame others for our problems and sins. Any trait that John labels as the "Jews" is not a literal referral to people who are Jewish. Jesus and the Apostles were Jewish, and these conflicts they were experiencing were among their own people.

Our conflicts are among our own. Our culture can be helping or hindering us to accept Jesus and to follow Him faithfully. It is an impossibility to live without the influence of the culture we grow up in. Culture is a accumulation of the many actions and beliefs of an identifiable group. Sometimes our culture can numb us to some aspect of life that needs to be changed by God's revelation. Jesus wants us to grow up in Him!

We are not judged by the behavior of others, but the behavior we accept for our self in relationship to God's teachings. Each one of us is responsible for our response to His revelation.

We profess that Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah. We believe in the works He performed. We follow the voice of the Good Shepherd leading us to safety and eternal life. **Aboona**

#### **PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

*Heal Your servants, who are sick,  
O Lord, and send them help  
And comfort from Your holy place.*

Those who seek our prayers: **Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, John M. Joseph, Deacon Peter Joseph, Theresa Lee, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Jay Petersen, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

#### **November Food Pantry**

Family sized items – soups, ravioli, etc.

Cake mixes                      Jelly                      Bisquick

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help

***Your past is always going to be the way it was. Stop trying to change it.***

~Anon.

#### **Liturgy Helps:**

##### **Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection:** Nov. 9 School Subsidy Envelope will be used toward fuel from now on.

##### **Liturgy: Renewal of the Church**

Entrance chant: Pg. 9, Creed: Pg. 748,  
Anaphora of the St. Peter Pg. 774–

Songs are on the back of the bulletin.

#### **Liturgy Intentions**

**Sat 8 4:00 p.m.**

† **Annie & James Shepherd**

By Janet George

**Sun 9 10:00 a.m.**

† **Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus 11303**

By the Knights

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

Mon 10 Father's day off for rest, prayer, reflection, and relaxation

Tue 11 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Joseph & Martha Kendra**

By Don & Marcia Kendra

Wed 12 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Norman Michaud**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Thu 13 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Ernest & Charlotte Maroon**

By Peter Maroon

Fri 14 **9:00 a.m.**

† **Caroline Nale**

By Mark & Laurie Nale

Sat 15 **4:00 p.m.**

† **Gerard Nadeau**

By The Nadeau Family

Sun 16 **10:00 a.m.**

† **Dale Ferris (40 Day Liturgy)**

By Sub Deacon Steve & Family

**Liturgy Codes:** †= Faithful Departed, SI=Special Intention, BD=Birthday, AV.=Anniversary, H=Health.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** The Raffle Tickets have gone out. It is vital to the success of the Bazaar that you either sell or purchase them. We have great prizes and depend on the money that is raised from this part of the Bazaar fundraiser. **Please, support this fundraiser. All proceeds will go to the church.**

**See someone new?** Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

**November Devotions - Sanctuary Candles**

**St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle**

**Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi**

By Dom Rinaldi

**St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle**

**Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi**

By Dom Rinaldi

**Altar Bread:**

**Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi**

By Dom Rinaldi

**Altar Wine:**

**Dominick & Genevieve Rinaldi**

By Dom Rinaldi

**Last Week's Collection**

Regular Collection \$2,689.00

God bless you for your generosity.

Please don't forget to send in your contributions when you are unable to attend, our monthly bills still continue to arrive every month.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

**Please support our Fund Raisers**

As already stated, to meet our yearly expenses we must do more than we did in the past. We are committed to not "dying out" like many organizations and churches are facing. We are going to increase the number of Fundraisers, create an Endowment Fund, and with prayer and hope, increase membership and contributions. We have the ability and resources to do this; we just need to be willing to do this as a community of **keeping** the Faith.

**READERS SCHEDULE**

**Renewal of the Church**

Hebrews 9:11-15                      John 10:22-42

4 p.m.                      8      Lenore Boles

10 a.m.                      9      Mary Jo Hodgkin

**Announcement to Zechariah**

Romans 4:13-25                      Luke 1:1-25

4 p.m.                      15      Lila Hallowell

10 a.m.                      16      Joe Rowden

**EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER**

Sun 9 Rosary Sodality Meeting

Sa&Su 9 NAM Awareness Weekend

Wed 12 Parish Council Meeting 6:00 pm

Thu 13 6 p.m. Choir Practice

Thu 20 6 p.m. Choir Practice

**EVENTS FOR DECEMBER**

Thu 4 6 p.m. Choir Practice

Sat 6 Baked Bean Supper 4:30-6:00 pm

Thu 11 6 p.m. Choir Practice

Sun 14 Christmas Party

Thu 18 6 p.m. Choir Practice

Wed 24 3:30 Christmas Cantata

24 4:00 Christmas Eve Liturgy

Thu 25 10 a.m Christmas Liturgy

**Coffee Schedule**

We will continue to serve muffins at the coffee hour thanks to Larry Mitchell and Gareth Belton

Nov 9 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton

**Religious Education Dates for 2014-2015**

12/14 (Christmas Party) 1/4, 2/1, 3/1,  
4/to be announced, 5/3 May Crowning.

**EULOGY POLICY EPARCHY OF SAINT MARON**

OF BROOKLYN. On the occasion of a funeral, it is not a bad custom for family or friends to give a eulogy; speaking about their deceased loved ones. At the same time, it is necessary to maintain the dignity of the Funeral Liturgy or Ginnaz and the sacredness of the Church building. Therefore, in the Eparchy of Saint Maron, eulogies by the laity may be given at the wake, the cemetery or the mercy meal. In the church, however, only the priest or deacon may speak. No eulogy is to be given by the laity in the Church.