

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter

January 10, 2021



My Dear Parishioners,

I wish to begin this week's newsletter with a sincere thank you. First, on behalf of our very faithful staff, I would like to thank all of you for generosity during these trying times and especially for your generosity in our Block Collection and over Christmas. Your generosity will allow us to keep our parish family together and will allow us to continue our mission throughout the New Year. Second, I would again like to thank you for generosity to the food pantry and the giving tree. Dozens of families had a wonderful Christmas because of you, and I pray that God will reward you richly for generosity to these needy families. Third, I would like to thank you for all of your positive feedback and compliments on the beauty of our Christmas liturgies and the beauty of the church inside and outside. I would also like to thank all of those who lent their talents, whatever they may be, to make this Christmas Season a season to remember, for all of the right reasons. Lastly, I would like to thank you for your personal generosity towards me and our staff. With true faith and unwavering hope, I do think 2021 is going to be a great year for us and for our parish.

I would like to continue the newsletter with an update on the proposed parish life center that we have been discussing in our Pastoral Council and our Finance and Facilities Committee. The project manager for the proposed parish life center has sent us the preliminary drawings, and we would like to share them with you this week. As we wrote before, we do think repurposing part of the school into a parish life center is the best use of the space. The parish life center will provide us with a fully handicapped accessible and pleasant space for meetings and to conduct parish business. As we wrote before, the parish life center will occupy the 4 classrooms and the cafeteria in the newer portion of the school. The rest of the school building with 7 full size classrooms plus the old school offices and some other smaller rooms would be reserved for our Religious Education Program. By the way, the kitchen will still be there, and we can still have all of the parish events that we had in the past along with hopefully a whole lot of new events. Also, by the way, did you know that it costs our parish over \$100,000 a year to maintain the school building, whether we are fully utilizing it or not? Yes, over a \$100,000 a year in annual maintenance costs. So, we do believe that the parish life center is the way to go so that we can all enjoy a space that we are all so generously supporting.

Looking ahead, Friday, January 22 is the very sad anniversary of the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion in our country. Our Bishops ask all of us to keep that day as a day of prayer and reparation in response for all of the evil that has resulted from that decision.

Thankfully, our pro-life prayers and penances are working. The number of abortions happening each year continues to decline while the number of Americans who identify themselves as pro-life continues to increase. So, please keep up the good work and keep storming Heaven for Life.

Since many people will not be able to attend the March for Life this year, we have scheduled a Holy Hour for Life on Thursday, January 28 in Church from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM, which is the evening before the National March for Life in Washington. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, prayer, and Benediction for the end of abortion and the preservation of all life, from conception to natural death.

Let us continue to storm Heaven with our Rosaries, our Chaplets, and our prayers to St. Joseph during this year of St. Joseph for our first responders, for the sick, for the deceased, and for an end of the virus.

St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, pray for us!
Fr. Michael J Pawelko

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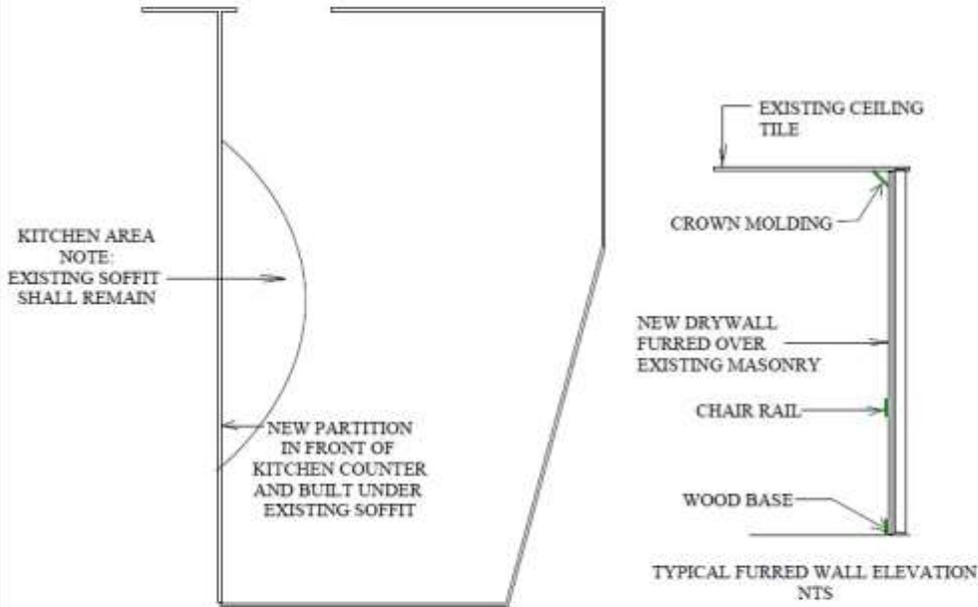
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NEW CAFE MEETING SPACE

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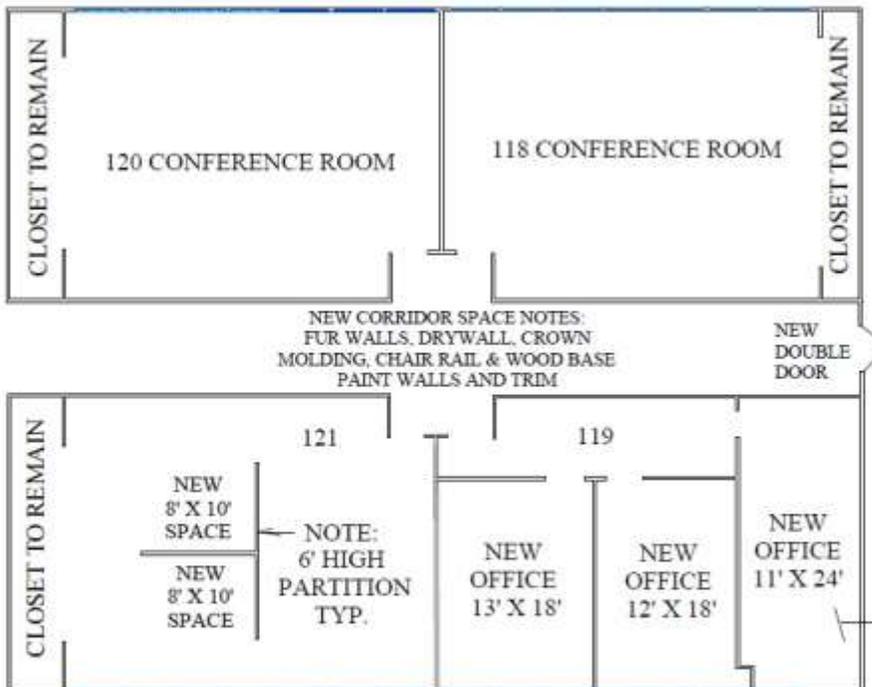
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NEW MEETING SPACE

11-16-2020

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CONFERENCE AND OFFICE SPACE
ROOMS, # 118, 119, 120 & 121

FROM A SERMON BY ST. GREGORY NAZIANZEN ON THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Christ is bathed in light; let us also be bathed in light. Christ is baptized; let us also go down with him, and rise with him.

John is baptizing when Jesus draws near. Perhaps he comes to sanctify his baptizer; certainly he comes to bury sinful humanity in the waters. He comes to sanctify the Jordan for our sake and in readiness for us; he who is spirit and flesh comes to begin a new creation through the Spirit and water.

The Baptist protests; Jesus insists. Then John says: I ought to be baptized by you. He is the lamp in the presence of the sun, the voice in the presence of the Word, the friend in the presence of the Bridegroom, the greatest of all born of woman in the presence of the firstborn of all creation, the one who leapt in his mother's womb in the presence of him who was adored in the womb, the forerunner and future forerunner in the presence of him who has already come and is to come again. I ought to be baptized by you: we should also add, "and for you," for John is to be baptized in blood, washed clean like Peter, not only by the washing of his feet.

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honor to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honor to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven. You are to enjoy more and more the pure and dazzling light of the Trinity, as now you have received – though not in its fullness – a ray of its splendour, proceeding from the one God, in Christ Jesus our Lord, to whom be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer for the Year of St Joseph by Pope Francis



*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.*

Sunday Mass Readings

The Baptism of Our Lord

Reading 1: [Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7](#)

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

OR

Reading 1: [Isaiah 55:1-11](#)

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it.

Responsorial Psalm: [Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10](#)

R. (11b) The Lord will bless his people with peace.

► Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise, Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire. **R.**

► The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters. The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic. **R.**

► The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!" The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever. **R.**

OR

Responsorial Psalm: [Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6](#)

R. (3) You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

► God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation. **R.**

► Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name. **R.**

► Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel! **R.**





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Reading 2: [Acts 10:34-38](#)

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: “In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

OR

Reading 2: [1 John 5:1-9](#)

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son.

Alleluia

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

R. **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel: [Mark 1:7-11](#)

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”





Holy Hour

FOR

Life



January 28, 2021

6:30 ~ 7:30 PM

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament • Prayer • Benediction

For the End of Abortion

The preservation of all life ~ Conception to Natural Death

