Thy Word O Lord is a Lamp unto my feet,

and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119: 105

Blessed those whose way is blameless,
who walk by the law of the Lord.
Blessed those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with all their heart.
They do no wrong
then walk in his ways.
You have given them the command
to observe your precepts with care.
May my ways be firm
in the observance of your statutes!
Then I will not be ashamed
to ponder all your commandments.
I will praise you with sincere heart
as I study your righteous judgments.
TODAY’S LITURGY: Sunday 3 in Church Year

READINGS: RED HYMNAL # 876

Processional Hymn: Tune Ode to joy

God has spoken by the prophets,
Spoken the unchanging Word;
Each from age to age proclaiming
God the One, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world’s despair and turmoil
One firm anchor holding fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first and God the last.

God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
Brightness of the Father’s glory,
With the Father ever one;
Spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God ere time was born;
Light of light, to earth descending,
Christ as God in human form.

God is speaking by the Spirit,
Speaking to our hearts again,
In the age-long word declaring
God’s own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
One sure faith is standing fast:
God abides, His Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.

Gradual (Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Offertory Hymn: CREDO # 537 (traditional Tune)

We Walk by Faith

Communion Hymn: CREDO # 262

Lead us Heavenly Father Lead Us

Recessional Hymn: CREDO # 486

O Word of God Incarnate

THE INTERCESSIONS:

Gathered as the people of God, sustained by the Word of God, and called to be disciples of Christ, together let us pray: Lord graciously hear us.

For the Church: that rooted in the Word of God, we may continue to build up the Body of Christ and witness by our words and deeds to His unchanging truth. Lord hear us. R. Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for those who lead the Church: that they walk, always guided by God’s Holy Word, and that their example bring the nations to repentance. Lord hear us. R. Lord graciously hear us.

For peace among nations: that God would inspire light to shine on all parts of the world that know the deep darkness of division, war and despair. , Lord hear us. R. Lord graciously hear us.

We pray for all who teach and preach the Word of God: that their words may renew the faith of those who hear, and encourage them to trust in the promise of God. Lord hear us. R. Lord graciously hear us.

For the people of this Parish: that we may have an ever-greater openness to the Word of God and allow it to enlighten the darkness of our hearts and free us to follow the Lord Jesus evermore faithfully. Lord hear us. R. Lord graciously hear us.

We Pray for all who need our prayers especially the sick in body or soul, for the distressed and lonely. And we pray for the faithful who rest in the peace of Christ. And for all who have asked for our prayers Lord hear us. R. Lord graciously hear us.

We delight O God in your Truth which shines forth through the ages, strengthening us and forming us as soldiers of Christ. Hear our prayers and help us to proclaim your Truth by learning and meditating on Your Holy Word and living it in sincerity and truth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 1/27
8:00 am  Catherine Trivett by Marita Idyk
12:00 (Latin)  Angelo Senape by son, Bill Senape
7:00 pm  Ann Niskischer by Lisa & Jack

Tuesday 1/28
8:00 am  ST THOMAS AQUINAS (Eminent Doctor)
Bob Velie by Friend

Wednesday 1/29
8:00 am  Joseph Sestito III (B’day Liv) by Father
7:00 pm  Novena Intention

Thursday 1/30
8:00 am  Bl Zygmunt Pisarski (WWII Priest, Martyr)
Gertrude Grogan by Ann Pacifco

Friday 1/31
8:00 am  St John Bosco (Priest, patron of youth)
Nancy Rahill by Rahill and Burkhards Fam
12:00 (Latin)  Arlene Malone and John A. Tyrrell
by Patrick and Marie O’Brien

Saturday 2/1
8:00 am  FIRST SATURDAY St Brigid of Ireland
Stanley Evanowski Sr by Carol Rakonza

SUNDAY 4
5:00 pm  Charlie Bolin by Kathy and Mike Roberts
6:30 pm  Margaret Landy & Raymond Riddell by Fam
Sunday 2/2
7:30 am  John Gilligan by Ellen & Rich Hartnnett
9:00 (Latin)  Dorothy Ann Boyler by Rosemary Hillman
10:30 am  Angela Aviles by Patrick & Michele Powers
12:00 Noon  Marylin Laddolcetta by Family

Sunday 2/2
7:30 am  Tillie & Bob Phair
9:00 (Latin)  Christopher Duffett & Fam (Liv Int)
by Brower Fam
10:30 am  Joe Santilli by Family
12:00 Noon  Pro Populo
The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass
Saturday: 5:00pm & 6:30pm
Sunday: 7:30am; 9:00am (Latin)
10:30am & 12:00noon

Daily: Monday-Saturday 8:00am
   Monday & Friday 12:00 (Latin)

Eucharistic Adoration:
   Monday, 8:30am-7:00pm

Novena Mass;
   Mon. & Wed. 7:00pm; Sat. 8:00am
Confessions: Saturday, 3:00—4:00pm

Parish Staff
Pastor:
   Very Rev. Daniel C. Hesko, VF
Deacons
   Rev. Mr. John Orlando
   Rev. Mr. John McGrath (retired)
Religious Education:
   Mrs. Jackie Callahan, M.A.
   Mrs. Kathleen McGuire
Parish Office:
   Mrs. Julie Fehlhaber
Music Director: Mrs. Karen Ohrn

WINTER WEATHER AND CHURCH CLOSINGS
It would be an extraordinary weather event that would cancel Sunday Masses. Daily Masses Mon.-Fri. If there is heavy snow, or icy conditions that make driving dangerous, we will often make the call to cancel morning or evening Mass, because it is often difficult to properly keep the parking lots and walks safe. (It is Not God’s will that anyone should break their hip.) So in bad weather call ahead to make sure there is Mass. If there is No message on machine, then we will have Mass, and/or Adoration.

For those not receiving Holy Communion we offer the following prayer.
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
Monday-Friday 8:30am- 4:00pm

OFFICE ADDRESS:
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CONTACT: Parish Office: 732-787-1318

Fax: 732-787-2851; Rel. Ed/Ministry: 732-495-7779;
Parish Hall: 732-787-2869;
Thrift Shop: 732-787-2836; Web Site: www.stcathek.org;
Email: stcathek1@aol.com

Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:
To arrange Communion for the homebound, or for the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office.

Sacrament of Baptism:
Arrangements must be made through the parish office. Infants should be baptized as soon as possible.

Sacrament of Matrimony:
According to Diocesan policy, marriage arrangements must be made at least nine months prior to the wedding date through the parish office. Either the man or woman must be registered in our parish.

Annulment Advocacy:
To discuss Church Annulment procedure, or for information concerning Church Validation of a civil marriage, call the parish office to arrange a meeting with Fr. Dan.

FORMED: A Catholic Media Program you can access 24/7 from your computer, I-phone etc. Go to www.stcathek.formed.org click ‘register’ follow prompts and enjoy.

WEEKLY OFFERING
The first collection last week: $6,581.00
The second collection: $2,034.00
The second Collection today: Latin America
Thank you for your support of your parish. Fr. Dan Hesko
‘God is generous to the generous of heart.’
Let us be generous in what we are and what we have, our time, talents and treasure.

TAX TIME IS COMING: IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE A STATEMENT OF YOUR 2019 CONTRIBUTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.

Grounded in Faith,
Growing to Serve

“When each separate part works as it should, the whole body grows, and builds itself up through love.” Ephesians 4:16
We Need Altar Servers. See Fr. Dan for more information. If you are unable to serve your assigned Mass, try to get a replacement and notify the parish office of your replacement.

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O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Flowers on the Main Altar, Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart today are in Memory of Michael & Margaret Galik gift of Loving Family

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn this week in Memory of Nancy Rahill (Anniv) gift of Rahill & Burkhard Families

The Blessed Mother Votive Light will burn this week in Memory of Michelle Behr (bday) by Debbie & Family

The Sacred Heart Votive Light will burn this week in Honor of Joseph Sestito, III (bday) Gift of Dad

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ST CATHERINE’S

ALTAR ROSARY SOCIETY

Candlemas

The Christmas Season comes to its conclusion with this Beautiful Feast. On this day we traditionally bless the candles that are used in Divine Worship for the coming year. Having Blessed Candles in your Home is a very important Sacramental to have.

We will Solemnly Bless the Candles at the 5:00 pm Mass and at 8:30 am Latin. A simple Blessing will take place at the other Masses.

You are welcome to bring devotional candles from home to be blessed.

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Prayer for those serving in our Military

Please remember to pray for our parishioners and friends serving this nation at home and abroad. Cpl. Brendan Reiss, Sinead Slade, CDR Michael Dwan; USN Major Mark Paige; USMC Patrick Gallagher; Staff Sgt. Matthew Santilli; Master Sgt. Albert DiMaggio; Lieutenant Colonel Bayard Smith; Dallas Jamison; Sgt. Timothy Hayes; Maureen Farrell, Rich Callahan, and for the faithful departed: Kathleen Tooney, Sister Louise Gorka

Prayer: O God who art the lover of peace and concord. Grant to these thy servants who serve this nation, grace and strength. Preserve them we pray and shield them from all danger of body and soul; and hasten the day when they shall return to their homes and loved ones, through Christ our Lord. Amen

In your charity please remember to pray for: Michael Marciano, Elayne Allen, David Burke, Maria Lonseth, Grace Orlando, Patrick Corr, SueAnn Corso, Patti Sheehan, Jean Lytwyn, Wayne Wildrick, Connie Kenworthy, Ryan Hanson, Eddie Zaborney, Amelia Tobia, Margaret Alfano, Tom Latin, Catherine Olski, Pat Brokken, Corrine Hoffman, Debbie Miotta, Kevin Moran, Rachel O'Brien, Gina Tobia, Baby Victoria Powers, Ann Bolger, Jim Murphy, Marge Brand, Ruth Alaia, Michael Brothers, Theresa Marks, Sheila Buxton, Taryn Hussey, Maureen Farrell, Rich Callahan, and for the faithful departed: Kathleen Tooney, Sister Louise Gorka

God, our loving Father, look with kindness on our brothers and sisters who seek Your care. In Your mercy grant health to the sick; comfort to the sorrowful, peace to the troubled, joy to the weary and eternal rest to those whose work on earth is done, and all for Jesus’ Amen

Prayer for our Officers

O Almighty God, Whose great power and eternal wisdom embraces the universe, Watch over all policemen and law enforcement officers everywhere. Protect them from harm. In the performance of their duty to stop crime, robbery, riots and violence. We pray, help them keep our streets and homes safe, day and night. We commend them to your loving care because their duty is dangerous. Grant them strength and courage in their daily assignments. Dear God, protect these brave men and women. Grant them your almighty protection. Unite them safely with their families after duty has ended. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen
THE HOLY BIBLE: The Inerrant Word of God.

What is Divine Revelation?
Divine Revelation means that certain truths of our faith come not as a result of human reason or study, but have been revealed to us supernaturally by God. Without God telling us these truths, we would not have known them. The truths of revelation go beyond reason, but do not contradict it. They are logical according to the dictates of reason, but not provable by the powers of reason alone. For this reason, God has chosen to give this knowledge directly to us.

Scripture & Tradition
Divine Revelation comes to us in two distinct modes of transmission: through the writings of the Holy Scriptures and through the Tradition of the Church. These two together form one body of revelation, the “deposit of faith,” and have one common source, “For both of them, flowing out from the same divine well-spring, come together in some fashion to form one things and move towards the same goal” (CCC 80).

The person of Jesus Christ is the supreme revelation of God, in whom God has said everything. Christ, the Son of God, is the Father’s one, perfect and unsurpassable Word.

No further Revelation
The Christian economy is the new and definitive Covenant, which will never pass away. Apostolic Tradition teaches that Divine Revelation ceased with the death of the last apostle and that, consequently, no new public revelation is expected until the Second Coming of Christ. Nevertheless, it still remains for the Church to gradually grasp the full significance of Revelation as it is pondered over the centuries.

The Catechism contrasts public revelation with private revelation: “Throughout the ages, there have been so-called “private” revelations, some of which have been recognized by the authority of the Church. They do not belong, however, to the deposit of faith. It is not their role to improve or complete Christ’s definitive Revelation, but to help live more fully by it in a certain period of history...Christian faith cannot accept “revelations” that claim to surpass or correct the Revelation of which Christ is the fulfillment, as is the case in certain non-Christian religions and also in certain recent sects [i.e., Mormons (Latter Day Saints), Jehovah’s Witnesses, Seventh Day Adventists, New Age sects like Scientology, etc.] which base themselves on such “New Revelations” (CCC 67-68).”

The Church: The Authentic Interpreter of Revelation
It belongs to the authority of the teaching office of the Church, the Magisterium, to define how Revelation will be interpreted. Though individuals are encouraged to study and internalize the teachings and doctrines of Revelation, any conclusions drawn from such private study that contradict the understanding of the Church on the interpretation of Revelation are ipso facto incorrect. It belongs to the Magisterium and to the Magisterium alone to interpret Revelation.

Sacred Scripture
Everyone is familiar with what the Bible (the Scriptures) is. But have we ever thought about what exactly we mean when we say the Bible is Sacred Scripture; that is, inspired? Catholic teaching affirms several propositions about the Scriptures:

* God is the primary author of Sacred Scripture
* The books of the Bible are accepted as sacred and canonical whole and entire with all their parts.
* God truly inspired the human authors of the sacred books, choosing them and making full use of their natural faculties, powers and manners of speech.
* God had them consign to writing only what he wanted written, and no more.
* The inspired books teach the truth. “Since therefore all that the inspired authors or sacred writers affirm should be regarded as affirmed by the Holy Spirit, we must acknowledge that the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures” (Dei Verbum 11)
* The Scriptures can only be rightly understood when read in the living tradition of the Church and when illumined by the Holy Spirit.

“For the sake of our salvation”
The Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, Dei Verbum, in chapter 11 says that “the books of Scripture firmly, faithfully, and without error teach that truth which God, for the sake of our salvation, wished to see confided to the Sacred Scriptures.” The passage is notably ambiguous and can be interpreted in two ways:
The Bible is immune from error in everything it says, and everything it says God wanted there for the sake of our salvation.
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