

Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel

CHRIST THE KING

The Compassion of Christ

St. Alphonsus Liguori

On the tender compassion which Jesus Christ entertains towards sinners.

We read in the Gospel, that, having gone up into a mountain with his disciples, and seeing a multitude of five thousand persons, who followed him because they saw the miracles which He wrought on them that were diseased, the Redeemer said to St. Philip: "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" "Lord", answered St. Philip, "two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient that every one may take a little". St. Andrew then said: There is a boy here that has five barley loaves and two fish; but what are these among so many? But Jesus Christ said: Make the men sit down. And He distributed the loaves and fishes among them. The multitude were satisfied: and the fragments of bread which remained filled twelve baskets. The Lord wrought this miracle through compassion for the bodily wants of these poor people; but far more tender is his compassion for the necessities of the souls of... sinners who are deprived of the divine grace.

1. Through the bowels of His mercy towards men, who groaned under the slavery of sin and Satan, our most loving Redeemer descended from Heaven to Earth, to redeem and save them from eternal torments, by His own death. Such was the language of St. Zachary, the father of the Baptist, when the Blessed Virgin, who had already become the mother of the Eternal Word, entered his house: "Through the bowels of the mercy of our God, in which the Orient from on high hath visited us" —*Luke, i. 78.*

2. Jesus Christ, the good Pastor, who came into the world to obtain salvation for us his sheep, has said: "I am come that they may have life and may have it more abundantly" —*John, x. 10.* Mark the expression, "more abundantly", which signifies that the Son of Man came on Earth not only to restore us to the life of grace which we lost, but to give us a better life than that which we forfeited by sin. Yes; for, as St. Leo says, the benefits which we

have derived from the death of Jesus, are greater than the injury which the Devil has done us by sin. "The same doctrine is taught by the Apostle, who says that, "where sin abounded, grace did more abound" —*Rom., v. 20.*

3. But, my Lord, since thou hast resolved to take human flesh, would not a single prayer offered by Thee be sufficient for the redemption of all men? What need then was there of leading a life of poverty, humiliation, and contempt, for thirty-three years, of suffering a cruel and shameful death on an infamous gibbet, and of shedding all Thy blood by dint of torments? I know well, answers Jesus Christ, that one drop of My blood, or a simple prayer, would be sufficient for the salvation of the world; but neither would be sufficient to show the love which I bear to men: and therefore, to be loved by men when they should see me dead on the cross for the love of them, I have resolved to submit to so many torments and to so painful a death. This, he says, is the duty of a good pastor. "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep... I lay down my life for my sheep" —*John, x. 11,15.*

4. O men, what greater proof of love could the Son of God give us.. "In this we have known the charity of God because he hath laid down his life for us " —*I. John, iii. 16.* "But thou, O Lord, hast died not only for friends, but for us who were thy enemies by sin. "When we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son " —*Rom.,v.10.* O infinite love of our God, exclaims St. Bernard; "to spare slaves, neither the Father has spared the Son, nor the Son Himself". To pardon us, who were rebellious servants, the Father would not pardon the Son, and the Son would not pardon Himself, but, by His death, has satisfied the divine justice for the sins which we have committed.

5. When Jesus Christ was near His passion, He went one day to Samaria: the Samaritans refused to receive Him. Indignant at the insult offered by the Samaritans to their Master, St. James and St. John, turning to Jesus, said: "Lord, wilt Thou that we command fire to come down from Heaven and consume

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XXII SUNDAY AFTER
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HOLY MASS

Sundays: 7:00 & 10:00 am
Weekdays: 8:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Sundays

6:40—6:55 am
9:15—9:55 am

Weekdays

7:40—7:55 am
and by appointment

HOLY ROSARY

Sundays: 9:40 am
First Saturdays: 8:00 am

All parishioners are welcome to have lunch with Bp. Morello, today after Benediction, the address is: 315 South Main Street, Newtown, CT. Thank you. (FREE!)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM Fr. Rodriguez:

My Mass intentions are filled until November 11th. Bishop Morello will be celebrating his listed Masses during his visit. We appreciate your generosity for the Mass stipends. Thank you very much .

Extra volunteers men and boys.

We must have a list of volunteers for hard work in and around our Chapel, so we can call them when we need them.

Please see
Fr. Rodriguez.

Procession:

Gentleman, Boys and Girls be ready for our Christ the King Procession today after 10:00 am Mass.

Thank you.

Web Cam Help:

We still need someone to help us set up a Web Cam in the Chapel to stream the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on the Internet.

Please contact Ron McGuire,
203-673-5858

them?" —*Luke, ix. 54*. But Jesus, Who was all sweetness, even to those who insulted Him, answered: "You know not of what spirit you are. The Son of Man came not to destroy souls, but to save" —*v. 55 and 56*. Hence, in another place, He said to his disciples: "Learn of Me, because I am meek and humble of heart" —*Matt., xi. 29*. I do not wish you to learn of Me to chastise, but to be meek, and to bear and pardon injuries.

6. How beautifully has He described the tenderness of His heart towards sinners in the following words! "What man of you that hath an hundred sheep; and, if he lose one of them, doth he not leave the ninety-nine in the desert, and go after that which is lost until he find it: and when he hath found it, lay it upon his shoulder rejoicing; and coming home, call together his friends and neighbors, saying to them: Rejoice with me ; because I have found my sheep that was lost ?" —*Luke, xv. 4,5, and 6*. But, O Lord, it is not thou that oughtest to rejoice, but the sheep that has found her pastor and her God. The sheep indeed, answers Jesus; rejoices at finding Me, her shepherd; but far greater is the joy which I feel at having found one of my lost sheep. He concludes the parable in these words, —"I say to you, that even so there shall be joy in Heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just, who need not penance"—*Luke, xv. 7*. There is more joy in Heaven, at the conversion of one sinner, than upon ninety-nine just men who preserve their innocence. What sinner, then, can be so hardened, as not to go instantly and cast himself at the feet of his Savior, when he knows the tender love with which Jesus Christ is prepared to embrace him, and carry him on his shoulders, as soon as he repents of his sins ?

7. The Lord has also declared his tenderness towards penitent sinners in the parable of the Prodigal Child —*Luke, xv. 12, etc..* In that parable the Son of God says, that a certain young man, unwilling to be any longer under the control of his father, and desiring to live according to his caprice and corrupt inclinations, asked the portion of his father's substance which fell to him. The father gave it with sorrow, weeping over the ruin of his son. The son departed from his father's house. Having in a short time dissipated his substance, he was reduced to such a degree of misery, that, to procure the necessaries of life, he was obliged to feed swine. All this was a figure of a sinner, who, after departing from God, and losing the divine grace and all the merits he had acquired, leads a life of misery under the slavery of the Devil. In the Gospel it is added,

that the young man, seeing his wretched condition, resolved to return to his father: and the father, who is a figure of Jesus Christ, seeing his son return to him, was instantly moved to pity. "His father saw him, and was moved with compassion" —*v. 20* ; and, instead of driving him away, as the ungrateful son had deserved, "running to him, he fell upon his neck and kissed him". He ran with open arms to meet him, and, through tenderness, fell upon his neck and consoled him by his embraces. He then said to his servants: "Bring forth quickly the first robe, and put it on him." According to St. Jerome and St. Augustine, the first robe signifies the divine grace, which, in addition to new celestial gifts, God, by granting pardon, gives to the penitent sinner. "And put a ring on his finger". Give him the ring of a spouse. By recovering the grace of God, the soul becomes again the spouse of Jesus Christ. "And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat and make merry" —*v. 23*. Bring hither the fatted calf— which signifies the Holy Communion, or Jesus in the Holy Sacrament mystically killed and offered in sacrifice on the altar;— let us eat and rejoice'.

But why, O divine Father, so much joy at the return of so ungrateful a child? Because, answers the Father, this my son was dead, and he is come to life again; he was lost, and I have found him.

8. This tenderness of Jesus Christ was experienced by the sinful woman (according to St. Gregory, Mary Magdalene) who cast herself at the feet of Jesus, and washed them with her tears (*Luke, vii. 47 and 50*). The Lord turning to her with sweetness, consoled her by saying: "Thy sins are forgiven;... thy faith hath made thee safe; go in peace" —*Luke, vii. 48 and 50*. Child, thy sins are pardoned; thy confidence in me has saved thee; go in peace. It was also felt by the man who was sick for thirty-eight years, and who was infirm both in body and soul. The Lord cured his malady, and pardoned his sins.

"Behold", says Jesus to him, "thou art made whole ; sin no more, lest some worse thing happen to thee" —*John, v. 14*. The tenderness of the Redeemer was also felt by the leper who said to Jesus Christ: "Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean" —*Matt., viii. 2*. Jesus answered: "I will: be thou made clean" —*v. 3*. As if he said: Yes; I will that thou be made clean; for I have come down from Heaven for the purpose of consoling all: be healed, then, according to thy desire. "And forthwith his leprosy was cleansed".

9. We have also a proof of the tender compassion of the Son of God for sinners, in his conduct towards the woman caught in

MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY October 25	CHRIST THE KING XXII Sunday After Pentecost	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Superior's Intention Missa pro Populo.
MONDAY October 26	St Evaristus, PM	R	7:00am 8:00 am 7:30 pm	Fr. Rodriguez, Charles Mendes <u>Bp. Family Salvation Society</u> <u>Holy Rosary for Poor Souls,</u> <u>follow by St Joseph Litanies</u>
TUESDAY October 27	Vigil of SS. Simon and Jude, Ap	P	7:00 am 8:00 am	Susan, Steven, Zachary Crotham Bp. Marietta, Rosa , and Alida
WEDNESDAY October 28	SS. SIMON AND JUDE, Ap	R	7:00 am 8:00 am	Fr. Rodriguez, Special Intention Bp. Morello, for Special Intention
THURSDAY October 29	Ferial Day Resumed Mass from Sunday	G	7:00 am 8:00am	Fr. Rodriguez, Ana & Alexa Bp. Morello, for Ana & Alexa
FRIDAY October 30	Ferial Day Votive Mass of Sacred Heart	W	7:00 am 8:00 am	Fr. Rodriguez, Frances Pilkington Bp. Morello, Sal Fama
SATURDAY October 31	Vigil of all Saints	P	7:00 am.	Fr. Rodriguez, Special Int. Ch. F.
SUNDAY November 1	ALL SAINT'S DAY XXIII Sunday after Pentecost.	W	7:00 am 10:00 am	Superior's Intention Missa pro Populo



MASS TIMES AT ST. MARY THE VIRGIN

1520 Delaware St, Paulsboro, New Jersey 08066

October 25		No Mass
November 1	9:30 am.	Fr. Bachtiger
November 8	5:00 pm.	Fr. Rodriguez.
November 15	9:30 am.	Fr. Bachtiger

*Mass may be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.
Call Mrs. Miriam Windfeld for any information: (856) 456 4232

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be performed by Bp. Morello next Sunday at 9:30 am before 10:00 am. Mass. The sponsor places his right hand on the confirmand's right shoulder and presents the name chosen, to the Bishop.



NOTICE TO NEWCOMERS

Founded in 1973 in the wake of the disastrous Second Vatican Council, the mission of Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel is to maintain and restore as far as possible the traditional faith, values and liturgical practice of the Roman Catholic Church, and to provide a haven of sanctity where men and women of good will may grow in love for God and their neighbor.

Please don't hesitate to introduce yourself and ask questions. After Mass come to the Social Hall, and join us for coffee and refreshments.

We hope your visit with us is a pleasant one, and we look forward to seeing you again and welcoming you as a member of Our Lady of the Rosary.

We welcome Spanish-speaking guests, and confessions are heard in Spanish and English every Sunday and by appointment with the pastor.

adultery. The scribes and pharisees brought her before Him, and said: "This woman was even now taken in adultery. Now Moses, in the law, commands us to stone such a one. But what sayest thou?" —*John, viii. 4 and 5.* And this they did, as St. John says, tempting Him. They intended to accuse Him of transgressing the law of Moses, if He said that she ought to be liberated; and they expected to destroy His character for meekness, if he said that she should be stoned. "... But what was the answer of our Lord? He neither said that she should be stoned nor dismissed; but, "bowing Himself down, He wrote with His finger on the ground". The interpreters say, that, probably, what He wrote on the ground was a text of Scripture admonishing the accusers of their own sins, which were, perhaps, greater than that of the woman charged with adultery. "He then lifted Himself up, and said to them: He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her" —*v. 7.* The scribes and pharisees went away one by one, and the woman stood alone. Jesus Christ, turning to her, said: "Hath no one condemned thee? neither will I condemn thee. Go, now sin no more" —*v. 11.* Since no one has condemned you, fear not that you shall be condemned by Me, Who have come on Earth, not to condemn, but to pardon and save sinners: go in peace, and sin no more.

10. Jesus Christ has come, not to condemn, but to deliver sinners from Hell, as soon as they resolve to amend their lives. And when he sees them obstinately bent on their own perdition, He addresses them with tears in the words of Ezechiel: "Why will you die, O house of Israel?" —*xviii. 31.* My children, why will you die? Why do you voluntarily rush into Hell, when I have come from Heaven to deliver you from it by My death? He adds: You are already dead to the grace of God. But I will not your death: return to Me, and I will

restore to you the life which you have lost. "For I desire not the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: return ye and live" —*v. 32.* But some sinners; who are immersed in the abyss of sin, may say: Perhaps, if we return to Jesus Christ, he will drive us away. No; for the Redeemer has said: "And him that cometh to me I will not cast out" —*John, vi. 37.* No one that comes to me with sorrow for his past sins, however manifold and enormous they may have been, shall be rejected.

11. Behold how, in another place, the Redeemer encourages us to throw ourselves at His feet with a secure hope of consolation and pardon. "Come to Me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you" —*Mat., xi. 28.* Come to Me, all ye poor sinners, who labour for your own damnation, and groan under the weight of your crimes; come, and I will deliver you from all your troubles. Again, He says: "Come and accuse Me, saith the Lord; if your sins be as scarlet, they shall be made white as snow; and if they be red as crimson, they shall be made white as wool" —*Isa., i. 18.* Come with sorrow for the offenses you committed against me, and if I do not give you pardon, accuse me. As if he said: Upbraid me; rebuke me as a liar; for I promise that, though your sins were of scarlet— that is, of the most horrid enormity— your soul, by My blood, in which I shall wash it, will become white and beautiful as snow.

12. Let us then, O sinners, return instantly to Jesus Christ. If we have left him, let us immediately return before death overtakes us in sin and sends us to Hell, where the mercies and graces of the Lord shall, if we do not amend, be so many swords which shall lacerate the heart.

IMPORTANT: Those who will receive Confirmation must be in the state of grace. Thank you.

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