

BENIZI NOOZ



A Letter From Fr. Cornelius

It is now more than a year since we had our last newsletter, a valuable tool of communication within our parish community. I would like to express my appreciation to Abby who responded to the Pastoral Council's request taking up the communication office and the task of this newsletter. It is my prayer that we will all continue to support and contribute in different ways to the newsletter's production. For many of us, this platform is not only for sharing community updates and fostering connections, but it is also an evangelization opportunity. This issue of the newsletter comes out at a time when we have just had our youth returning from Steubenville, celebrated the well-coordinated First Communion of our young Christians, and also at the time of St. Philip Benizi's feast day and celebration of our parish. There is a lot to be proud of and to celebrate the spiritual growth as individuals and a community. While there are inspiring stories in this newsletter, there are also intriguing points of reflection on life and faith.

Have you ever thought about the points of Re-birth in your life journey? Biblically, this is referred to as being "born-again."

In his encounter with the Pharisee, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews, Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born anew [born again] he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:1-3). We are familiar with this term "born again" and is commonly used without considering its deep meaning.

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Biblically, the term appears many times in the New Testament. Peter writes that we are "born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible," (1 Peter 1:23), and also being "born to a living hope," (1 Peter 1:3). Paul speaks not only of being new creatures in Christ but of a new creation; of passing from old to new life. (2 Cor 5:17).

In John 3:4, Nicodemus asks Jesus, how can a man be re-born when he's old. This question indicates his deep hunger and emptiness that led him to seek out Jesus. Out of fear of displeasing his contemporaries, Nicodemus asks Jesus at night. Jesus clearly answers him that one must be born again in order to enter the kingdom of God.

I found the following words worth sharing and I adapted them for reflection on our personal rebirth.

RE-BIRTH

I lost a childhood toy...but have the memory of the person who gave me that gift with unconditional love.
I lost the privilege and fantasies of childhood...but had the opportunity of growing and living free.
I lost a lot of people whom I loved and still love...but had the affection and now have model from their lives.
I lost moments of life because I cried instead of smiling...but I discovered that: it is from planting love that love is harvested.

I lost many things many times in my life. But in that "loss", today I aspire for the value of "gain;"...but because it is always possible to fight for that which we love; and because there is always time to start all over again.

It is not important the time of life when you tired.

Important is that it is always possible and necessary to restart. Re-birthing is a new opportunity; it is renewing the hopes in life; and more importantly, it is believing in oneself.

Did you suffer greatly sometime?...it was a time for learning.

Did you cry a lot?...you were cleansing the soul.

Did you feel spiteful?...it was a lesson on forgiveness.

At times, were you alone?...it was because you closed the door.

Were there times you believed everything was lost?...it was simply the beginning of your improvement.

Re-birth

Today is an excellent day to start a new life project. Where do you want to go?

Look higher, dream higher, desire the best; life brings us what we aspire.

If we think small; the small will come; if we think firmly on the best, on the positive, and we strive for it; the best will come in our lives.

Today is the great mental cleaning day. Throw away all that binds you to the past; all that hurts you. Discard everything into garbage; clean your heart; prepare it for a new life, and for new love; for we are passionate.

We are capable of living many times, because we are the manifestation of love.

Life calls you; it invites you to a new adventure, a new journey, a new challenge.

This day, promise yourself that you will do everything possible to achieve your objectives; trust in life, trust in yourself.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor: Fr. Cornelius Ssekitto, AJ
Office Manager: Karen Henry
Secretary/DRE: Melissa Bear
Youth Minister: Katy Schnoor
Music Director: *Open Position*

PASTORAL COUNCIL

President: Katy Schnoor
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Parish & Family Life: *vacant*
Youth Ministry: Katy Schnoor
Religious Education: Melissa Bear
Social Justice: *vacant*

*Pastoral Council meets every other month on the
3rd Thursday at 7pm in the Parish Hall.*

*Join us for our next meeting on
September 19th at 7pm.*

BAPTISMS

Andrew Joseph Foster

FIRST COMMUNION

Luke Bledsoe
Matthew Bledsoe
Achilles Castaneda
Julian Eschright
Emilia Vazquez

RCIA

Suzanne Kernek

DEATHS

David Beaty
Robert Bernert
James Bettger
Lynn Griffith
Polly Klingensmith
Matthew Logue
Joe Marshall
Jesse Stanchfield
Patricia Thompson
Douglas Woods

IMPORTANT DATES

Sept 2: Labor Day

Sept 3: RCIA classes start at 7pm in the Hall

Sept 15: RE classes begin after the 8am Mass in the church

Sept 19: Pastoral Council meeting at 7pm in the Hall

Sept 21: St. Matthew's Feast Day

Sept 22: Confirmation Information & Parent Meeting after the 10:30am Mass

Sept 29: Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael's Feast Day

FIRST COMMUNION 2024



Congratulations to
(Left to right) Emilia Vazquez, Luke Bledsoe, (Fr. Cornelius),
Achilles Castaneda, Matthew Bledsoe, & Julian Eschright
on receiving their First Holy Communion on August 18, 2024

A special thank you to Kristine Bible & Don Payne for being their teachers and helping form them in the faith.
And thank you to Fr. Cornelius for supporting these young children and making the day special!

Congratulations to

Cara Stasiewicz



Cara graduated from Oregon Charter Academy.

She is going to Union College in New York for pre-med.

Cara's best memory from high school was attending the HOSA State Leadership Conference and representing her school in the team and individual events.





Religious Education Classes for Children

Classes for Pre-K-12th grade begin September 15th after the 8am Mass

Please contact Melissa Bear if you have any questions

Phone: 503-631-2882

Email: mbear@archdpdx.org

First Communion Classes

Open to 2nd graders and older who would like to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation & First Communion.



Classes begin September 15th after the 8am Mass.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact:

Melissa Bear

503-631-2882

mbear@archdpdx.org



Confirmation Classes

Open to any 7th-12th graders who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

An information meeting will be held Sunday, September 22 after the 10:30am mass with classes to follow twice a month from October-May.

For more information or if you have any questions, contact:

Abby Williams

ab14will@gmail.com



RCIA

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

Do you, a family member, or a friend want to learn more about the
Catholic Church?

RCIA is a great way to learn more about the Catholic Church or begin the
process to joining the Catholic Church.

**Join us for RCIA classes starting
September 3 at 7pm in the parish hall**

Contact Ed Schneider (971-563-3893) or the parish office (503-631-2882)
for more information.

*“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one
comes to the Father except through me.” - John 14:6*



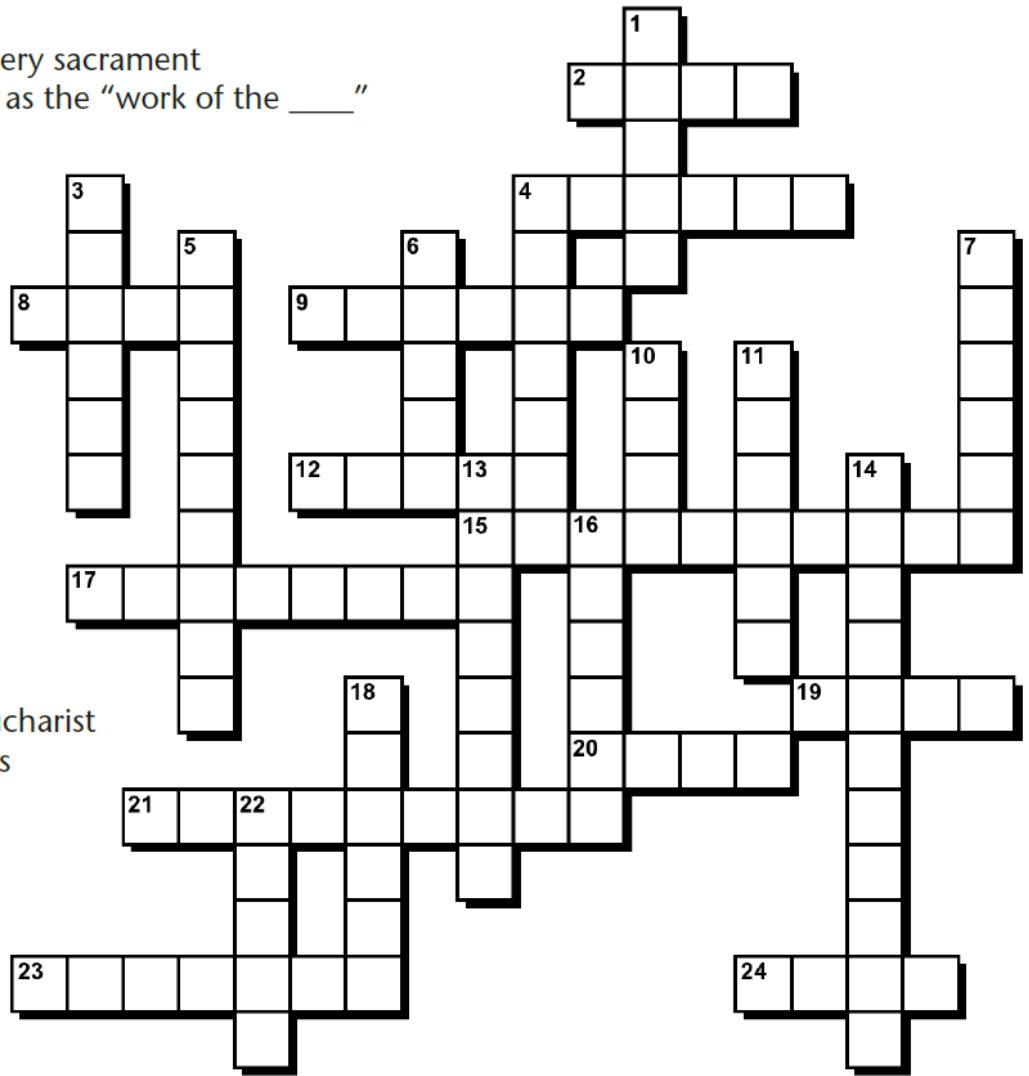
THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Test your knowledge and complete the crossword. Answers provided on the last page

ACROSS

2. Liturgy of the ____ is part of every sacrament
4. Liturgy is sometimes described as the "work of the ____"
8. Reading stand where the Scriptures are proclaimed
9. In Communion, we are ____ with those here now, in the past, and in the future, who share in Christ's Body and Blood
12. One of the essential signs of Eucharist
15. The readings for the Mass are read from this book
17. The intercessions (prayers for our needs and the needs of others) are also called the Prayers of the ____
19. One of the essential signs of Eucharist
20. At Communion, our less serious ones are forgiven and we are strengthened to avoid more serious ones
21. Most important sacrament we celebrate
23. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, collectively
24. Easter ____ refers to the requirement that all Catholics who are able to do so, must receive Communion at least once during the Easter season



DOWN

1. Title, which comes from a Greek word for "word," that is used for Jesus
3. Interpretation of the Scripture that helps us apply the reading to our lives
4. The role of the priest or bishop is to ____ over the celebration of the Mass
5. Time during Mass when we eat the Body and Blood of Christ
6. Sacred book from which the readings for the Liturgy of the Word come
7. The most important day of the week
10. In anamnesis, we make the ____ present
11. When we celebrate the Eucharist, we fulfill Jesus' command to "do this in ____ of me"
13. Acclamation usually sung before the proclamation of the Gospel
14. Regarding the Liturgy, it is the "right and the duty" of the people by reason of their baptism to ____ in Mass
16. The priest or bishop represents ____
18. Eucharist comes from a Greek word that means "to give ____"
22. Public statement of our core beliefs

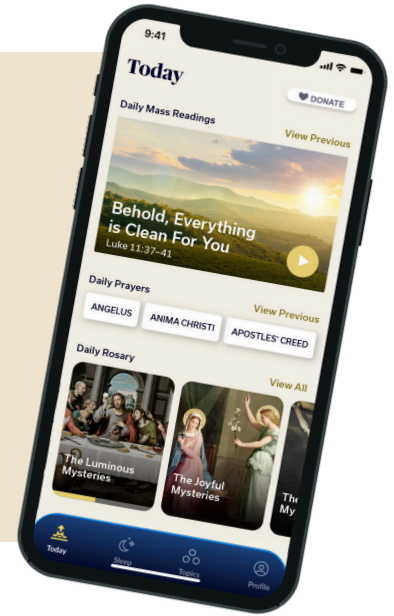


Media Section

What's new in Catholic media

The *Amen* app from Augustine Institute is the free Catholic app that brings you beautiful prayers, faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture to draw your mind, body and soul to rest in God.

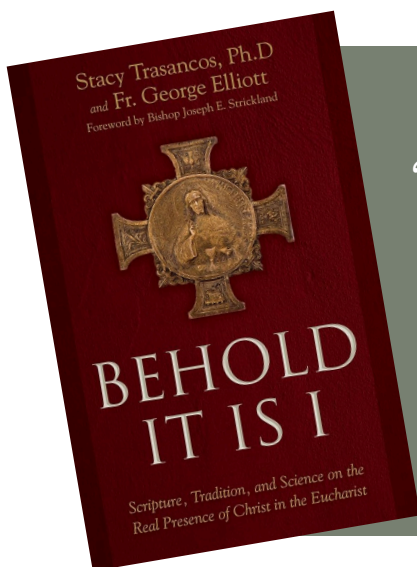
You can listen to the daily readings and short reflections, as well as listen to the rosary and other devotions - all for free!



SCAN ME



Scan the QR code to the left and read about the amazing miracles of the Eucharist and watch videos from the National Eucharistic Revival Congress this past July.



Behold, It Is I by Stacy Trasancos & Fr. George Elliott
“This compelling book provides the most convincing proofs for the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist from Scripture, Tradition, and scientific investigations of Eucharistic miracles.”
A must read for Catholics to deepen their devotion to the Eucharist.



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Office Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Mission Statement

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church being part of the universal church shares in its mission: To proclaim Jesus Christ who came to the world to fulfill His father's will; by proclaiming the kingdom of God, building up the parish community as a witness to God's love and care for the world and helping one another to become what God has called us to be. We are therefore encouraged to work toward God's purpose of "wanting all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."

(1 Tim 2:4)

Mass Times

Mon / Wed / Thurs / Fri: 8:00am

Tuesday: 6:00pm

First Saturday (Anointing of the Sick): 8:00am

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 8:00am & 10:30am

Adoration

Every Thursday: 9:00am-9:00pm
(ends with Benediction)

Confession

Saturday: 4:00-5:00pm
or by appointment

Crossword Answers

Across

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| 2. WORD | 17. FAITHFUL |
| 4. PEOPLE | 19. WINE |
| 8. AMBO | 20. SINS |
| 9. UNITED | 21. EUCHARIST |
| 12. BREAD | 23. GOSPELS |
| 15. LECTIONARY | 24. DUTY |

Down

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| 1. LOGOS | 7. SUNDAY |
| 3. HOMILY | 10. PAST |
| 4. PRESIDE | 11. MEMORY |
| 5. COMMUNION | 13. ALLELUIA |
| 6. BIBLE | 14. PARTICIPATE |