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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday through Thursday
10 AM - 1 PM and 3-6 PM

NEW: Friday 3-6 PM and
3rd Saturday of each month 2-4
PM

Religious Education

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OUR OFFICES

ARE NOW IN
THE HIGH SCHOOL
BUILDING

Please use the two
ENTRANCES in the ALLEY
between the church
and the high school

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them
and lead them to springs of life-giving water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

(REV 7:17)

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, May 13

7:00 A.M - Arthur McCue- 15th Anniv.

Tuesday, May 14

7:00 AM

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 AM - Eda & Angelo Ciano- Anniv

Thursday, May 16

7:00 AM

5:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 PM

Friday, May 17

7:00 AM

Saturday, May 18

7:00 AM

4:00 PM - Antonio Schiavone- Mem.

- Angelina Ciampa- 1st Anniv.

Sunday, May 19

7:00 AM

9:00 AM - Giuseppe Centofani- 15th Anniv.

11:00 AM - Carmelinda Inglese & Antonina Giovino

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Please remember in your prayers
Dana T. Campo and Francesca Kelly
who were buried from St. Clement this week

BAPTISMAL CLASSES are usually held every **FIRST Sunday**

BAPTISMS every **THIRD Sunday** of each month,

both after the 11 AM Mass

Please confirm with the parish office.



OUR SANCTUARY CANDLE

will burn for the month of **May** in loving
memory of **Joseph and Andrew Bottari**, given
by their family.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 3-4 PM, or by appointment



THE ANCHOR

"It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles.

For so the Lord has commanded us, 'I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.' (Acts 13:46-47) We all probably heard of the different attacks against communities of different religious persuasion, in the last few weeks. A mosque in New Zealand, churches in Sri Lanka, synagogues. Now the latest explosion of the conflicts between Palestinians and Israeli, or the tension between the USA and Iran rearing their heads, even though these conflicts are not simply religious. We can take what we could call the "Imagine" approach – from the title of the famous John Lennon's song – and try to imagine a better world, undivided by the strains and fractures that religious thinking may be seen to provoke.

Unfortunately that approach has been tried.

Political fragmentation and conflicts are no less divisive than religious ones; the attempt to eradicate God from the human heart has produced greater destruction and loss of human life than religious wars in just the last couple of centuries.

Let's not even try to analyze the violence provoked by sheer greed and will for power. One could conclude that division and violence are rooted in the human heart, and humans have always been tempted to explode into violence, before and beyond religion, ideologies, or necessity. Do we find in human history an antidote to this dark trait that humans of all times and culture exhibit? The quote from Acts, at the top of this column, points out how the Gospel, the Word of God made flesh introduced a new concept: universality (or catholicity, if we use the term derived from Greek). The Good Shepherd comes to call everyone. No one is excluded.

No external factor can exclude anyone: not culture, not religion, not race, not power, not politics. Only the personal decision of each. There have been – even among Christians – people who took biblical passages like the one above to condemn all Jews, as "the people who rejected Christ." But Paul does not speak against "the Jews", he talks to anyone who rejects the Voice of the Good Shepherd telling them "look: rejecting Christ is rejecting goodness, it is – essentially – rejecting your best chance to be yourself, to be happy, forever." Christianity, when reduced to ideology, indeed may run the same risks of the other religious ideologies: "us versus them". But, first and foremost, it is the appeal, the announcement (the Gospel) of the Word of God to anyone, until the very last moment of one's history, of the world's history. That Word speaks to each the message of today's Gospel, a message directed personally to each and every human being, according to the circumstances of their lives. The only way that Word can be denied is the direct refusal of truth, beauty, and goodness by each individual.

This is clear in the words of the Acts of the Apostles and in the best doctrinal explanations of what Christianity is. That Word pronounced by God is still alive, still echoing today, still stirring the hearts and minds of people around the world. Christian universalism is not utopia, it is a fact that has happened and still happens.

Paying attention to this aspect of the life of God's Church is definitely a help to understand how faith is a life and not an ideology, and it helps us to understand Christianity as following the Voice of the Good Shepherd, still today as two thousand years ago.

Fr. Stefano

Religious Education

Family Mass: Sunday, May 19th, 9:00 AM
Second Eucharist and May Procession
All CCD and GS programs

Confirmation Rehearsal: Tuesday, May 28
6:45 PM, Parish Hall and Church
Students and Sponsors

Confirmation: Tuesday, June 4
6:45 PM
Parish Hall and Church

Please keep the young adults preparing for their Confirmation in your prayers.

First Communion May 12

Congratulations to our First Communion recipients from the Good Shepherd Program:

Beatrice Brocca
Lucia Canetta
Santiago Derrien

Mary Logan
Jeremiah Quattrini
Giovanni Vanoni

Annual Baby Shower to Benefit Pregnancy Help *This weekend*

Following each mass this weekend, members of Court St. Clementine, CDA, will be collecting new items for newborns. The following items are on the "Wish List":

*boys and girls long sleeve onesies (3-6 and 6-9 months)
baby thermometers, bottle brushes,
teethers and rattles toys with no buttons or plastic eyes.*

A Pack and Play will be set up in the church foyer.
Monetary donations are also gratefully accepted.

Thank you for your generosity!!

Catholic Daughters of America

The next meeting of the CDA Court 821 will be held on Monday, May 13, at 7 PM, in the Parish Hall.

The final meeting of the year will be on Sunday, June 9, at Noon, at Avellino's Function Room, 313 Mystic Ave., Medford. Tickets are 25.00 each. Contact any of the officers to reserve your ticket, or call the Parish Office on Tuesday or Thursday.

Annual Haitian Night

Sponsored by Junior Catholic Daughters
May 18: tickets are \$10.00 per person,
or \$25.00 for a group of 5.

The event will feature dance and authentic Haitian food. Come and mingle with your fellow parishioners and enjoy the flavors of the island. All proceeds will directly benefit the charitable activities of the JCD.

Contact Claire Suthar for tickets:
thesuthars@yahoo.com or 617 828-7604

Meat Bingo is May 31!!

Only 16 tickets remaining!!
No tickets will be sold at the door.

Reserve your tickets by calling the Parish Office (781 396-3922), OR Mary Grace (781 583-8295).

Prizes include gift certificates from McKinnon's and Omaha Steak Company, many local restaurants, and North Shore Music Theatre. Tickets will be available this weekend after all masses in the church foyer.

Presentation on Our Lady of America St. Raphael Parish

Did you know that our Blessed Mother appeared to a nun, Sr. Ephrem, in the United States beginning in 1956 with messages that are relevant to the times we are living in now?

Please attend a talk by Mary Jo Ridge following the 11:30 Mass on Sunday, May 19th at St. Raphael Parish hall. There will be coffee and homemade baked good. Each attendee will also receive blessed prayer cards, a short summary of the devotion, and a newsprint copy of Sr. Ephrem's diary.

Scam Alert!!!

Please beware of any text messages containing a request for help, in the form of providing a service costing money, from any of our priests or parishioners. One of our parishioners received a text, supposedly from one of our priests, requesting a gift card for \$300.00 Through diligence and investigation, the request was discovered to be a scam and was reported to local authorities. Please question suspicious requests and if you are targeted, please make a report to the police.

COLLECTION DASHBOARD

Our goal for our weekly first collection: \$ 4,000.00

LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTION: \$ 5,075.00

SECOND COLLECTION this weekend: Monthly Parish Support

NO SECOND COLLECTION next weekend:

