

ST. SYMPHOROSA & ST. RENE PARISH

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Well done, my good and faithful servant.
Since you were faithful in small matters,
I will give you great responsibilities.
Come, share your master's joy.

MATTHEW 25:21

THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 15, 2020



Fr. Bob's Weekly Blog

Welcome to the Parish of St. Symphorosa & St. Rene!!

Robert Frost wrote, "If we couldn't laugh, we would all go insane."

Oh, how true! We all risk getting too serious at times. Our soul seems to need humor to keep a healthy balance. Who among us hasn't felt much better after a good hearty laugh?

Watching the news all day is NOT healthy for us. The modern-day 24/7 news cycle warps our sense of balance. We begin to think everything is bad and everyone is corrupt. The everydayness of people raising a family and doing an honest job gets clouded amidst power-seeking politics and senseless violence. If it bleeds, it leads.

Imagine if a TV news camera followed you around all day and then aired a 30-second video of you letting some foul language fly as you changed a flat tire on 63rd Street. Absent is everything else you did that day. You are summed up by the media in a brief moment of discouragement.

The Love of the Lord keeps us sane. Love – at times – involves tears, but also laughter. Although the Gospel never explicitly mentions Jesus and his disciples laughing, we'd like to think in between those parables and teaching moments, they shared laughter. Yes, Jesus came among us for a serious matter (to die so we could live), but he came to elevate our humanity. Part of being human is being able to laugh – in good taste – at ourselves and others.

We want to laugh WITH others, not AT them.

Our readings at Mass as we near the completion of the liturgical year invite us to keep things in perspective. There will come a day when all things are brought to fulfillment when Christ returns in glory. We're challenged to stay awake and be sober.

Far too many people today are being lulled into a sense of complacency; many are too distracted by glitz and glamor while others are simply indifferent to any concern beyond themselves. Far too many who claim to be Christian merely wink at God on occasion.

Now is the time for saints. Now is the time for authentic discipleship. Those who prefer the ways of the world to the Way of Christ will attempt to silence our voice. These are the ones who echo the cheer for the release of Barabbas the rebel all the while shouting that Jesus be crucified. Misery does, indeed, like company. Jesus came to give us hope, not despair.

May we all keep our sense of humor alive. No matter what darkness may come our way, we know that victory belongs to those who surrender to the Cross and share in the Resurrection. God gave us the gift of life. May we be found using this gift for the greater glory of God.

Continued Concerns

Thank you to everyone who has helped keep our parish as safe as can be during these COVID-19 restrictions and guidelines.

Safety

Can things seem like a nuisance at times? Yes. But it's in our best interest right now to do what we need to do to ensure as safe an environment as possible. PLEASE! Continue to wear your mask to church, wash your hands, maintain physical distance from non-family members.

Thank you to all our volunteers who stay after Mass to help sanitize the church and pews. While everyone else is off to breakfast, these folks get the cleaning equipment and make sure we have a clean church for the next Mass goers.

We would welcome more volunteers. Consider this a form of giving back to the community so that we can safely come together for Mass.

We currently have six weekend Mass times available. If you think a Mass time is too crowded for your comfort, consider attending one of the other Masses. Right now, the 7:30 AM Mass has comfort room as does the Noon Mass. Adjust as you see fit so that you can be present for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.



Quote of the Week

"A fish that is alive swims against the flow of the water. One that is dead floats down with the water. A true Christian goes against the current of a sinful age. A false one is swept away by its swiftness."
~St. Philaret of Moscow

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Monday - Friday
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Saturday
9:00 am - 12:00 pm

St. Rene Worship Site

6949 W 63rd Place
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St. Symphorosa School

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Sacrament of Penance

6-7pm every Tuesday (St. Symphorosa Site)
3-3:45pm every Saturday (St. Rene Site)
Offered by Appointment During the Week
Please call the Parish Office



Our Parish Community "Thankful" Tree

As the Thanksgiving holiday rapidly approaches in just a few short weeks, we reflect on the many wonderful blessings that Almighty God has bestowed on us.

This year, we invite all members of our Faith Community to participate in our Parish "Thankful" Tree. This "Thankful" Tree is made up of beautiful paper leaves supplied by our parish Transformation Team and filled out with what each and everyone of us is thankful for during this season of thanks.

We ask each member of our parish visit the table located in the narthex of our churches and take one of the autumn leaves to write all the things you are thankful for during this season. These leaves will be available during the weekends of November 7/8 and November 14/15. Please return the filled out leaves to the supplied baskets. These beautiful leaves with all of our words of thanks will be incorporated into our church's Art & Environment on a special Thankful Tree for Thanksgiving.



Thanksgiving Day Mass Schedule

Give thanks to God this year and join us for Mass on Thanksgiving,
Thursday, November 26th.

Mass will be celebrated at the following times and worship sites:

8am - St. Rene Worship Site
9am - St. Symphorosa Worship Site



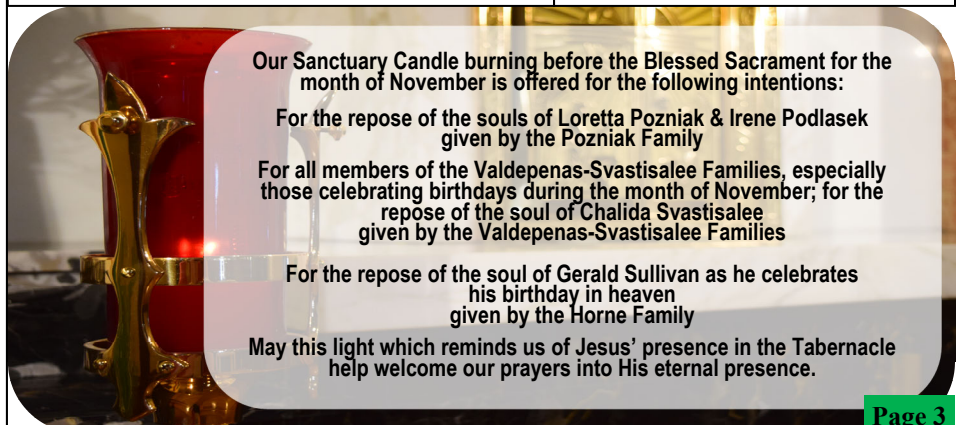
Our stewardship is a combined total from the St. Rene and St. Symphorosa Worship Sites.

Offerings for the weekend of: Sunday, November 8, 2020
Contribution: \$7,931.50
Thank you for your generosity!



Split the Pot
November 8, 2020
Received this week: \$130.00
Winning envelope: #1447

Reminder: A minimum of \$5.00 is required to participate.



Our Sanctuary Candle burning before the Blessed Sacrament for the month of November is offered for the following intentions:

For the repose of the souls of Loretta Pozniak & Irene Podlasek given by the Pozniak Family

For all members of the Valdepenas-Svastisalee Families, especially those celebrating birthdays during the month of November; for the repose of the soul of Chalida Svastisalee given by the Valdepenas-Svastisalee Families

For the repose of the soul of Gerald Sullivan as he celebrates his birthday in heaven given by the Horne Family

May this light which reminds us of Jesus' presence in the Tabernacle help welcome our prayers into His eternal presence.

Offering Envelopes



SPECIAL NOTE ONLY FOR PARISHIONERS CURRENTLY RECEIVING ST. SYMPHOROSA CHURCH OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Beginning with the December 2020 Offertory Envelopes, our envelope company will begin to mail one (1) month at a time instead of the two (2) months together in a packet.

USPS has standing instructions that the packets of envelopes are to be delivered to the homes at least ten (10) days before the first Sunday in the month. Basically this means that you should have received your envelopes by the last week of the month for envelope use during the next month.



2021 Mass Intentions and Sanctuary Candle

Our 2021 Mass Intention book and Sanctuary Candle are officially open. Any St. Symphorosa & St. Rene Parish community member can stop by the parish office and put in their Mass requests for the next year. All Mass intentions are subject to availability and the stipend per Mass is \$10.

If you decide to sponsor our Sanctuary Candle, this intention is for an entire calendar month. More than one person or family may sponsor during the same month but no more than 4. Your sponsorship will be acknowledged, along with the intention of the lit candle, during the chosen month in the Sunday bulletin. The cost to sponsor the candle will be \$40.

If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at (773)767-1523.

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On social media via



St. Symphorosa & St. Rene's MILITARY GIFT BOXES

The Knights of Columbus are again sponsoring the popular Gift Box program for deployed soldiers. The collection boxes will be set up November 28th thru December 13th in the Church lobbies. Below is a suggested list - much can be picked up at dollar stores. We also gladly accept monetary donations for postage which can be dropped in the collection boxes - or church mailbox - in an envelope marked "Knights".

Thanks again for your support!

- Shampoo
- Body wash
- Deodorant
- Razors
- Baby wipes
- Eye drops
- Toothpaste
- Floss
- Lip balm
- Sunblock
- Toothbrushes
- Cough drops
- Icy Hot
- Magazines
- Crosswords
- Jumbles
- Puzzles
- Cards
- Small card/dice games
- Gum
- Nuts
- Trail mix
- Energy bars
- Beef Jerky
- Individual powdered drink mix (lemonade, ice tea, etc.)



Please take a moment to sit down, watch, and/or listen to Fr. Bob's "Embrace the Grace" meditations every week.

Fr. Bob and Steve Kittler, our parish Music Director, began this page as a way to keep in contact with the parish and all our parishioners during the COVID stay at home order. This seven to ten minute video shares the good news with all interested persons.

Please visit the parish website at [stsymphorosa.org](https://www.stsymphorosa.org) or go directly to the YouTube page at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJm6IOYVzFmLnENc-rj7jMQ> to view.



The faithful all around the world are invited to join with Pope Francis for his special intention. Won't you join in? The intention for the month of November is for Artificial Intelligence. We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.





WELCOME FAMILIES TO ST. SYMPHOROSA AND ST. RENE PARISH FAITH FORMATION



Faith Formation Office

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Coordinator: Peg Siebenaler

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/22: Lighthouse Display
- 11/29: Lighthouse Display
- 12/8: Faith Formation Classes (Tues.)
St. Rene Campus - 6pm
- 12/9: Faith Formation Classes (Wed.)
St. Rene Campus - 6pm
- 12/10: First Reconciliation
St. Rene Campus
- 12/12: Faith Formation Classes (Sat.)
St. Sym's Campus
First Reconciliation
St. Sym's Campus



Thank You, LORD!

As we approach the season of giving thanks, the St. Sym's & St. Rene Faith Formation

program will be remembering the less fortunate. This year, we will join with our fellow parishioners in helping to "Fill the Altar" with food for the needy.

When our students attend mass or when they come to Faith Formation classes, we are asking them to bring in non-perishable food items. We are thankful for your participation in the Thanksgiving Food Drive. (Non-perishable food items can also be dropped-off at the Parish Office.)



Jesus is the Light of the World

At Baptism, we are all given a lighted candle. This reminds us to live as followers of Jesus, *The Light of the World*. Some of our Faith Formation students have been given the opportunity to construct their own lighthouses with their families. During the weekends of November 22 and November 29 these beautiful creations will be on display in the narthex at both of our worship sites. Please take a moment and visit our display. May these lighthouses serve as a reminder for us to be *Shining Lights, in the world*.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation

The Level 2 Students in our Faith Formation Program, will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Thursday, December 10th and on Saturday, December 12th. Please remember these young students in your prayers as they journey closer to Jesus in the sacrament of Reconciliation.



Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

In his letter to the Thessalonians St. Paul stated, "For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like ..."

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A	I	T	T
	F	E	A

A _ _ _ _ _ "

Answer: *a thief at night*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, November 14, 2020

4:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

Sunday, November 15, 2020

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

Monday, November 16, 2020

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Tuesday, November 17, 2020

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 *Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine*

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Thursday, November 19, 2020

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Friday, November 20, 2020

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

Saturday, November 21, 2020 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am *St. Rene Church*

4:00pm *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

5:30pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Matt

Sunday, November 22, 2020

7:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Norm

9:00am *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

10:30am *St. Rene Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

12:00pm *St. Symphorosa Church*

Presider: Fr. Bob

†Tom Biondo (*Karen de Rango & Joe Izzo*)
†Providenza Chiaramonte (*Chiaramonte Family*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†John & Irene Simonelic (*Simonelic Family*)

Health & birthday blessings for Jesus Perez (*Daughter and Family*)
†Oliver Saucedo - 3rd Anniversary of passing (*Maria Gonzalez*)
Health & birthday blessings for Fr. Norm (*St. Symphorosa Super Club*)
†Evelyn Badonski (*Ray & Mary Lou Kolasinski*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Maria Palikowska (*Ilona Szkodon*)
†Linda Pecoraro (*Friends*)
†Marian Tisonczyk (*Ilona Szkodon*)
†Ben P. & Estelle Shafer (*Ben & Judy Shafer*)
†Raymond Sutkowski (*Sutkowski Family*)
†Vince Porcelli (*Sue Solcani*)
†Dorothy Broenneke (*Gary & Bonnie Broenneke*)

Saint Margaret of Scotland; Saint Gertrude

†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)

Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

†Bob Kolimas (*Mary Kolimas*)
†Ann Kopyszka (*Soltis Family*)
†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)
†Charles & Antoinette Trusk (*Family*)

Saint Peter and Paul, Apostles; Saint Rose Philippine

†Josephine Pelegrino & Family (*Pelegrino Family*)
†Joseph Shaughnessy (*Hederman Family*)

†Anna Rendak (*Barbara Rendak*)

†Jerry (Edward) Johnson (*Jim & Lydia O'Grady*)

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

For all parishioners of St. Symphorosa & St. Rene, Living & Deceased
†Geraldine Finlay (*McAllister & Neligan Families*)
†Tony & Josephine Pelegrino (*Pelegrino Family*)
†Abigail & Charles Toribio (*Almendarez Family*)
†Dorothy Bogumil (*Claire Moran*)
†Lucille Cantu (*Sisters & Nephew*)
†Walter Labno (*Wife & Family*)
†Tom Markham (*Wife*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Alfreda Sajdak (*Family*)

†Margaret Murphy (*Fr. Bob*)

†Helen Hermanowicz - 6th anniversary of passing (*George & Nancy Groszek*)
†Marion Loconsole (*St. Symphorosa Super Club*)
†Janet & Steve Molnar (*Hohm Family*)
†Anne & William Saunders (*Daughter Mary Thorpe & Family*)
†Claude Wiatrak (*Wife Clara*)
†Israel Garcia & Raul Nieto (*John Garcia*)
†Vince Porcelli (*Wife Judy*)
†John Dragosetti (*Rosario Dragosetti*)
†Elaine Hilliard (*Joanne Tishka*)

Weekend Presider subject to change without notice



There are in the end three things that last: Faith, Hope, and Love, and the greatest of these is

Martin Adelsbach
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Margaret Ciampaglia
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Randy Etapa
Juan Figueroa
Mitchell Gallas
Geri Gestaut
Carol Gress
Suzann Gunter
Kathy Haars
Catherine Hier
Megan High
Robert Hilbruner
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Sandra Tallon
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Shirley Tloczek
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Michelle

Due to privacy laws, names may only be added to our prayer list by immediate family. Please let us know when to remove a name.

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Airman Carlos Cisneros, USAF
Sgt. Frank Cisneros, USMC
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Captain Kevin Dobbyn, US Army
Sgt. John Flores, IL National Guard
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Let us pray...

Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Dominic Capparelli

Juvenal Escamilla



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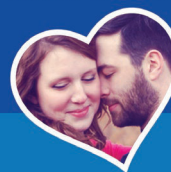
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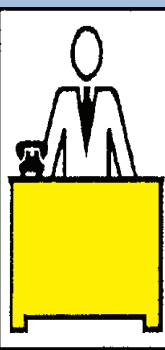
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