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33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed.” - Lk 21:16-18

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Parish Stewardship for 2019-2020

Weekly amount budgeted for 2019-2020. . . \$3,529.00

Offertory for the weekend of November 9-10.....\$3,695.00

Deficit/Surplus for November 9-10.....\$ 166.15

Budget from July 1, 2019—June 30, 2020.....\$183,500.00

Deficit/Surplus to Date.....-\$9,278.92

Thank you for your generosity!

**St. Joseph "Prayer Chain"** If there is someone who could use the prayers of our Parish, please call Gina at 787-7593.**"Care & Concern"** Do you know someone who would like to be remembered with a card or note, please call 787-4151.**"Food Bank"** Thank you for your ongoing support to the Christian Food Bank! Your constant donations have been and continue to be a great help. Donations to the Food Bank can be dropped off at the church office or the box in the church.)**November Events****Rosary at the Shrine** November 21 at Noon
Faith Formation Family Day November 24 10:15-11:45 am**Baptismal Preparation Sessions Schedule**

November 26 7:00 p.m. St. Marys, St. Marys 781-1019

Confirmation Candidates: There is **NO Confirmation Class this week (November 17)** as previously scheduled. We will meet next week (November 24) as scheduled.**Faith Formation Families:** Following Sunday Mass, November 24 you are invited to the annual Family Day in the social hall from 10:15 to 11:45. Please come for refreshments and activitiesBecause of last week's weather condition and garage roof repair All **Cemetery Flowers will be removed Tuesday Nov. 19.** Christmas Flower displays can be placed on the graves starting Monday, December 16 and will remain until January 14, 2020 when they will be removed.**Book of the Beloved Dead****Throughout the month of November** a special **Book of Remembrance** is available in the back of the church. Please feel free to write down as many names as you wish. The Book will continue to be displayed in our church so that all the names you write may be included in our prayers.**Campaign for Human Development second collection** will be next weekend (November 23-24). See insert for details. This is a national anti-poverty program to help break the cycle of poverty by helping low income people to participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities.**BV Senior Ctr annual Christmas Cookie Sale** is underway. Cost is \$10/platter for 2 1/2 doz asst'd homemade cookies. Call Senior Center 787-7888 or Eleanor at 787-4691 to order or for details.**International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day** will meet November 23 at The Red Fern, Old Kersey Rd, St. Marys. Event is free to attend. Lunch is included. Register online at afsp.org/ Survivor Day or 814-834-2602. See insert for details.On Sunday, November 17 there will be an **evening of prayer and music** with Deacon Dan Satterlee. The evening will include a Scripture Reading, Homily, Benediction, and prayers for healing. It will be held at St. Bernard Church in Falls Creek. The time will be 6:00 pm. For information, contact Judy Smart at 637-5930. Rachel's Vineyard Post-Abortion Retreat for post-abortion, healing and reconciliation will be held Nov. 22-24 at the Art and Dove Ctr. in Gibsonia, PA. Retreat is open to any woman or man who is struggling with the pain of abortion. For information call Rita at 594-7510 or Toni at 412-352-5348 or visit the website for this national grassroots ministry at www.rachelsvineyard.org.**What Gifts Do You Have?**

This past Sunday people from several parishes within our area attended a liturgy workshop at Queen of the World Church. The title of the presentation and workshop was "*Why Good Liturgy Matters: Liturgical Ministries and a Spirit of Giftedness.*"

Matthew Clark from the Office of Worship conducted the first-hour presentation with a Scripture Reading, reflection and music for us to participate in. The three questions he asked us to reflect on and to answer were: **Do we have gifts? If so, what are they? How then are we to use them?**

Matthew stated that we all have some gifts that are related to our abilities such as building things to work like a carpenter or mechanic. He emphasized that during our time together we are going to specifically look at the gifts we have received that serve Eucharistic Liturgy in other words The Mass.

The first gift mentioned was **Hospitality**. This includes those who greet people as they come into the Church and the ushers. In this ministry people feel welcomed to come and celebrate the Lord's Presence in the Mass. The people may be given a program, hymnal, bulletin or be shown to their seat. It's similar to that of being a host at a large banquet.

The next gift mentioned was being a **Lector**. Whether a person has experience in public speaking or not, this gift is open to all who believe they are able to clearly tell the stories of Jesus's life, words and actions as recorded in the Sacred Scriptures. Being able to project one's voice for all to hear in this ministry is very important. It is good for the Lector to read the Word of God with great enthusiasm as if it was the first time ever read aloud.

The ministry of being ministers of Holy Communion (**Eucharistic Ministers**) was next explained. The importance of this ministry is to give our Lord Jesus Christ, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity with such supreme reverence to the people of God. The Eucharistic Ministers are to strive to see Christ in all people to whom they are ministering these sacred gifts.

My brothers and sisters, do you believe you have a gift to be used for Mass such as **Hospitality** and/or being an **usher**, a **Lector**, or a **Eucharistic Minister**? If so, do let me know.

Next weekend, I will conclude my reflection of the Liturgical workshop by explaining music and singing in a choir for Mass and the role and duty of all those who are responsible for the environment within the Church. God Bless, Father Mark

We Celebrate, We Listen, We Pray

Date	Intention	Requested by	Celebration	Scriptures
Monday, November 18, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Dominic Chieffo	Donald and Nancy Chiappelli	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	Acts 28:11-16, 30-31 Mt 14:22-33 (679)
Tuesday, November 19, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Blessed Mother's Intentions	Parishioners	Weekday	2 Mc 6:16-31 Lk 19:1-10 (498)
Wednesday, November 20, 2019 No Mass			Weekday	2 Mc 7:1,20-31 Lk 19:11-28 (499)
Thursday, November 21, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	Francis Gutowski	Mary Corboy	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44 (500)
Friday, November 22, 2019 8:30 a.m. Mass	George and Robert Cadori	Special Intention		1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48 (501)
Saturday, November 23, 2019			St Clement I, Pope and Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot	1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40 (502)
Saturday, November 23, 2019 5:30 p.m. Mass	Helen Lovenduski	Mr. and Mrs. John Bricen	Vigil of Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe	See below
Sunday, November 24, 2019 9:15 a.m. Mass	Living and Deceased Parishioners		Our Lord Jesus, King of the Universe	2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43 (162)

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LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.; **Sunday:** 9:15 a.m.; **Holy Days:** 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.; **Daily:** Mon., Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:30 a.m., No Mass Wednesday

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Groups or individuals wishing to have information published in the bulletin are asked to submit the information in writing, by email or by phone by Monday at 10:00 a.m.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Baptism – A baptism preparation session is required of all parents wishing to have their child(ren) baptized. Parents must be registered parishioners. Sessions are held periodically at parishes throughout the Deanery. It is always preferred that baptisms be celebrated during a regular Sunday Liturgy. Call the Parish office for more information.

Eucharist – Children preparing for Eucharist (Gr. 3) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

Confirmation – High School youth who are entering the 11th grade and who are active in the Faith Formation process or attend a Catholic High School since 9th grade are eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation sessions.

R.C.I.A. – Rite of Christian Initiation for adults are initiated into the Church through this process. Any individual who may be interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church is invited. Please call the Church office.

SACRAMENTS OF VOCATION

Priesthood/Permanent Diaconate – Men who feel that they may be being called to the vocational life of Priesthood or Diaconate can contact the pastor at any time or call the Diocesan Vocation Office at 814-824-1111.

Matrimony – There is a required preparation process which normally includes 3 sessions with the pastor and an Engagement Encounter or Nova experience. Please notify the pastor at least 6 months prior to the anticipated date of marriage.

SACRAMENTS OF HEALING

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick – Is celebrated for all who are seriously ill annually at a parish Liturgy. The Sacrament is also available anytime upon request.

Reconciliation – **The sacrament is celebrated weekly on Saturday from 4:45 – 5:15 p.m., or anytime by request.** Parish Penance services are celebrated during Advent and Lent. Children preparing for Reconciliation (Gr. 2) and who are active in the Faith Formation process (including Catholic School children) are eligible to enter the sacramental preparation sessions.

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