



**Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ November 12, 2017**

**Scripture Meditation: Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 24:42-44**  
 We have an opportunity to check our faith when we proclaim the Creed every Sunday at Mass. We can do this every day in our personal prayer and bring a smile to God's face. **Even if our faith is imperfect, the Lord still smiles!** Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2017*

**CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK**

Sat.	Nov 11	4:30 PM	+FRANK RADER, <i>Anniversary~ Son, Charles and Wife, Marion</i>
Sun.	Nov 12	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL PERKOWSKI~ <i>Perkowski Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+SUSANNE KASCAK ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+BARBARA GEORGETTE ~ <i>Cousin, Eleanor Buda Burke</i>
Mon.	Nov 13	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JORGE SIQUENCIA and ANDRES LOPEZ ~ <i>Rosa Lopez (Prayer Service)</i>
Tues.	Nov 14	7:30 AM	+ALMA BARRY ~ <i>Lynnette &amp; Bob Baroni (Prayer Service)</i>
Wed.	Nov 15	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR JOSE MARIA RODAS and ARACELI GONZALES ~ <i>Rosa Lopez (Prayer Service)</i>
Thurs.	Nov 16	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS & GRACE FOR PHAM LOC <i>(Prayer Service)</i>
Fri.	Nov 17	7:30 AM	+JOSEPH R. GRAND, SR. ~ <i>Wife, Christina &amp; Family</i>
Sat.	Nov 18	8:00 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>The Kubek Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+MARGARET MIHALIK, <i>Anniversary~ Dolores, Robert &amp; Family</i>
Sun.	Nov 19	7:30 AM	+ JAN, +DOROTHY, and +ANNA KOCUR ~ <i>The Kmec Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+EDWARD G. and +SUSANNE KASCAK ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+ANDREW MARCINOV ~ <i>Daughters, Marge &amp; Dianne</i>



**PRAYER CORNER:** Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of Fr. Andy, Ceil Elias, Millie Elias, Raymond Goddu, Katherine Patrick, TJ Recupido  
*If you would like a loved one added to our Prayer Corner or Prayer Board, please call the parish office.*  
**Fr. Andy thanks you for your cards and prayers. His open heart surgery was a success and he is recuperating and eager to return to parish duties.**



**HNJ Faith Formation Program:**  
 Nov .12 ~ Students  
 Confirmation Students: Session 4  
 Nov .19 ~ Students  
 Confirmation Students: Session 5



**Our sympathy and assurance of prayer is extended** to the families of Anna Ziza and Frank Pettinelli who were buried from our church last week.

**Fall Project: This is the last weekend to donate!** Our Faith Formation (Rel.Ed.) program is raising money to feed Thanksgiving Dinners to less fortunate families of Fairfield County at Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Just \$2.50 will provide a complete *Thanksgiving Dinner*. **Your donation can be placed in the container in the Vestibule and will be dropped off at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission on Monday, Nov. 13. Thank you for your generosity!**



**We welcome the Slovak Catholic Sokols Group 2** as they gather to pray and honor the 35<sup>th</sup> annual St. Martin's Day celebration this Sunday at the 11:00AM Mass. We ask God to continue to bless their good work.

**Veteran's Day Blessing**  
*God of peace, we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul and those who have laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom. We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way. Shield them from danger and bring them home. Lord, may the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Amen.*



**YOUTH CHOIR NEWS:**  
 The Youth Choir will rehearse on Wednesday, November 15 in the Church Choir Loft from 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM.  
**Our Youth Choir will be singing at the 9:00 AM Mass on Sunday, November 19 – please join us.**



**The Ladies Guild will be selling Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) before and after Mass for four weekends starting November 25/26 and ending on December 16/17.** Cost is \$3.00 for a package of 6 wafers. Oplatky will also be available at the parish office.

**Evangelization Corner:** *The wise virgins seek Christ, who is the wisdom of God. Today's readings urge us to seek Christ at all costs and to be prepared for the joy of finding him, at unexpected moments and in unexpected places.*



**The Annual Christmas Bake Sale sponsored by the Ladies Guild, will take place December 3. Orders will only be taken by phone, "First Come – First Served" starting THIS WEEKEND.**

Nut & Poppy Rolls are \$12.00 each; Bobalki is \$4.00 for a quart package. To place your order, call Gert Balamaci, 203-377-3597 or Dolores Mihalik 203-378-3426. **Orders will be taken, for all items, until the available supply runs out!** Orders must be picked up on Sunday, December 3 between 10:00 AM and 12:00 Noon, in the Parish Hall.

**The Ladies Guild will hold their Christmas party on Tuesday, December 12 at Vazzy's, Bridgeport (across from Treeland) with cocktails at 6:00 PM and a buffet dinner at 6:30 PM.**



Menu consists of Garden Salad & Breadsticks, Stuffed Pork Tenderloin, Chicken Florentine, Meat Lasagna, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Coffee, Tea, Soda, and an Italian Cookie tray. Cost is \$25.00. **Please call your reservation in to Nancy Vietri at 203-685-8147 by the cut-off date of December 3.** All dinners must be paid for in advance via the collection basket marked "Guild Christmas Dinner" or dropped off at the parish office during normal business hours. Those wishing to participate should bring a \$5.00 Grab Bag. Members are also asked to bring an unwrapped toy for a girl or boy or a monetary donation for the poor.

**A Thanksgiving Clothes Drive will be held** to benefit a local nursing home. Please look through your closets for clean, gently worn clothes you no longer need. The clothes may be dropped



off in the church vestibule. We have requests for both male and female clothes especially polyester slacks, shirts, tee shirts, sweaters, pj's, socks, etc.

**Mens extra large sizes are particularly needed.** Also, toiletries are being collected to benefit the homeless.

**We will collect starting next weekend through Dec. 3.** Thanks for supporting this worthwhile cause. Any questions please call the parish office.



**The Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport's next meeting will be Thursday, November 30 at 7:00PM in the School Meeting Room.** Any one of Slovak/Slavic decent or is married to a Slovak/Slavic is invited to attend and become a member.

**St Joseph High School Class of '67 held their 50<sup>th</sup> Class Reunion which was attended by the following**



**Holy Name of Jesus School alumni:**

Mike Cepeteli, Dave Danowski,  
Lawrence Firmender, Lou Laccavole,  
Dave Miller, Paul Scioletti and Sue Sepelak.

**Our Holy Name Quilters** have beautiful full size afghans, hats and scarves available for anyone in need - at no cost. **BLANKETS MADE WITH LOVE** - perfect for the cold weather. Call the parish office.

**Next week's second collection** is for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT NEWS: Calling all children and teenagers (grades 1-12) of our parish! Once again you are invited to participate in our annual Christmas Eve Pageant, held on Christmas Eve BEFORE the 4:30 PM Christmas Eve Vigil Mass. The pageant begins promptly at 4:00 PM and ends at 4:25 PM.**



**Grades 1 through 12 – we need a cast of characters** to include: Shepherds, Shepherdess, Wisemen, Angels, Holy Mother Mary and St. Joseph. Please come to the costume fitting held in the church on **Wed. Nov. 15 from 5:30 PM to 6:15 PM.** Parents should stay for this initial meeting.

**Cast rehearsals will be held on Wed. Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 from 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM and Wed. Dec. 20 from 5:30 PM to 7:00PM.\*\*\***



**If you like to sing** and are in grades 4 through 12, please come to the choir rehearsals, held in the church choir loft, from **5:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Wed. Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 and Wed. Dec. 20 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.\*\*\***

*Participants need to attend all the rehearsals, unless prior arrangements are made.* If you would like to participate, please complete the Christmas Pageant Participation Form found at the entrances of the church and bring it with you to the first rehearsal/practice.

**\*\*\*A Cast & Choir Pizza Party to be held in the Hall beginning 6:15 PM. (Wed. Dec. 20)**  
Any questions: please call Nina DeMasi 203-394-3657

**The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal - As of October 29, we have received contributions from 181 of our parish families. 1 gift of \$2000, 6 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 1 gift of \$600, 4 gifts of \$500, 59 gifts of \$100-\$400, and 109 gifts of \$1- \$75 for a total of \$23,266.** OUR GOAL is to reach \$35,000 before the end of December 2017. \*If you do not have envelopes, please use the white envelopes at the Church entrances.

**Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Nov. 5, 2017**

Operating Costs – Weekly amount needed to meet expenses of all five buildings ...\$11,000

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,369
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day\$	3,947
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 9,316
Shortfall.....	\$ 1,684

**Fiscal year to date overview**

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 19	\$ 209,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 190,190
Shortfall .....	\$ 18,810

**Join Bishop Caggiano and the Diocesan Youth Choir for the annual Arise and Shine Christmas Concert at the Regina Quick Center on the campus of Fairfield University at 7:00 p.m. on December 17, 2017.** Tickets are general admission and are available online and at the box office for \$20. <http://bridgeportdiocese.com>