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good and faithful servant

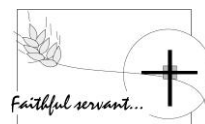
### Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time ✕ November 19, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

We can do great things for God. We can use our talents to help make this world a better place. Let's pray today for all who are suffering in the world and join Jesus in bringing his peace and security to everyone. Printed with the permission of *The Word Among Us 2017*

### CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Nov 18	8:00 AM	+BETTY KARCSINSKI ~ <i>The Kubek Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+MARGARET MIHALIK, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>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>
Mon.	Nov 20	7:30 AM	+JOHN PAPIN, SR. ~ <i>Wife, Agnes</i>
Tues.	Nov 21	7:30 AM	GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR ELVIN TAVERAS DURAN ~ <i>Rosa Lopez</i>
Wed.	Nov 22	7:30 AM	+HELENA MARCIN ~ <i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. John Ivak (Prayer Service)</i>
Thurs.	Nov 23	8:00 AM	+ANNA and +WILLIAM LASHINSKY ~ <i>Mary Ann Salvaggio</i>
Fri.	Nov 24	7:30 AM	+SISTER KAREN WILSON, SSCM ~ <i>Anniversary (Prayer Service)</i>
Sat.	Nov 25	8:00 AM	+EDWARD YEOMANS ~ <i>Wife &amp; Children</i>
		And	+JENNIE SEKELSY ~ <i>The Family</i>
		4:30 PM	+MARGARET ANDRISO, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>Daughter, Marion and husband, Charles Rader</i>
Sun.	Nov 26	7:30 AM	+FRANK and +LUCY CANTAFIO and +JAY SANDOR ~ <i>Connie Sandor</i>
		9:00 AM	+SISTER OKSANA MARY ANN IWASCZYSZYN ~ <i>The Kmec Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+ROSE BALOGNA ~ <i>The Family</i>



#### PRAYER CORNER: Your prayers are requested for the

sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of



Fr. Andy, Msgr. Cuneo,  
James Bepko, Ceil Elias, Millie Elias,  
Raymond Goddu, TJ Recupido

If you would like a loved one added to our Prayer Corner or Prayer Board, please call the parish office.

Our sympathy and assurance of prayer is extended to the family of **Anthony Dipasquale** who was buried from our church this past week.



**Thanksgiving Day:** Morning Mass will be celebrated at 8:00AM

The Parish office will be closed on Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov. 24.

**YOUTH CHOIR NEWS:** Our Youth Choir will NOT rehearse on Wed., Nov. 22 due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The Youth Choir will resume rehearsals on Wed., Nov. 29 at 5:15 PM to 6:30 PM in the Church Choir Loft.

**Evangelization Corner:** *God's faithful people, women and men alike, praise God by their lives of faithful, often unsung labor, as they put their gifts to use in the service of family, friends, neighbors, and strangers. Their reward is assured, though love, not reward, is their motive.*



Watch for the **Christmas Giving Tree** coming next weekend, November 25 & 26!

**HNJ Faith Formation Program:** Nov. 19 ~ Students  
**Confirmation Students: Session 5**  
Nov. 26 ~ No classes ~ Thanksgiving Break



Sr. Joseph Therese, our Faith Formation teachers and students thank all who donated to help feed Thanksgiving Dinners to less fortunate families of Fairfield County at Bridgeport Rescue Mission. Our Faith Formation students along with HNJ parishioners raised \$288.50 which will feed 115 people. Thank you!

☺ *We wish all our parishioners, families and friends an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday. May God bless you as you gather this day to give thanks to the Lord for the many gifts He bestows.* ☺ Fr. Andy, Msgr. Cuneo, Fr. Maty, All our visiting Priests, Deacon Mike, Sr. Gloria Marie, Sr. Joseph Therese, and the Parish staff & volunteers.

~ **Gratitude** ~ Thank you, Father, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health and for grace. May we live this and every day conscious of all that has been given to us.  
*From The Catholic Prayer Book*



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**BAKE SALE**


**The Annual CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE sponsored by the Ladies Guild, will take place December 3. Orders are now being taken by phone only.** ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

**"First Come - First Served".** 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 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.

**The Ladies Guild will hold their Christmas party on Tues., Dec. 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.




**Our Holy Name of Jesus Men's Society will hold their Annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 7, 6:00 PM at the Blue Goose Restaurant.** Dinner choices are Roast Prime Rib au jus, Baked Stuffed Jumbo Shrimp & Chicken Marsala or Fresh Atlantic Salmon. Complimentary hot Hors D'oeuvres will be served. All entrees served with Homemade Bread and butter, Fresh Garden Salad with house dressing, Baked Potato, Vegetable du jour, Dessert and Coffee or Tea. Total person cost \$32 for members and \$38.50 for nonmembers. **The deadline for reservations is December 3. Please contact Larry Wells at 203-375-2836 or lawman56@optonline.net**



**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. **Clothes may be dropped off in the church vestibule beginning this weekend until the weekend of Dec. 2/3.** Men & Women's clothes are needed. Also, toiletries are being collected to benefit the homeless.

**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 – LAST CALL FOR CHARACTERS!** **If you have not been fitted for a costume please come to the first rehearsal, held in the church on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM.**




**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.**\*\*\*

**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.**

\*\*\***There will NOT be a rehearsal on Wed. Nov. 22** due to the Thanksgiving holiday\*\*\*\*\*

*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 Slovak Alliance of Greater Bridgeport's next meeting** will be Thurs., Nov. 30 at 7:00PM in the School Meeting Room. **The Slovak Alliance Christmas Party will be held on December 17 from 1:00 PM- 5:00 PM at the Mill River Country Club in Stratford.** Vinny Carr will be providing the afternoon's entertainment! Buffet Menu. For info-please call Marta Suchyak 203-377-1874 or Monique Antonelli 203-878-2214 by December 11.



**The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal -** As of November 12, we have received contributions from 183 of our parish families. 1 gift of \$2000, 6 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 1 gift of \$600, 4 gifts of \$500, 61 gifts of \$100-\$400, and 109 gifts of \$1- \$75 for a total of **\$23,666.** OUR GOAL is to reach \$35,000 before the end of December 2017.

**Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Nov. 12, 2017**

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

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 5,770
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day	\$ 992
School Lease Income.....	\$ 15,462
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 22,224
Surplus.....	\$ 11,224

**Fiscal year to date overview**

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 20	\$ 220,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 212,414
Shortfall .....	\$ 7,586

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever. Psalms 118.1*