



## Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time ✠ November 5, 2017

Scripture Meditation: Malachi 1:14-2:2, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9,13; Matthew 23:1-12

Whatever you do today, make sure it is built on a foundation of love.  
Ask the Holy Spirit to show you God's love and ask him to help you share  
your love with just one person today. God can take it from there!

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### CELEBRATION OF MASSES THIS WEEK

Sat.	Nov 4	4:30 PM	+ANTHONY, +CECELIA, +VINCENT LUPO ~ <i>Lupo &amp; Vittorio Families</i>
Sun.	Nov 5	7:30 AM	+JOHN and +KRISTINA KMETZ ~ <i>The Kmec Family</i>
		9:00 AM	+BARBARA TRACY ~ <i>The Family</i>
		11:00 AM	+STEVE N. GREGA ~ <i>Cousin, Eleanor Buda Burke</i>
Mon.	Nov 6	7:30 AM	+JOSEPH GRESKO, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>The Children</i> (Prayer Service)
Tues.	Nov 7	7:30 AM	+HELENA MARCIN ~ <i>Mrs. Maria Petrus</i> (Prayer Service)
Wed.	Nov 8	7:30 AM	+MSGR. FRANK WISSEL ~ <i>Pham Loc &amp; Family</i> (Prayer Service)
Thurs.	Nov 9	7:30 AM	+MICHAEL KMEC ~ <i>Friends of Michael</i> (Prayer Service)
Fri.	Nov 10	7:30 AM	+CARMEN TRINGHESE ~ <i>Wife, Cathy</i>
Sat.	Nov 11	8:00 AM	+COMMUNITY MASS
		4:30 PM	+FRANK RADER, <i>Anniversary</i> ~ <i>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>

Give glory to my name



**PRAYER CORNER:** Your prayers are requested for the sick and the suffering. Please pray for the good health of:



Fr. Andy, Ceil Elias,

Raymond Goddu, Karen Tringhese

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

**Youth Choir News:** Our Youth Choir rehearses 5:15 PM to 6:15 PM, Wednesdays, in the Church Choir Loft. \*\*\*\*Our **Adult Choir is seeking new members.** Rehearsals are held on Sundays at 10:00 AM in the Church Choir loft.



**Sanctuary Candles for the month of November** are in Loving Memory of the Kmec and Kocer Families



**The St. Joseph Altar Candle for the month of November** is given in Loving Memory of Marion and Joseph Gresko by the Children

**Our next Community Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, Nov. 11, at 8:00 AM.** If you would like to have your loved ones remembered at this Mass, please call the parish office at 203-375-5815 by Thursday morning.

#### HNJ Faith Formation Program:

Nov. 5 ~ Students and Parent Reconciliation Workshop at the Convent.

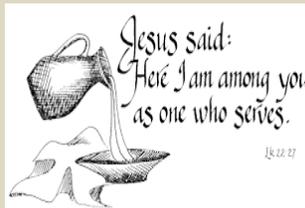
Confirmation Students: no class

Nov. 12 ~ Students

Confirmation Students: Session 4



#### SSCM SERVANT LEADERSHIP AWARD



Sunday, October 29, the Sisters of Saint Cyril and Methodius honored 31 outstanding high school Juniors and Seniors who demonstrate servant leadership in their parish,

school and community. These young men and women from dioceses in Pennsylvania, New York and Connecticut were nominated and selected by members of their parish. **Sister Joseph Therese nominated two of our high school parishioners, Justin Ickowitz and Joseph Ricco.** The Sisters focus in presenting this award is on teens who have stayed active in their faith and parish beyond their Confirmation. **Justin and Joseph were selected because they show in all that they do that they are joyful witnesses, compassionate proclaimers and enthusiastic builders of the Kingdom of God.**

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU BOTH!

Also, the two boys had the opportunity to honor one person as a mentor who had encouraged them to generously use time and talents as a follower of Jesus. Justin chose his Grandmother, Patricia Krekoska and Joseph chose his Mom and Dad, Deborah and Charles Ricco.

**Our Parish Nurses are available this weekend, Nov. 4 & 5,** to take blood pressure readings and answer any medical concerns. The nurses will be in the Church Vestibule - Confessional Room following all the weekend Masses.



**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 Guild of the Mother of Jesus Membership will gather for their "Wine & Cheese Social" on Wednesday, November 8, at 7:00PM in the parish hall.**

Non-alcoholic beverages will also be available. **Bring a friend and join us for this fun evening.** A business meeting will follow to discuss the upcoming Christmas Bake Sale and Christmas party. Refreshments will be served and members are asked to bring a new item for the small raffle table. **New members are always welcome.**

**Fall Project: Our Faith Formation (Rel.Ed.) program is raising money to feed Thanksgiving Dinners to the less fortunate families of Fairfield County at Bridgeport Rescue Mission.**



**Just \$2.50** will provide a complete Thanksgiving Dinner consisting of turkey, dressing, potatoes,

gravy, vegetables and dessert. *Also, your donation serves up a heaping side of hope to someone who otherwise would spend Thanksgiving hungry and alone.* Your donations can be placed in the offertory basket or the container placed in the Vestibule and will be collected from Sunday Oct. 29 through Nov. 12, and dropped off at the Bridgeport Rescue Mission on Monday, Nov. 13. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**Financial Support of our Parish-Week of Oct. 29, 2017**

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

Sunday Collection .....	\$ 3,971
Other Collections: Annual, Monthly, Holy Day\$	126
Total Weekly Income.....	\$ 4,097
Shortfall.....	\$ 6,903

**Fiscal year to date overview**

Operating Costs Year to Date: \$11,000 x 18	\$ 198,000
Actual Weekly Income Year to date:	\$ 180,874
Shortfall .....	\$ 17,126

**The Holy Name of Jesus Church Annual Appeal - As of October 29, we have received contributions from 180 of our parish families. 1 gift of \$2000, 6 gifts of \$1000, 1 gift of \$750, 1 gift of \$600, 4 gifts of \$500, 58 gifts of \$100-\$400, and 109 gifts of \$1- \$75 for a total of \$23,116.** 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.

**The second collection next week is our HNJ Utility FUEL Collection.** *Thank you for your generosity.*

**National Vocation Awareness Week, November 5 -11.** **All vocations begin with prayer.** *"Behind and before every vocation there is always the strong and intense prayer of a grandmother, a grandfather, a mother, a father, a community"* Pope Francis

**Are people entering religious life today?**

Yes, a sense of call, service and prayer continue to attract people to religious life. Most religious institutes have at least one person who has entered the community recently. The average age someone first considers religious life is 19 years old, so it's not uncommon for high school students and young adults to ask questions about vocations. Every year in the United States, over 100 women and men become religious sisters, brothers or priests. There are over 1 million nuns, sisters, brothers and priests in the world today. **See the pamphlet insert in today's bulletin "10 questions people ask about vocations to religious life"** NRVC



**The First Kind of Indifference - Reflections from Pope Francis**

"The first kind of indifference in human society is indifference to God, which then leads to indifference to one's neighbor and to the environment. This is one of the grave consequences of a false humanism and practical materialism allied to relativism and nihilism. We have come to think that we are the source and creator of ourselves, our lives, and society. We feel self-sufficient, prepared not only to find a substitute for God but also to do completely without him. As a consequence, we feel that we owe nothing to anyone but ourselves, and we claim only rights." **Reflection:** Have you ever felt like you owe nothing to anyone but yourself or that everything you have is the result of your own efforts? What or who helped you to see that the rights you claim also involve responsibilities to God and to others? [www/osv.com](http://www.osv.com)



**Spend a few minutes with Pope Francis each day. These daily reflections are sure to deepen your Catholic faith journey. Our Sunday Visitor** brings to you these daily reflections and other current topics such as *Spiritual Connections, Moral Medical Decisions* and *The Value of Suffering* - all found on our HNJ website [hnojchurch.org](http://hnojchurch.org)

**St. Mark School in Stratford at 500 Wigwam Lane is having a PreK & Kindergarten Open House on Sunday, November 12 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.** All families are invited to tour their school and see why students and parents love it so much. For more information call 203-375-4291.

**Evangelization Corner:** The prophet warns the priests of Israel and Jesus warns the scribes and Pharisees because these venerable religious leaders have turned away from God and relied on their own lights instead. If they could do so, how much more easily can we! The warning and the call to turn back to the Lord are for all of us.