

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 12, 2017**



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton
Bill Vogt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Marie Beggan

10:00 A.M. Adoracion Pascua
Joseph Nolan, Sr.
Bill Vogt

12:00 P.M. Joey Longo
Hafong Family
Intentions of Teresita Romero
Gustavo Haro

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2017

8:00 A.M. Renato Matteazzi

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

8:00 A.M. Philip Barbera

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

8:00 A.M. Nunzio DiLaura

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2017

8:00 A.M. Edward & Catherine Howe
Angelika Wenzing

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

5:30 P.M. Mary & Joseph Purcella
Danowski Family
George Breyer

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Cecelia Sagan

10:00 A.M. Bill Vogt
Elizabeth Telep Bowie
Rudy Siano

12:00 P.M. Tom Norton
Keyshia Frye Berenguela

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK: Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Ron Moebius
Nina Margossian Tom Guzowski Audrey Grace Higgins
Gary Ragusa Silverio Conte Alex Haines Helen Dacunto
Baby Michael Soojian Jan Hongo Susan Nichols-Boggio
Baby Ryder Sasso Carmela Fusco Frank Morici
Frances De Maria Dorothea King Jerome Foray
Gabe Bellantoni Manuel Esguerra Eileen McPartland
Rosemary Liebman Cenia Soto Frank Sanclementi
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Sandra Pacifico
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone Evelyn Means
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo George Link
James Quinn Harriet Pairo Ava Rae Nebbia Amida Jaloudi
DECEASED: George Breyer

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$6,766.50
Thank you for your continued support.

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Gustavo Haro requested by Armando Haro.

Dear Friends in Christ:



In the Gospel Reading from St. Matthew, we hear about *'The Parable of Ten Virgins,'* where the

Evangelist changes the emphasis on the theme of eternal life to stress the necessity of being awake and prepared for the Lord's coming and the definitive establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus tells of a division between those who prepare themselves for the patient wait for the proverbial spouse and those who do not. He speaks of a lost opportunity as those who should have been ready are shut out.

Jesus tells this parable to impress his followers of the supreme need of vigilance and watchfulness. The parable shows that some of his followers, who have been chosen to play a special role in the nuptials of Christ with his Church, will forfeit their place at the eternal nuptials in heaven through their carelessness and not positive malice. The image Jesus gave of marriage regarding the Kingdom of Heaven was easily understood by his listeners.

The bridegroom is Christ, the Lord. The bride is the Church. The ten virgins represent the totality of the members of the Church, as they await the Lord's coming. On the basis of what happens later on, five are described as wise or sensible and five as foolish. Their wisdom here consists in their taking prudent steps to do what they need to do in order to come face to face with their Lord. The lamps, which all the virgins had, could represent faith which all Christians have. The oil, which some of them had and others did not, would then represent good works. A lamp without oil is like faith without good works - dead and useless.

Our preparedness to meet the Lord is something that is ultimately only our responsibility. No one can say *'Yes'* to Christ on my behalf. So, while the foolish virgins went off to make up for lost and wasted time, those who were ready went into the wedding hall. Then the door was locked. All are invited, but not all get inside. All are called but few are among the chosen ones. This is not due to any partiality on the bridegroom's part but because of the tardiness of some in responding to the invitation. The locked door means that access to Jesus is not automatic or to be altogether taken for granted. And that is precisely the warning in today's parable - "Therefore, stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour."

**Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
Feast Day: November 24**

Andrew Dung-Lac was a Catholic convert. He was ordained as a priest and was one of the 117 Catholics martyred in Vietnam between 1820 and 1862. Other members of his group of companions died for Christ in the 17th, 18th, and 19th centuries. These martyrs received beatification during four different occasions between 1900 and 1951. All were canonized by Saint John Paul II.

Christianity came to Vietnam through the Portuguese. Jesuits opened the first permanent mission at Da Nang in 1615. They ministered to Japanese Catholics who had been driven from Japan. Severe persecutions were launched at least three times in the 19th century. During the six decades after 1820, between 100,000 and 300,000 Catholics were killed or subjected to great hardship. Foreign missionaries martyred in the first wave included priests of the Paris Mission Society, and Spanish Dominican priests and tertiaries.

In 1832, Emperor Minh-Mang banned all foreign missionaries, and tried to make all Vietnamese deny their faith by trampling on a crucifix. Like the priest-holes in Ireland during English persecution, many hiding places were offered in homes of the faithful. Persecution broke out again in 1847, when the emperor suspected foreign missionaries and Vietnamese Christians of sympathizing with a rebellion led by one of his sons.

The last of the martyrs were 17 laypersons, one of them a 9-year-old, executed in 1862. That year a treaty with France guaranteed religious freedom to Catholics, but it did not help to stop the persecution.

By 1954, there were over a million Catholics in the north; about seven percent of the population. Buddhists represented about 60 percent. Persistent persecution forced more than 670,000 Catholics to abandon lands, homes and possessions and flee to the south. In 1964, there were still 833,000 Catholics in the north, but many were in prison. In the south, Catholics were enjoying the first decade of religious freedom in centuries, their numbers swelled by refugees. During the Vietnamese war, Catholics again suffered in the north, and again moved to the south in great numbers. Now reunited, the entire country is under Communist rule.

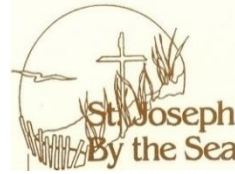
Most of us still remember the War in Vietnam very clearly, and some of the memories are bitter. Many of us had loved ones who served in the armed forces there and were either killed or badly wounded. We continue to hear the question, "Why were we there?", and it remains a difficult one. These Saints can help us to reflect on the fact that people in every nation bear the cross of persecution for their Catholic faith and need our prayers.

KIDNEY NEEDED

There is a parishioner in our parish who needs, most of all, your prayers, but who is in need of a kidney. Sometimes just knowing of a need or talking about it, brings amazing results. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

LADIES GUILD CHRISTMAS SALE

The Ladies Guild will be holding their Christmas Sale on the weekend of December 2nd & 3rd in the Narthex after all weekend Masses. Plan on stopping by to see the great items they have available for Christmas giving.



400 Route 35 North
South Mantoloking, NJ 08738

Our mission as Religious Teachers Filippini is to "Go forth and teach the Word of God." Our ministry on this holy ground is for the people of God who come to St. Joseph By the Sea for soul searching, trying to find peace in their lives and a God who understands them.

November 15, 2017 - MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS - In his first year as Pontiff, Pope Francis encouraged the whole Christian community to pray to Mary, Undoer of Knots. On this day you will have time to reflect deeply with Mary, and offer her the knots in your life. Lunch and Mass included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Paulette Cicero, M.Th., CSD) Cost: \$50

November 21, 2017 - FRIENDS OF BILL W. – An Evening For Sponsor/Sponsee - Sponsors bring your sponsee for an evening of fellowship. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. A speaker presentation will follow. (Also offered on **September 19, 2017**) Arrival: 5:30 p.m./Departure: 8:00 p.m. (Speakers) Cost: \$20

November 28, 2017 - FRIENDS OF LOIS W. – Spiritual Focus For Women in Al-Anon - An evening of fellowship for women in Al-Anon. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. A speaker presentation will follow. Arrival: 5:30 .m./Departure: 8:00 p.m. (Speakers) Cost: \$20. Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information. Visit our website: www.sjbsea.org

Sister Brunilda Ramos, M.P.F.
Director

PART-TIME CRE POSITION

Our Lady of Fatima, Highland Lakes has a part-time position available for a Coordinator of Religious Education. Interested applicants are asked to call 973-764-4457.

HOLY HOUR

Please join us on Nov. 18th for our monthly Faith Renewal Holy Hour filled with adoration, contemporary music, meditation and prayer at 4:30PM followed by our Faith Renewal Mass at 5:30PM. Let us all come together and enter the mystery of our Lord's presence in the Eucharist and personally encounter Jesus Christ. Our Faith Renewal mass is for those who prefer an upbeat, more lively worship experience, this Mass with Contemporary Music offers live music with guitars, keyboard and vocalists. Our Faith Renewal Mass will be held every third Saturday of the month. For young adults, teens, families with children, or Catholics of all ages who are young at heart, this Mass is a vibrant worship experience. We would like to invite you to become involved with our Faith Renewal Team and help us come up with new and wonderful, creative fellowship events. We are looking for talented musicians, either vocally or an instrument, who would like to share their talents. For more information or for ways to get involved in this ministry, please email us at stfrancisfaithrenewal@gmail.com.

CHAPEL RENOVATION TREE



The donor tree has been placed on the wall in the chapel for all to see. Everyone is invited to stop in and see. We thank all donors who made the renovation of our chapel possible, whether it was large or small. It was renovated through the generosity of our parishioners. We ask that everyone takes into consideration that these leaves are delicate and cannot be moved and we appreciate that you look and don't touch. **Thank you!**

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
In Giving We Receive

After decades of service to our parishes, our diocesan priests have the opportunity to live at Nazareth Village in Chester. A number of our priests reside there while also serving parishes by celebrating Mass. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal helps support Nazareth Village. Your pledge is a great way to recognize the generous gift of their priestly vocation. Please make a gift to the Annual Appeal today as a way of showing thanks.

Gifts, Gifts-What to do with Them

We all have some God given gifts that are special. God gave us these gifts so that we could better serve man and Him. What special gifts do you have? Did God gift you with a clear resonate voice? Did he endow you with a very wonderful gift of generosity? Do you have a strong gift of empathy? Does your gift incline you to service? Whatever your gift is, our parish can put it to serving our God.

Our parish is in need of Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and persons to participate in the Lazarus Group. You can lend your hands and spirit to the distribution of the Eucharist. You can participate in proclaiming the word of God by serving as a lector. The Lazarus group is unique. Its members participate in the serving of Mass, distribution of Communion, and the proclaiming of the word by serving as a lector at funeral masses. Proclaim your Gifts in His Service! Luke in his gospel said." For unto whomever much is given, of him shall be much required." Please call the rectory to express your interest in one of these ministries.

"THE HARVEST"

We all wish to help in some way when word of people in need reaches us. Well, there has been an increasing need for food supplements in our area. All of us can help by contributing any of the items listed below. Together we can make a tremendous difference. There will be containers in the Narthex to receive your weekly donations.

GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!

Food drive items:

- Supermarket gift cards
- Canned meats (spam, ham, corned beef, etc.)
- Canned fish (tuna, salmon)
- Canned soups - Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned or jarred pasta sauce
- Pasta (all types)
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Hot and cold cereals
- Powdered milk & Parmalat milk
- Peanut butter & Jelly
- Canned, naturally sweetened juices
- Crackers
- Boxed rice or bean products
- Hygiene products
- Healthy meal bars

HEALING MASS

A Healing Mass will be held in the church at 11:00 AM on Saturday, November 18, 2017. Come and pray for yourself or for loved ones; we all need some sort of healing - of body, mind, or spirit. Family members and friends are welcome. Mass will be followed by a light lunch in the church hall, served by the Ladies' Guild.

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Frank & Sandy Polglaze

LECTORS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

7:30 A.M. Erika Reid

10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer

12 NOON Armando Haro

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini & Karen Cisco

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan

10:00 A.M. Jackie & Annie Rivera

12 NOON John Arendas & Matt Kampff

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2017

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid

10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue

12 NOON Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

Tim Kenny

ST. FRANCIS LADIES GUILD
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
AT
“BRADY’S PRIME 15”

Monday, December 4, 2017
6:30 PM
\$37.00
(Tax & Gratuity included)

MENU

(1st Course) Mozzarella in Carozza

(2nd Course) House Salad

(3rd Course) Penne with Basil sauce

(4th Course) Chicken Francaise
Choice of 1 Coconut Encrusted Tilapia
Filet Mignon

(5th Course) Cheesecake **or** Apple Pie
Coffee, Tea, Soda

No prior dinner choice of the 4th course is required. You will tell the server your request at dinnertime.

LIMITED SEATING. To reserve your seat, please call
Claire Kressaty – 973-835-9344 or stop by the rectory with your payment for
your dinner.

If you have a seating request, please drop it off at the rectory to:
ATTN: Claire Kressaty.

Deadline for reservations is December 1st. No exceptions will be made.