

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 5, 2017**



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017**

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton  
Ann Langley  
Dorothy Pieretti  
In Thanksgiving  
Joseph Trentacosta

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017**

7:30 A.M. Parishioners  
Edward & Doris Bacigalupo  
Joan Brancaccio

10:00 A.M. Bill Vogt  
Al Arduino  
Joseph C. Longo  
Dorothy & Frank Orofino  
Shirley & Roy Parian  
Elizabeth Telep Bowie  
Rudy Siano  
Margaret & Walter Puzio

12:00 P.M. Elizabeth Telep Bowie  
William Eaves, Jr.

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Joe Hummel  
Maria & Pietro Riotta  
Intentions of Anthony D'Agostino

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Antoinette Assidio

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

8:00 A.M. Regina Sullivan

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2017**

8:00 A.M. John Bisaccio

**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

**Pray daily for the safety of our servicemen and women serving their country.**

**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 Cenelia 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

**DECEASED:** Our Deceased Loved Ones

**WEEKLY OFFERING**

Sunday – \$5,083.50

Thank you for your continued support.



**Dear friends in Christ,**

The Gospel of Matthew today reminds us that the greatest is the one who serves. This calls us to examine our consciences towards God, towards one another and towards ourselves. We can find that we don't always like serving--and that is normal. The challenge is to choose serving, not necessarily to like it. We can find that we break faith with God and others and ourselves--and that is normal. The challenge is to renew our faith, to repent and to ask pardon.

We are all one in Christ! Each day and especially on Sundays we are invited to deepen that relationship in Christ, with one another and also with ourselves. We come to celebrate Eucharist to renew these relationships and to know once again the love that Christ has for us. Like all love, we can become accustomed to how things are and forget the incredible gift that comes to us with love.

When we ask ourselves if we have broken faith, it is not because we want to think badly of ourselves or condemn ourselves. Instead, it is an invitation to renew our covenants and to allow God to work ever more profoundly within us. We come for healing, not for condemnation.

When we ask ourselves if we serve, it is not to think badly of ourselves when we see that we have been self-serving and not serving others. Rather, it is an invitation to start serving once again and to rejoice in the serving even when we may not want to serve. We rejoice because we know that we are trying to do what our Lord and Master has asked of us.

This Sunday is a time of refreshment in the Lord. It is a time to give thanks, to celebrate Eucharist, to delight in God's love. Yes, we always begin with penitence, because we want to love more. Yet we don't stay at the level of penitence. We are invited to live as Christ's own friends and His beloved. Let us rejoice in the Lord.

**Saint Cecilia**

**Feast Day: November 22**

Cecilia was a Roman girl who lived at the end of the fifth century. She was born to a patrician family, and was raised as a Christian. She fasted often, and wore a coarse garment beneath her rich clothing. She wished to remain a virgin, but her father required her to be engaged to a young pagan named Valerian. When the wedding day came, Cecilia sat apart from the guests, repeating psalms and praying. After the wedding ceremony, when the guests had gone home, Cecilia tried to explain her feelings to Valerian. She told him she already had a lover, an angel of God, who was very jealous. Valerian was both angry and afraid. He said, "Show me this angel. If he is of God, I shall refrain, as you wish, but if he is a human lover, you both must die." Cecilia answered, "If you believe in the one true and living God and receive the water of baptism, then you shall see the angel." Valerian agreed. Since this was a time of persecutions in Rome, he had to look hard for a priest. He found a bishop named Urban, who was in hiding among the tombs of the martyrs. The bishop baptized him. When the young husband

returned, he found an angel with flaming wings standing beside Cecilia. The angel placed chaplets of roses and lilies on their heads. The brother of Valerian, Tiburtius, was also converted; and after being baptized he also experienced many wonderful things.

Valerian and Tiburtius devoted themselves to good works and they made it their special duty to give proper burial to those Christians who were put to death by order of the Roman prefect Almachius. The two brothers themselves were soon sentenced for refusing to sacrifice to Jupiter. Maximus, a Roman officer charged with their execution, was converted by a vision that came to him in the hour of their death. After professing Christianity, he was also martyred. The three were buried by Cecilia, and a little later she herself was also sentenced to death. When Cecilia refused to renounce her faith, the Roman prefect gave an order that she was to be suffocated in her own bathroom. She survived this attempt on her life, so a soldier was sent to behead her. He struck at her neck three times, then left her lying, still alive, for it was against the law to strike a fourth time. She lingered on for three days. In dying, she bequeathed all her goods to the poor, and her house to the bishop for a Christian place of worship. She was buried in the crypt of the Caecilii at the catacomb of St. Callistus.

In the ninth century, Pope Paschal I moved the remains of many martyrs from the catacombs to new churches within the city; the relics of St. Cecilia, her husband, his brother, and the Roman officer Maximus, were all placed in the church of St. Cecilia. The origin of her veneration as a patron of music is unknown to us, but artists of later times have often depicted her at the organ, singing God's praise or listening to a choir of angels.

For over a thousand years St. Cecilia has been one of the most venerated martyrs of the early Church; she is among the seven martyrs named in the Canon of the Mass.

## 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

### *In Giving, We Receive*

It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary schools and our priests' retirement residence. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to the parish directly for its own needs. Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. Please make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org) Thank you!

### **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. So, in your conversations, you may want to bring this topic up because you never know whose ears that this story falls upon, might be the lifesaving ones. But, above all, prayers are priceless. Thank you and God bless you.

## “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. And calling all children! When you go with Mom or Dad to the grocery store, instead of buying a little something for yourself, search for a food that a boy or girl of your age would welcome in their time of need.

Together we can make a tremendous difference in the lives that beg for that temporary boost. There will be containers in the Narthex to receive your weekly donations. From time to time we may ask for less of something and more of others.

## **GOD BLESS YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Food drive items:

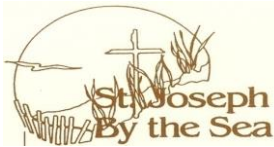
- Supermarket gift cards
- Canned meats (spam, ham, corned beef, etc.)
- Canned fish (tuna, salmon)
- Canned soups
- Canned fruit
- Canned vegetables
- Canned or jarred pasta sauce
- Pasta (all types)
- Boxed macaroni and cheese
- Hot and cold cereals
- Powdered milk
- Parmalat milk
- Peanut butter
-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

**One item from a few can soon build a hill,  
One item from many – a mountain!**



### **Stewardship in God's Service**

St. Peter tells us: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace.... How can we do this? It is rather simple. 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 stewardship. Please call the rectory to express your interest in one of these ministries.



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.

**Upcoming Retreats:**

**December 1-3, 2017-ADVENT SILENT WEEKEND** - In December stillness, this weekend provides time away from our daily cares to listen to Isaiah’s dream, awaiting the birth of God’s Anointed One. This retreat offers time for reflection, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Mass. Arrival: 6:30–7:00 p.m./Departure: 1:00 p.m. (Presenters: Staff and Visiting Directors) Cost: \$215

**December 4, 2017-STIRRING THE STORY OF CHRISTMAS IN OUR HEARTS** - This day you will hear the “Stirring Story of Christmas” as your hearts are waiting at a time where words of assurance, balm for a despairing heart and the Christ is born again in the power of hope and the candle of compassion. Lunch included. Arrival: 9:00 a.m./ Departure: 2:00 p.m. (Presenter: Sr. JoAnne Jones, RSM, Ph.D) Cost: \$50

**December 13, 2017-QUIET BY THE FIRESIDE** - This evening will provide the busy person an opportunity to contemplate Jesus, the Incarnate Word, through reflection in a quiet and prayerful environment. Christmas sing-along and refreshments after program. Arrival: 5:00p.m./Departure: 8:00p.m. (Presenters: Sr. Brunilda Ramos, MPF and Sr. Dolores Bianchi, MPF) Donation

Please call St. Joseph By the Sea at 732-892-8494 to register or for additional information.

Blessings and peace,

*Sister Brunilda Ramos, M.P.F.*

Sister Brunilda Ramos, MPF  
Director

**DON'T FORGET TO PRAY**  
*When things are going smoothly  
And you plan a busy day,  
Do the things you have to do,  
But don't forget to pray.  
The Lord will be your stronghold  
When trials come your way;  
He never will forsake you,  
But don't forget to pray.  
Be sure to thank and praise Him,  
Fear not or show dismay,  
For He will hear and help you,  
But don't forget to pray.*

Helen Parker

**NOVEMBER 2017 EMMAUS MEETING**

The Emmaus Group, a group whose mission is to encourage the spiritual and communal growth of St. Francis of Assisi parish, will meet on Nov. 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Church hall. If you have a desire to see St. Francis parish grow in the Holy Spirit, please join us.

**Assumption College for Sisters...not just for Sisters!**

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, is proud to announce its theology and philosophy courses for the Spring semester January 9-May 9, 2018 along with two new offerings:

- Th 102** Sacred Scripture II - 3 credits - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA
  - Th 205** Mystery of God - 3 credits - Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA
  - Th 207** Mary and the Scriptures 3 credits -Thursday 12:30p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Sister Theresa Kelly, FMA
  - Ph 203** Philosophy of the Human Person - 3 credits Tuesday 12:30 p.m.-1:45 p.m. and Craig Davis, M.A., J.D. Friday 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m
  - En 203** Special Topics in English: Women in Literature 3 credits - Mon. 2:00-3:15 p.m. Sister Margaret McCann, SC, PhD - Thurs. 12:45-2:00 p.m.
  - Ps 202\_O** Developmental Psychology (Online) 3 credits Stephanie Melick - Pre-requisite: acsOCO (Online Course Orientation) \$510/course for credit \$255/course for audit
- For registration call or e-mail by December 18:  
973-957-0188 Ext. 106 [academicdean@acs350.org](mailto:academicdean@acs350.org)

**LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017**

Maria Invernon & John Minnett

**LECTORS**

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**  
5:30 P.M. Giovanna Vollaro
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017**  
7:30 A.M. Bill Boswell  
10:00 A.M. John McMurray  
12 NOON Linda O’Connell

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**  
5:30 P.M. Pat Demarest & Martha Bisaccio
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017**  
7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul  
10:00 A.M. Melissa Rivera & Linda O’Connell  
12 NOON Linda O’Connell & Barbara Garruto

**ALTAR SERVERS**

- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2017**  
5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius & Peter Sutula
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017**  
7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid  
10:00 A.M. Christopher Marren & Sebastian Wojtowicz  
12 NOON Aaron Manalili & Divine Crilly

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

- (1<sup>st</sup> Course)           Mozzarella in Carozza
- (2<sup>nd</sup> Course)           House Salad
- (3<sup>rd</sup> Course)           Penne with Basil sauce
- (4<sup>th</sup> Course)  
Choice of 1            Chicken Francaise  
                          Coconut Encrusted Tilapia  
                          Filet Mignon
- (5<sup>th</sup> Course)           Cheesecake **or** Apple Pie  
                          Coffee, Tea, Soda

No prior dinner choice of the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>. No exceptions will be made.**