

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
OCTOBER 29, 2017**



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2017

5:30 P.M. Stephen Koslowski
Hank Wieszun
Bill Vogt
Intentions of Tom Karwacki
Intentions of Josephine Venezia

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Emilia & Michael Gorzelany
Angela & Francis Bacigalupo

10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian
Elizabeth Telep Bowie
Rudy Siano
Margaret & Walter Puzio

12:00 P.M. Bill Vogt
Harold Sbrocco
Bob Smerklo
Tom Norton

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2017

8:00 A.M. Marie Beggan

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2017

8:00 A.M. John Bisaccio
7:30 P.M. Dick Shull

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2017

9:00 A.M. Marie Beggan
7:30 P.M. Erwin & Isidro Juan
Catalino & Librado Guzman
Pablo & Roberto Guzman

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017

9:00 A.M. Eleanor Leppin
Jared Fisher
Eleanor Bolsman
Benjamin Glorioso
Walter Puzio

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2017

8:00 A.M. PARISH PURGATORIAL

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

5:30 P.M. Tom Norton
Ann Langley
Dorothy Pieretti

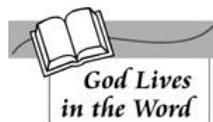
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

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

10:00 A.M. Bill Vogt
Al Arduino
Joseph C. Longo

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

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
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 Sanelementi
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorencovitz Sandra Pacifico
Sister Marie Louise Rosemary Pannone Evelyn Means
Barbara Kincaid Carmela Caropreso Bitondo
James Quinn George Link Harriet Pairo Helen Dacunto
DECEASED: William Gene Eaves, Jr.

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday - \$5,269.50

Thank you for your continued support.



Dear Friends in Christ:

The great commandment! Love of God and love of neighbor. Everything depends on love. All we have to do is hear these words of our Lord to realize that love is at the basis of all of our life--if we want to follow Him.

We humans always find reasons and pretexts not to love one another. That seems to be part of our being. We don't look for sin but we often avoid the good that we could do. This commandment of love is found also in the Old Testament, the Jewish Scriptures. Jesus makes it clearer to us.

In the Book of Exodus today, we hear some of the early formulations of how to love others and a practical description of the people who should be loved. Widows, orphans and poor people demand particular attention in terms of love. Today we would focus on those who are the outcasts of society: the abusers, the ugly people, those who have personality disorders, etc. Every age has people that it marginalizes.

The Gospel of Matthew today once again generalizes: love God and love your neighbor. We can recall the story of the Good Samaritan to remind us that our neighbor is everyone who is in need in any way. This is a call to universal love. It is not an invitation to try to figure out those whom we don't have to love. Our Church is still struggling with how to love those who don't follow the rules, how to love those who do not conform, how to love those who reject the teachings of our Church. This is all part of learning how to love.

Today the First Letter to the Thessalonians reminds us that our challenge is receiving the word in great affliction, with joy from the Holy Spirit. This tells us that it is not always easy to understand what it means to live, that sometimes trying to live will put us in great affliction and yet we will receive joy from the Holy Spirit as we struggle to be faithful to the Word.

In a family or in a religious community or in a parish community, it is not easy to love those who reject the way of life of the family, of the religious community or of the parish. Loving these people does not mean rejecting the way of life handed down to us in the Lord. It does mean seeking ways to love those who reject it. This is part of the ongoing challenge of following Jesus Christ.

Today, as we hear the Word of God once more, we can commit ourselves to loving others once more and to seeking active ways of love those who cannot follow the way of life that we have received from Jesus. May the Holy Spirit guide us!

St. Gerard Majella Feast Day: October 16

Gerard was born on April 6, 1726 in Muro Lucano, Italy. He was the youngest of five children. His family was poor, and his father, who was a tailor, died when he was twelve. His mother sent him to live with her brother so that he could learn to be a tailor like his father. Although he never complained, his uncle soon found out that the man who was to teach him was abusive, and the abuser resigned from his job. Gerard tried to join the Capuchin Order, but was turned down because of his health. In 1749 the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, which we know as the Redemptorists, accepted him as a lay brother.

Gerard was very close to the peasants living in the Neapolitan countryside, working at all kinds of menial jobs to help them. At age of 27, he was accused of having had relations with a young woman. When confronted by Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of his Order, Gerard remained silent. The girl later admitted her testimony against Gerard was false and cleared his name.

Many miracles are attributed to Gerard, but the best known is the one that explains why he is special patron of expectant mothers. A few months before his death, Gerard visited the Pirofalo family and accidentally dropped his handkerchief. One of the Pirofalo girls saw it on the ground and ran after Gerard to return it. "Keep it," he said to her. "You may need it someday". Years later that same girl, now a married woman, went into early labor. She realized that both she and her unborn child would probably die. Suddenly, she remembered what Gerard had once said to her about his handkerchief "Keep it. You may need it someday." She asked for the handkerchief to be brought to her. She placed it on her abdomen and the pain quickly disappeared. She gave birth to a healthy child. In a time when only one out of three pregnancies resulted in a live birth, word of this miracle spread quickly. It is because of this miracle, which God worked through Gerard's prayers, that the mothers of Italy made him their patron. At the process of his beatification one witness testified that he was known as "the saint of happy childbirths."

St. Gerard Majella died in 1755. He was beatified by Pope Leo XIII on January 29, 1893, and canonized later on December 11, 1904 by Pope Saint Pius X.

In 1977, St. Gerard's Chapel in St. Lucy's Church (Newark, New Jersey) was dedicated as a national shrine. Many couples praying to be blessed with a child visit the Shrine to seek the intercession of St. Gerard. They often return in gratitude to have their children baptized there. That is why St. Lucy's holds the record for the highest number of triplets baptized in one church.

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.

ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY MASS SCHEDULES

Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day – a holy day of obligation. Masses will be Tuesday, October 31st at 7:30 PM, Wednesday, November 1st at 9 AM and 7:30 PM.
Thursday, November 2nd All Soul's Day (not a holy day of obligation) Mass will be at 9 AM.

PIZZA NIGHT WITH THE BISHOP

Monday, October 30 - DePaul H.S., Wayne
7-9 PM

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext 711.



As you know, we recently renovated our chapel. We have not forgotten your generosity. The giving tree that was mentioned in our announcements is in the process of being completed. It will be mounted in the chapel near the carving of the Holy Family. We will give you another update as soon as it is ready to be installed.

Thanks to your wonderful response to the increased giving campaign, we will be starting on our next important projects in the fall. There will be some much-needed repairs in the northern parking lot. We are also very happy to announce that the tabernacle will be re-located to the center of the sanctuary behind the altar and that the sanctuary itself will be enhanced with new paint, lighting, and other features.

Now you can see our work with the restoration of the Sanctuary has begun.

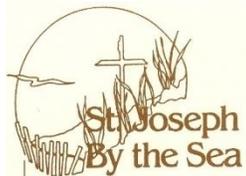
You will find a preliminary picture of our main altar project in the narthex. Please take a look as you leave the church today.

SAVE THE DATE

St. Francis Ladies Guild has set the date for the parish Christmas Party. This year it will be held at Brady's Prime 15, Ringwood on Monday, December 4th. Menu and more details to follow.

Liturgical Ministers-Why Not Me?

Jesus used parables to teach us how we should live and work. In one of those parables he said, "do not put your light under a bushel basket...let your light shine." One of the meanings ascribed to this parable was that Jesus meant for us not to stand silent, but to proclaim who we are. He did not mean this in a boastful way, but rather to cultivate that gift and put it in the service of God. We all have gifts whether it is to lend our hands in the distribution of the Eucharist to our community, the sick or the shut in, or perhaps, we might use a resonant voice that could proclaim His Word. The Lazarus Group assists the priest at the funeral Mass distributing communion, reading the word and serving Mass. Our parish is looking for people who would like to share their talents in these ministries. Why Not You? Please call the rectory to express your interest in one of these ministries.



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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 6, 2017 - IDOLS IN OUR LIVES - We are confronted with many idols in our life...idols which take us away from God. The talks enhanced by powerpoint presentations will explore the idols of plans, ideas and media in our daily living. Lunch and Mass included. (Also offered on **February 5, 2018**) Arrival: 9:00 a.m./Departure: 2:30 p.m. (Presenter: Sr. Lucy Battistuz, MPF, BS, MS) Cost: \$50

November 15, 2017 - MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS - In his first year as Pointiff, 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. (Also offered on **October 24, 2017**) Arrival: 5:30 p.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

"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 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

LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

Sandy Polglaze & Pat Demarest

LECTORS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

5:30 P.M. Ted Luciani

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

7:30 A.M. Jay Markot
10:00 A.M. Sue Kummer
12 NOON Judy Moran

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

7:30 A.M. Linda & Jim Hartigan
10:00 A.M. Annie & Jackie Rivera
12 NOON Matt Kampf & Tony Mazza

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017

5:30 P.M. Scott & Steven Bracken

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

7:30 A.M. Elizabeth Reid
10:00 A.M. Kelly Frisina & Jonathan Hogue
12 NOON Angelique Salcedo
Jon-Karlo & Joseph Villacis

“SOUP’S ON”

Saturday, November 4, 2017
following 5:30 P.M. Mass

SOUP AND SANDWICH SUPPER

(sponsored by St. Francis Ladies Guild)

Come join us for a bowl of steaming homemade soup,
sandwich, dessert
and some “warm” hospitality!

Only\$10.00 – adults
\$5.00 – children under 12 years

For reservations call the rectory at 973-835-0480