

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 19, 2017**



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2017

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

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2017

8:00 A.M. Jared Fisher

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2017

8:00 A.M. Theresa Casazza

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2017

7:30 P.M. Walter Donnelly

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2017

9:00 A.M. Blaise Shirazi – 6th Anniversary
Eleanor Leppin

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2017

8:00 A.M. George C. Martino

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

5:30 P.M. Lena Pezzella
Sam Bisaccio, Jr.
Tom Norton
Bill Vogt

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Ann Marie Hivish
10:00 A.M. Dorothy & Frank Orofino
Shirley & Roy Parian
Rocco Tarulli
12:00 P.M. Carmelita Growcott

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK: Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Helen Lubertazza
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 Amida Jaloudi
DECEASED: Joseph Giordano Tom Karwacki

CHURCH MEMORIALS

Church Altar Candle in memory of Richard & Antoinette
Assidio requested by Kathy.

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

WEEKLY OFFERING

Sunday – \$4,795.50

Thank you for your continued support.

Dear friends in Christ,



In today's Gospel Jesus gives his disciples and the Pharisees *'The Parable of the Talents'* to illustrate and emphasize the teaching of the Kingdom of Heaven and how everyone will be judged according to the use he makes of the gifts God gives to human persons.

The owner has become a figure for Christ, away for a time on a (heavenly) journey, until he returns (at the Parousia) to settle accounts with his servants (early Christian believers). The settling of accounts has become an image of final judgment, and the servants' rewards and punishments are meant to remind St. Matthew's audience of the importance of using their gifts wisely and well. So, while we look forward to the Lord's Second Coming, as Judge and King of the universe, we are advised to make responsible use of the gifts, the time, and opportunities for service given to us.

As we approach the end of the Liturgical Year, the Gospel Reading today reminds us of *'the end-time'*, the Second Coming of Christ and the final Judgment.

We are responsible for the talents that we have received from God. Some of us have more talents than others, and there is no one, absolutely no one, who can say they have been gifted with nothing; but just the same, we have to do an accounting before God. The usual measure is that much more will be expected of them who have been given more. The choice for us is clear: We either make good use of what God has entrusted to us or not.

If we do, then we become like the first two rewarded servants whom the master praised and said, "Come, share your master's joy". If we do not, then what the master said of the third servant will also be said of us, "Throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth."

During this Mass then, let us ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts and talents in a creative way in the service of our Christian community and the wider society to advance the interest of God's Kingdom. Essentially this means the works of love, as the scene of the final judgment upon Christ's return makes it clear.

Let us be prepared for *'the Day of Judgment'* when Christ the Lord takes account of the talents we have been so generously blessed with, and eagerly look forward to hear him say to us, "Come, share your master's joy."

St. Martin of Tours

Feast Day: November 11

Martin was born to pagan parents in Hungary in the year 316, and was raised in Italy. His father, who had been a soldier, wanted his son to be a soldier also. He forced Martin, who was only 15 years old at the time, to serve in the army.

Martin became a Christian catechumen (someone seeking baptism) and was baptized when he was 18. At 23, he was offered a money bonus for fighting in a war. He refused the bonus, and told his commanding officer, "I have served you as a soldier; now let me serve Christ. Give the bounty to those who are going to fight. But I am a soldier of Christ and it is not lawful for me to fight." He managed to obtain a discharge from the Army, which was not easy, and went to be a disciple of Hilary of Poitiers.

One day, while serving in the Roman Army, Martin met a beggar whose clothes were so shabby he was almost naked. Martin immediately cut his military cloak in half to share with the man. That night, he dreamed of Jesus wearing the half-cloak he had given away. He heard Jesus say to the angels, "Martin, who is still but a [catechumen](#), clothed me with this robe. Martin kept part of that cloak, and it is now famous relic preserved in an Abbey near [Tours](#)

Martin was ordained an exorcist and worked with great zeal against the Arians, who taught that Jesus was not both human and divine – a false teaching and very serious heresy. He became a monk and lived in Milan. When Hilary of Poitiers was released from exile and returned to France, Martin also returned to France and established the first French monastery near the town of Poitiers. He lived there for 10 years, forming his disciples and preaching throughout the countryside.

The people of Tours respected Martin greatly, and demanded that he become their Bishop. He reluctantly accepted. Some of the other Bishops thought that Martin's lack of interest in fancy clothes and grooming indicated that he was not dignified enough for the office, but that did not matter to the people. They saw past his poor clothing; they saw a holy man.

Martin, who did much to work against the heresies of his time, rejected the idea of putting heretics to death. His position was not popular with other Bishops or the Emperor, so they accused Martin of heresy, but he was not executed. He became very ill, and as death approached, Martin's followers begged him not to leave them. He prayed, "Lord, if your people still need me, I do not refuse the work. Your will be done." St. Martin died in France in 397. A.D. He is the patron saint of many places and people in different countries. Here in America, he is the patron saint of soldiers and weavers. His intercession is often invoked against poverty.

THANKSGIVING MASSES

Wednesday evening - 7:30 PM

Thanksgiving Day – 9 AM

Take the time to join your parish in thanking God for all the blessings in our lives.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

In Giving, We Receive

This time of year, as our nation plans to celebrate Thanksgiving, let us reflect on how we use all of the gifts given to us by a loving God. Consider showing your thanks for all your blessings by making a gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. As we are reminded in this year's Appeal theme – *In Giving, We Receive* – your participation not only impacts the lives of tens of thousands of people in need, but it benefits you as well. Please make a pledge today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2017appeal.org.

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.

THANK YOU NOTES FOR THE LORD

Thanksgiving notes addressed to the Lord are in the narthex and at the side door, and the Emmaus group invites you to write a few things for which you are especially grateful this year. Tear off the "thank you" note and place it in the designated box as you leave. The prayer, if you choose, is for you to say with your family this Thanksgiving. The notes will be placed before the altar at Thanksgiving mass and at the masses the following weekend. The Emmaus group wishes all our parishioners and their extended families a very blessed and happy Thanksgiving.

CHRISTMAS YOUTH CHOIR

The Christmas Youth Choir will be starting rehearsals in December. This choir is for anyone ages 6-14 who would like to sing at the 4:00 Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals will be on Sunday mornings before Mass, 9:15-9:45am, starting December 3. Please see our Music Director, Dania Emusov, if you are interested in joining! If you have any questions, email: Dania_Music@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS

Next weekend, Nov. 25 – 26, the second collection will be for Catholic Home Missions. This appeal provides much needed assistance to dioceses in the United States and its territories that lack the resources to provide basic pastoral ministry to their people. Please be as generous as you can.

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

Sunday Morning Breakfast



St. Francis K of C will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, December 3rd from 8am until 12 Noon in the Church hall. Tickets are \$10.00 Adults, \$4.00 Children (10 and under FREE)

Breakfast Includes:

- Pancakes – Scrambled Eggs
- Bacon – Sausage
- Juice – Coffee – Tea

Tickets: contact Pete Kramer at 973-839-5731. Also available at the door.

2018 Mass Book is now open
Office hours are 8:30am – 4pm Monday - Friday

CALENDAR RAFFLE SWEEPSTAKES TIME 90 CHANCES TO WIN WITH EACH TICKET PRIZES TOTAL \$4000

Since tickets may win more than once, each \$10.00 donation gives you 90 chances to win.

Every day is a chance to win a great prize.

Packages of 10 calendar raffle tickets will be available after all weekend masses beginning November 25th or during the week in the rectory.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will support the needs of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

A winner will be chosen for each day from December 25th through March 24th. Check the special days for bigger prize money!

Please return all raffle stubs and unsold calendars to the rectory by Friday, December 23rd. If you need more raffle tickets, please stop by the rectory or contact Erika Reid via the information below.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

Erika Reid
Calendar Raffle Chairperson
973-628-7917
eareid@optonline.net

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.

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.

Autumn reminds us of nature's bounty. It can also be a time to reflect on God's abundant blessings in our lives. This Thanksgiving, imitate the words of St. Paul to "give thanks in all circumstances" (1 Thes 5:18 ESV).



LAKELAND NURSING HOME SCHEDULE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

Maria Invernon & Pat Demarest

LECTORS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

5:30 P.M. Martha Bisaccio

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

7:30 A.M. Jay Markot

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran

12 NOON Henry Mendoza

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

5:30 P.M. Frank & Sandy Polglaze

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

7:30 A.M. Sue Raoul

10:00 A.M. Judy Moran & Linda O'Connell

12 NOON Linda O'Connell & Tony Mazza

ALTAR SERVERS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2017

5:30 P.M. Sean Moebius & Peter Sutula

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2017

7:30 A.M. Danielle Reid

10:00 A.M. Christopher Marren & Sebastian Wojtowicz

12 NOON Aaron Manalili & Angelique Salcedo

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)
Choice of 1 Chicken Francaise
 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.