

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 16TH, 2014



MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 15TH:

5:00 pm Salvatore and Libera Mazzella

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH:

7:30 am Thomas Larsen
9:00 am Charles A. Lombino
10:30 am Carmelo Giallombardo
NOON Rev. John E. Mercer

MONDAY NOVEMBER 17TH:

7:15 am For Our Parishioners
8:30 am Edward Buttacavoli

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18TH:

7:15 am Florence Semo
8:30 am Gary and Nilda Peterson in Thanksgiving

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 19TH:

7:15 am Lucia Mangieri
8:30 am Joseph and Luigia Bartolomeo

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20TH:

7:15 am For the Canonization of Sister Emilie Engel
8:30 am Lucia Denisco

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 21ST:

7:15 am For all Deceased Service Men and Women
8:30 am Antonio Montelibano

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22ND:

8:00 am Helen Stelmokas
5:00 pm Dana Marie and Anthony Mattera

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23RD:

7:30 am Bunny Howley
9:00 am Costabile and Vincenzia Comunale
10:30 am Maria Tedesco
NOON Frank Riso, Lucy D'Orlando and Joseph DeMeglio

BEREAVEMENT

"Blessed are those who mourn; for they shall be comforted." -Matthew 5:4.

Our Bereavement Minister, Deacon Michael Venditto, is available to assist anyone who has experienced a loss. Call the rectory (718-761-5421) weekdays between 9 am and 5 pm to set up an appointment with Deacon Michael.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Anyone desiring a Certificate to serve as a sponsor for a Sacrament must be a Roman Catholic who has received the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. They must be registered in the parish for at least 3 months or known by one of the priests. **Certificates are distributed only after weekend Masses in the sacristy NOT IN THE RECTORY.**

**IT'S SUNDAY NIGHT ALREADY?!?
NO FAIR...
I WANT A WEEKEND DO-OVER!!!**



MEMORIALS FOR WEEK OF NOV. 16TH:



The **ALTAR BREADS AND WINES** are in:
THANKSGIVING TO THE BLESSED MOTHER
requested by J. M.

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burns this week in memory of:
CHARLES A. LOMBINO
requested by his loving daughters.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Last weekend's (November 9-10th) collection was as follows:
Collection: \$10,700.00
Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.



JOIN THE CHOIRS

The **Adult Choir** holds practices on Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm in the Parish Center. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**



Children's Choir: Do you like to sing? Children (from second grade or older) practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center. Join the Choir and make new friends.

CCD PROGRAM

Congratulations to our Seventh Graders who have committed themselves to prepare for their Sacrament of Confirmation.

THANKSGIVING FAMILY MASS

There are **NO CCD** classes on Wednesday **November 26th**. All children, their families and friends are invited to our annual Thanksgiving Family Mass on Wednesday Nov. 26th at 7:30 pm in our Church.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration will be held Mon. through Fri. from 12 to 4:30 pm in St. Christopher's Church, Midland Ave. Each Wednesday from 3 to 4 pm is dedicated to praying for vocations. For further information call 718-351-2452.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY

The Holy Name Society of our parish is holding its Christmas Brunch on Sunday December 7th at Z-Two's Diner (2955 Veterans Rd. West). Price: \$35.00 per person, children ages 7 to 12 - \$15.00, 7 years old or under free. Tickets will be sold after all Masses, or by calling Steve at 347-861-0316 or Gene at 718-979-6919.

RICHMOND DIVISION

The annual retreat for the Holy Name Societies on Staten Island will be held this year on Jan. 17, 2015 (snow date January 31) at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church. Rev. Thomas Devery will be the spiritual leader. Day starts with Mass at 9 am, continental breakfast at 10:15 am, discussion at 11 am, lunch at 12:30 pm, final discussion at 1:30 pm.

Cost; \$25 per person. Reservations will be accepted for all of November. Call Steve at 347-861-0316.

HIS WORD TODAY

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfulfilling prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life... the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.”

The Proverbs of Solomon extol the virtues of a wise and prudent woman. Perhaps today we are reminded, never to take a woman for granted. The Sacrament of Marriage calls us to recognize the giftedness of women. Think for a moment of the roles they play.

God chose Mary to be the Mother of our Savior. Women ministered to Jesus throughout His ministry. It was they who were steadfast at Calvary when others abandoned Him. The first accounts of the resurrection found Jesus present to Mary and other women. The first disciples to announce the Resurrection were women.

In the history of the Church, we find heroic women, Doctors of the Church, founders of religious communities and missionaries, mothers and spouses. We are able to include the names and faces of so many models of Christian behavior.

As we read the words of Proverbs, may we express gratitude for the outstanding persons raised by the Lord in the life of the Church. May we express our respect and regard for the women in our parish and community who reflect the virtues extolled by Solomon. ***May we include our spouses or our daughters on the list of the pearls of great price.***



GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus narrates the parable of the talents – in the story, the silver pieces given to the three men. Two of the men invest their coins and double their worth, but the third buries his coins in the ground and earns no return. The message of Jesus is that we must use to the fullest the talents we have received.



MORNING DEVOTIONS

Following the 8:30 am weekday Mass is the Recitation of the Rosary and spiritual devotions. On Fridays there is the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. On First Fridays there is Benediction. On Sat. following the 8 am Mass, novena prayers are said.

BIBLE STUDY

The next Bible study led by Sister Marcia will be on Mary in the Bible, beginning January 12th, 2015 and running for eight (8) weeks. ***Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother*** is a Catholic Bible study that reveals Mary's unique role in God's Kingdom and in our lives. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings at 7:30 pm and Wednesday mornings at 9:30 am. Cost will be \$30. Register at the rectory.

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

It's that time of year again when we start thinking of the people that need our help. Please leave your non-perishables in the vestibule of the Church starting this week. Turkeys are not to be left in the Church. You can bring your turkeys to the rectory on Tuesday November 25th only.

RCIA PROGRAM

Are you or a friend interested in becoming Catholic? Or perhaps you need to be confirmed. The RCIA Program invites you to meet every Wed. at 7:30 pm in our Parish Center. No registration necessary.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22nd:

5:00 pm M/M R. Geronimo

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd:

7:30 am M/M B. Madaio

9:00 am M/M V. Violetta

10:30 am M/M D. Marro

NOON M/M G. Mannino

LECTORS MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22nd:

5:00 pm D. Daniels

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd:

7:30 am Pontarella

9:00 am L. Buttacavoli

10:30 am I. Bialza

NOON S. Bilardi

ALTAR BOY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22nd:

5:00 pm C. Baria – J. Inigo – M. Tubay

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23rd:

7:30 am J. Bosco – M. Santa

9:00 am J. Clyne – J. Tangco – R. Eckman

10:30 am R. Whalen – J. Venditto – C. Rodriguez

NOON N. Lopez – L. and S. DeMartino

CONSIDERING A CATHOLIC GRADE SCHOOL

Learn more about Catholic schools from grades Pre-K to 8th on Staten Island on **Touring Tuesday Nov. 18th from 9 to 11 am** or by appointment. To register for this event, call 718-667-5350 X1007.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfulfilling prize.” Do we value the prize we have in our

spouses enough to take time to enjoy it? Come to the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For dates and further information call toll-free 877-NYS-WWME (Ext. 3).

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

SECOND: William DeFazio and Brianna Russo
FIRST: Eric Naylor and Amanda Venturi

COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (CCHD)

Next week's collection for Human Development needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty in the US by funding organizations that help people help themselves. With the tradition of improving education, housing situations and economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact on the communities nationwide. Your contribution will defend human dignity and help those living on the margins of our society. 25% collected from this appeal stays in our own diocese. Please be as generous as you can be in helping those in need.

ST. PAULS PUBLISHING

The Society of St. Paul at the Alba House on Victory Blvd. has a vacancy for a part-time sales assistant in its marketing department. Fluency in both English and Spanish, good computing skills and a pleasant phone manner are required. For a job application form, call Dora at 800-343-2522 from 1 pm to 5 pm, weekdays or email dora@stpauls.US.

ST. FRANCIS SINGLES CLUB (30's,40's & 50's)

Next meeting will be held at Holy Family parish, Watchogue Rd., on Thurs. Nov. 20th at 7:15 pm. Cost: \$10. A Thanksgiving Food collection will be taken at this meeting. Topic of meeting is "Divine Reading of Holy Scripture." There Christmas Party will be on Fri. Dec. 12th at the Manor Restaurant, 917 Manor Rd. Price: 40 per person to be paid by Nov. 20th; \$50 afterwards. Checks made out to CASH and mailed to Holy Family Parish, Attn: Singles Christmas Party, 366 Watchogue Rd. SI NY 10314.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Sun. Dec. 7th 10-5 pm at Msgr. Farrell HS, Amboy Rd. Admission fee \$3.00 per person \$5 per family. The Fair consists of over 80 vendors, door prizes every hour a visit from Santa. Homemade baked goods and raffle baskets.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. PETER'S

Start the Christmas Season the old fashioned way! St. Peter's HS Seton Chorale/Glee Club Alumni present the 5th Annual Christmas Concert at St. Peter's Church on Dec. 7th at 4 pm. Enjoy the much beloved "I Believe/Ave Maria" and many more. Tickets are \$10/\$15/\$20. For information call Wayne at 738-971-3267. For program ads call Theresa at 738-981-8047.

MUSICAL "LUCKY STIFF"

The students of St. John Villa Academy will be performing the musical "Lucky Stiff" on:

Nov. 20th - 7 pm; Nov. 21st - 7 pm; Nov. 22nd - 2 & 7 pm

Performances will be held in their gym. Admission is \$15.00 at the door - or advance sales price of \$12.00. For tickets and/or information call Irma at 718-442-6240 X 170.

NATIONAL MEMORIAL FOR PREBORN

Annually the Archdiocese, along with the Pro-life Religious Council, clergy and thousands of believers of all denomination, march on Washington DC for the **March for Life**. This year the trip will be on Thurs. Jan. 22nd and the prayer service is held in historic Constitution Hall from 8:30 am to 10:30 am. Morning begins with a 7:30 am Mass. If you would like to participate, or help in any way, contact Christa at 202-543-1511.

CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

It has been finalized by a letter received by Father John that Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be celebrating the 5 pm Mass on Dec. 13th and will be lighting our Christmas Trees. What an honor once again for our parish. Lets be sure to be present at this very important occasion of our parish and to be honored by the Cardinal's presence.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

(Parish Pay Program) is an alternate means of supporting your parish instead of using the envelope system or if you wish in conjunction with the envelope system. This program will collect monthly contributions from your checking, savings or credit card accounts. There is **NO COST** to you, the parishioner, to participate in this program. Log onto www.paritypay.com or call 1-866-727-4741 Ext. 1.

FLOCKNOTE PRESENTATION

Last weekend you were invited to join this program by cell-phone or email. Flyers are available from the vestibule of the Church for anyone interested in joining. Because of the many telephone calls received at the rectory concerning this program we assure you no one is obligated to join Flocknote, it is entirely on a volunteer basis.

THE SICK

Prayer Request for Sick Parishioners

Every worshipping community is called to pray for the sick or elderly in their parish. It is a privilege to ask Our Lord to heal and strengthen the sick. **The Prayer List for the Sick** is our way of reaching out to our parishioners, young and elderly, who have received a critical diagnosis and are unable to go about the routines of life:

Maryann Azzarello, Brook Balacco, Nora Bonilla, Sally Caputo, Rosalie Carroll, Vera Cerullo, Josephine Cordaro, Michael Delfino, Carol Devine, Nicole Giambrone, Donna Hazen, John Hudson, Vanessa McIntosh, Ralph Moceo, Maria Scaglione and Ann Volpe.

The listed names above for those asking for prayers has been updated according to months on the list. Those remaining have been reinstated by parishioners calling after the six month period. If anyone wishes to put a name back or to add a new name of a parishioner who is sick please contact the rectory Mon.-Fri. from 9 am to 5 pm.

SHUT-INS

If any member of your family is homebound and unable to attend Mass, notify the girls at the rectory and if you wish, a priest or an extraordinary minister will bring you the Eucharist on the first Friday of the month.

*YOUR MIND IS A GARDEN...
YOUR THOUGHTS ARE THE SEEDS...
YOU CAN GROW FLOWERS-
OR YOU CAN GROW WEEDS!*