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PARISH MEMBERSHIP
You are invited to join our parish family. We are committed to meeting the needs of all members. Please register by contacting our Parish Office. (Please notify the Parish Office of change in address or phone number and if you are moving out of the parish.)

RELIGIOUS DEVOTIONS
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena is on Monday after 8:00 am Mass
Novena Prayers in Honor of the Blessed Mother and St. Anthony: Are said every Tuesday after 8:00 am Mass
Prayer Group: Meets at 11:00 am - every Thursday
Adoration: Every Friday after Mass
Divine Mercy: Daily recitation of Chaplet after Mass

MINISTRIES
Join the various ministries and associations:
Ministry of Lector, Eucharist, Usher, Altar Server, Respect Life and Lazarus Ministry, St. Francis Ladies Guild, Emmaus Prayer Group, Youth Group, Carnival, Knights of Columbus and other volunteers associated with the Church of St. Francis of Assisi.

November 8, 2020
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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We are a Catholic Community, rooted in the Trinity, sustained by the Eucharist and the Word of God, called to witness, to serve and to educate.

MASS SCHEDULE
Weekends
Saturday: 5:30 pm
Sunday: 7:30 am, 10:00 am & 12:00 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days
See schedule in bulletin.

We extend a warm welcome to all our parishioners, all new members and guests celebrating with us today.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE / 973-835-1946
Mrs. Maryann Marren, Coordinator
Mrs. Betty Norton, Secretary

YOUTH MINISTRY / 973-835-0480
Our youth ministry is open to all Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Grade students. Come join us.

BAPTISM: Parishioners are welcome to have their children baptized at St. Francis of Assisi. Please call the rectory for an appointment to discuss the arrangements.

SACRAMENT OF PENCE: Saturday: 4:30-5:00 pm or at other times upon request.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements to be made at least 1 year in advance by calling the Parish Office.

R.C.I.A.: Anyone interested in an update of their faith or wanting to become Catholic, call the Parish Office.

MINISTRY OF THE SICK AND ELDERLY: For the confined, elderly and/or shut-in, be they at home or in the hospital, please call the Rectory. Holy Communion is offered to any person permanently or temporarily homebound. For the seriously sick and dying contact the Rectory immediately.
THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 2020

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2020
5:30 P.M. Ralph Cortellessa
Lois Maskley

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Antionette Assidio
10:00 A.M. Joseph Trentacosta
Joseph Crescente
Joseph Negrini, Sr.
Elizabeth Marren
Fred Puso
12 NOON Vinny Scola
John F. Cooke, Jr.
Bishop Jon Niemiec

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2020
8:00 A.M. Patricia Ackerman

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2020
8:00 A.M. Magaly DeVo

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2020
8:00 A.M. Magaly DeVo

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2020
8:00 A.M. Ginger Gebbia

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020
5:30 P.M. Ralph Cortellessa
Tom Karwacki – 3rd Anniversary
Anne McEntee Molnar
Angelo Moliterno

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
In Thanksgiving
Elizabeth Boudreaux
10:00 A.M. Elizabeth Marren
Zeny Cruz
John DeLiso
Frank & Josephine Falciglia
James Vollaro
Anna Deloisio
12 NOON Elaine Arendas
Stanislaw Urban
Rudy Siano

Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Judy Moran Gary Ragusa
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte Lois Maskley
Evelyn Means Bob Delventhal Patrick Keegan
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele

Susan Nichols-Boggio Ryder Sasso Lydia Rivera
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Jessica Skorubski
Jerome Foray Loretta LaSala Infant Ronan Sutoni
Manuel Esguerra Marianne Dom Justin Garcia
Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry Frank Polglaze
Sharon Acquaire Noah Lorenzovitz Michael Gotti
Josephine Venezia Alex Coronel Geraldine Kearns
Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo Bernie Shushan
Josephine Koslowski Patricia Charlesworth
Patrick Keegan Gil Borowski Marie Roberto

DECEASED: John DeLiso Joseph Baranski

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, November 1, 2020 - $4,804.00
On-line Giving – September - $2,804.00
October - $2,880.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, we are invited to mull over the purpose of our existence; it is a word of caution from the Good God concerning our final destination; let us not, therefore, play with our life.

«The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom» (Mt 25:1). The eventual end of each person will be contingent on the path he picks out; death is a consequence of the life -sensible or imprudent- that we have carried on in this world. Foolish girls are those who having heard Jesus' message have not put it into practice. Sensible girls, instead, are those that have applied it to their lives and, therefore, are now able to be present at the wedding feast in the Kingdom.

The parable is a very serious forewarning. «Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour» (Mt 25:13). Do not ever let the lamps of faith go out, for any moment could be your last. The Kingdom is already here. Kindle the lamps with the oil of faith, of fraternity and of mutual charity. Our hearts, full of light, will allow us to enjoy the true
fulfillment here and now. Those who live around us every day will also be enlightened and will experience the delight of the company of the long-awaited Bridegroom. Jesus requests us to never be short of this oil in our lamps.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**FIRST READING**: Wisdom 6:12-16 The Book of Wisdom is one of the seven books of the Old Testament and only found in Catholic Bibles. It was written about 100 BC. Today’s reading describes how accessible wisdom is to all who seek her. “She is readily perceived by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her.” For the Wisdom author, true wisdom is right relationship with God. Those who find wisdom will be free of worry. They will not worry over the coming of the Lord because they live in a spirit of vigilance. Those who do not seek wisdom will remain foolish and be filled with worry about many things.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM 63** This psalm is a beautiful song of one seeking a relationship with Divine Wisdom. Having this relationship is “greater than life” which reminds us that life without God and his love is no life at all.

**SECOND READING**: 1Thessalonians 4:13-18 The Thessalonians apparently believe that those who had died before the return of Christ have perished forever. Paul reminds them that the Resurrection of Christ is only a beginning, that all the baptized will be raised up as Christ was.

**GOSPEL**: Matthew 25:1-13 Scholars tell us that many of Jesus’ parables have two or more levels of meaning to them. The first level is the intended meaning for the original audience. In the original audience, the wise ones are those who hear and embrace the message of Jesus. The foolish ones are those who close their hearts to his message. At the second level, the intended audience is Matthew’s own community (living some 40+ years later). His fellow Jews, who choose not to receive Jesus (the bridegroom) or the Church, are the foolish and unprepared bridesmaids. But others, mainly Gentiles, accept the message of Jesus as preached by the early Christians. These are regarded as wise.

At a third level, the parable is used by Matthew to teach a lesson to all believers about vigilance. Here the wise ones are those believers who keep their lamps trimmed in preparing to meet Jesus by daily hearing and keeping his Word. The ‘foolish’ ones are those who hear Jesus’ message but do not act on it, just like the man who builds his house on sand and has nothing to fall back on in time of crisis. The Gospel ends with a warning for all readers: since no one knows the day or hour of Jesus’ return, all would be wise to maintain an attitude of continuous preparedness.

**St. Mother Théodore Guérin, S.P.**

**Feast Day: October 3**

Missionary and founder of the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods

Théodore Guérin was born October 2nd, 1784 in Etables, France. At the age of ten, she received her First Holy Communion and announced to the parish priest that she would one day be a nun. At the age of 25, she fulfilled this statement, entering the order of the Sisters of Providence of Ruillé-sur-Loir, whose mission it was to educate children and to care for the poor, sick and dying. While serving at the convent, Théodore was asked to lead a small band of missionary sisters to Indiana in the United States of America. When the sisters arrived, there was only a log cabin with a porch that served as a chapel. Though her health was suffering, Théodore fell to this new task with a will. By the time she died in 1856, Mother Théodore had opened schools in Illinois and throughout Indiana. The sisters were well-established and respected. Through illness, poverty and all manner of unwelcoming circumstances, she trusted in God’s providence and lived as a model of belief in his mercy. She was canonized in 2006, and is known as the patron saint of Indianapolis.

“**What have we to do in order to be saints?**

**Nothing extraordinary; nothing more than what we do every day. Only do it for [God’s] love...**

Saint Mother Theodore Guerin

*Courtesy USCCB*
PRAISE TO GOD
How great to be a child of God,
How wonderful each day!
How comforting is the peace He brings
To us along the way!
Oh, how I love and praise God’s name
For all He’s done for me.
And how I pray His tender care
Will ever, always be.
Alone, I could not bear my load
Of daily stress and woe,
But in God’s ever-loving arms,
I’m safe where e’er I go.
May His love forever enfold me
Wherever I may roam,
And when my days on earth are over,
May He gently lead me Home.

Mary S. Chevalier

MANY THANKS TO THE PARISHIONERS WHO SANITIZE THE PEWS AFTER ALL MASSES.
GOD BLESS YOU!

THE OFFERTORY
The second part of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Eucharist, begins with the offertory. This is the time when we get to exercise our “generosity muscles.” There are many different ways now to participate in the offertory. Some people put cash in the basket, others write a check, some use the parish envelopes while many now will make their donation through EFT – Electronic Fund Transfer. Many parishes offer this option now for greater convenience.
Whatever manner we choose to use, we should always her the words of St. Paul echo in our ears that “God loves a cheerful giver.” (See Corinthians 9:6-15) We give generously out of gratitude to God, who is so loving and generous to us. Our gift at Mass will help with the needs of the parish and support those in need.
After the collection we bring our gifts of bread and wine to the altar. This brings to mind an ancient scene from Genesis 14 where the priest-king Melchizedek offers gifts of bread and wine and Abram offers the priest a tenth of everything. The Catechism of the Catholic Church, in paragraph 1350 says this: “The presentation of the offerings at the altar takes up the gesture of Melchizedek and commits the Creator’s gifts into the hands of Christ who, in his sacrifice, brings to perfection all human attempts to offer sacrifice.”

2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL
“Love Thy Neighbor”
With the help of funding from the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, Nazareth Village, our diocesan priests’ retirement residence, has been a home over the years for a number of our priests. Perhaps a beloved priest who lovingly served your own parish now calls Nazareth Village home. The Appeal also helps in providing financial support for the extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests. Your gift to the Diocesan Ministries Appeal is a concrete way to recognize the wonderful pastoral work of those priest who have dedicated many years of faithful service to our Church. Please make a gift to the Appeal today as a way of showing thanks. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org

GIVING
I wish I were a rich man;
I would help each day,
others in this needy world –
So much I’d give away.

To bring a smile to a saddened face
With just a wink, a word,
To do the things that God has taught
To show Him I have heard.

Take a tear from a weeping eye,
Comfort…all about;
This is our legend here in life
No one should be without.

I once met a wise man here
And this is what I heard him say:
“the more you give of yourself in life,
The more you take away.”

James Joseph Huesgen

LECTORS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020
5:30 P.M.  Dom Cortellessa
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020
7:30 A.M.  Margaret O’Neill
10:00 A.M.  Chris Marren
12 NOON  Fred Ackerly
Reading for 32 Sunday

WIS 6:12-16

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate.
For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1 THES 4:13-18 OR 4:13-14

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.
Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus, we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

Gospel MT 25:1-13

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.’ Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."