November 15, 2020
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

REV. GREG GOLBA
Pastor

LOYOLA JESUIT COMMUNITY
Weekend Associates

MSGR. REMIGIO G. ROCCO
Pastor Emeritus

DEACON JOSE RIVERA

OFFICE OF SECRETARY & ACCOUNTS
Mrs. Jane Wright & Mrs. Melissa Rivera

PARISH COUNCIL [TRUSTEES & FINANCES]
Mr. Ron Morano • Mrs. Claire Kressaty • Mr. Dale Ostrander
Mr. Tom Luciani • Mr. Bill Boswell

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.

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 PENANCE: 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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Mass Intention

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 Daloisio
12 NOON Elaine Arendas
Stanislaw Urban
Rudy Siano

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2020
8:00 A.M. Ronald Fluellan

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020
8:00 A.M. Intentions of Ellen Grim

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020
8:00 A.M. Ronald J. Kilgallen
Carlos Valentín

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2020
8:00 A.M. Albert DeStefano

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020
5:30 P.M. Mary & Joseph Purcella
Deceased Members of the Danowski Family
Ralph Cortellessa
Lois Maskley

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020
7:30 A.M. Parishioners
Ann Marie Hivish
Ceil Sagan
10:00 A.M. Roy & Shirley Parian
Frank & Dorothy Orofino
Rocco Tarulli
12 NOON Joseph Baranski

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Sunday, November 8, 2020 - $4,922.00
Thank you for your continued support.

WEEKLY REFLECTION
Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, Jesus tells us another parable of judgment.
We are approaching Advent season and, therefore, the end of the liturgical year is getting near.
By giving us life, God has also provided us with the possibility —smaller or bigger— of personal, ethical and religious development. It does not matter if we have more or less, what matters is that what we have received has to yield some profit.
The man of our parable, who hides his talent for fear of his master, did not want to run any risks: «But the man who received one [talent] went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money» (Mt 25:18).

Maybe the core of the parable is this: we must conceive a God that motivates us to come out of ourselves, who encourages us to the freedom of the Kingdom of God.
The word “talent” of this parable —which is nothing but a weight equivalent to 60 pounds of silver— has become so popular that it is even used to show the qualities of a person. But the parable does not imply that the talents God has given us are only our possibilities but also our limitations. What we are and what we have, is the raw material out of which God wants to make something new with us.
The phrase «For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:
Mary Carton Jacob Hicks Judy Moran
Ava Rae Nebbia Matthew Polifonte Gary Ragusa
Evelyn Means Bob Delventhal Ryder Sasso
George Link Michael Soojian Valentina Manuele
Susan Nichols-Boggio Jacqueline Altamore
Mike Tidaback Robert Moreno Lydia Rivera

Jerome Foray Loretta LaSala Infant Ronan Suatoni
Patrick Keegan Manuel Esguerra Michael Gotti
Marianne Dorn Robert Nebbia Christopher Berry
Frank Polglaze Noah Lorenzovitz Florence Grim
Josephine Venezia Alex Coronez Geraldine Kearns
Alice Roslund Alejandro Salcedo Bernie Shushan
Jessica Skorubski Patricia Charlesworth
Gerald D’Onofrio Alexander Saraceni
DECEASED: Sharon Acquaire Dolores San Felice

Pray daily for our servicemen and women serving their country.
those who are unproductive, even what they have will be taken from them» (Mt 25:29), as a matter of fact, is not an aphorism to encourage consumption, but it can only be understood at the level of love and generosity. In fact, if we correspond to God's gifts while counting on his help, we shall then experience that it is actually Him who is paying the interest on the investment: «The stories of so many plain and good people, whom their faith have made them good, prove faith may produce very positive effects (...). And the other way round: we have to realize too that with the evaporation of our faith, our society has become much harder...» (Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI)

LITURGY OF THE WORD
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
FIRST READING: Proverbs 31:10-13 This reading paints a picture of an ideal or worthy wife. Today’s Gospel defines the woman as one who uses her talents well in contrast to the servant who buries his talents. Also, in the context of Wisdom literature (which the Book of Proverbs is), the industrious woman is a personification of Wisdom. Wisdom literature extols the blessings of wisdom as a great prize, worth more than gold, more than a long life or power. Wisdom imparts to all who befriend her that all they need to be successful in the world, is their relationship with God and their family. The wise woman “is a value beyond pearls, her children rise up to praise her (not in today’s reading); she reaches out to the poor.”

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 128 This wisdom psalm refers to the blessing of a worthy wife extolling the virtues of family life in general.

SECOND READING: 1Thessalonians 5:1-6 Paul continues to respond to questions about Jesus’ return. He tells the Thessalonians that having no knowledge of the day nor the hour, they should be in constant vigilance and live always as children of the light.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30 This Gospel is addressed to Jesus’s disciples who are compared to servants entrusted with certain talents which are to be used well to promote Jesus’ mission. It is important to note that the mean and very demanding master in the story does not represent God. Having said that, we can say that in telling this story, Jesus is saying to his disciples (and to us) that the time of waiting for his return is not to be a time of passive waiting or non-engagement out of fear of failure. Waiting for Jesus’ return is “a time of opportunity, of active engagement and creative growth” (Diane Bergant).

In his first letter, St. Peter reminds us: “As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (4:10). This parable is teaching the disciples (and us) to not let the 16 fear of failure and fear of unacceptability prevent us from using the gifts we have received.

OUR AMERICAN SAINTS
Blessed Father Stanley Rother

Stanley Francis Rother was born on March 27, 1935, in Okarche, one of four children of Franz Rother and Gertrude Smith, who farmed near that Oklahoma town. He was baptized on March 29, 1935, in Okarche’s Holy Trinity Church by Father Zenon Steber. He had a sister, Betty Mae, who became Sister Marita on taking her vows, and two brothers, Tom and Jim.

Rother was strong and adept at farm tasks. After completing high school at Holy Trinity School, he decided to become a priest. He studied at Saint John Seminary and then Assumption Seminary in San Antonio in Texas. He served as a sacristan, groundskeeper, bookbinder, plumber, and gardener. After almost six years the seminary staff advised him to withdraw.
Following consultation with his local bishop Victor Reed Rother attended Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, Maryland from which he graduated in 1963. Bishop Reed ordained him to the priesthood on May 25, 1963. Rother served as an associate pastor in various parishes around Oklahoma: Saint William in Durant, Saint Francis Xavier and the Holy Family Cathedral in Tulsa, and Corpus Christi in Oklahoma City. In 1968 – at his own request – he was assigned to the mission of the archdiocese to the Tz’utujil people (also spelled Tz’utuhil) located in Santiago Atitlán in the rural highlands of southwest Guatemala. It was while he was at Corpus Christi that he had earned a priest was needed in Guatemala, and so applied and was accepted by Reed in 1968.

While his efforts to teach and bring the Catholic faith to the native people were received with gratitude by most of the people, there were some who felt he was an outsider and should not be among them. He was murdered in his mission rectory in Guatemala in 1981. He is now Blessed Fr. Stanly Rother, and his cause for canonization continues.

ST. FRANCIS COUNCIL # 2617
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

St. Francis Council #2617 Knights of Columbus would like to thank the parish of St. Francis for their generous donations to our 3 programs sponsored during the month of October.

We received over 2100 diapers and 1200 baby wipes from our ‘Diaper Drop’. Baby diapers and baby wipes went to Lighthouse Pregnancy Center in Hawthorne. Youth underwear (60 to 125 lbs.) went to Paterson Diocese Catholic Charities.

Our next Diaper Drop will be held starting Mother’s Day.

We had 20 pints of Blood donated at our Blood Drive on October 28th. Our quota was 15 pints. Our next blood drive is scheduled for January 30th, 2021.

We sent 2 boxes of eyeglasses (250+), sunglasses (15) and 18 eyeglass cases to ‘New Eyes for the Needy’ in Short Hills, NJ. This is an ongoing program and the eyeglass box is still in the narthex.

From all who benefited from these programs, we THANK YOU very much!

20020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL
“Love Thy Neighbor”

The ability to reach out to people in need through our Diocesan Ministries Appeal is dependent on the number of faithful parishioners who participate by making a gift. That is why every gift counts! Your support helps bring hope to thousands of people who come to our Catholic Charities agencies each year. It also supports seminarian education, our diocesan priests’ residence, extraordinary healthcare needs of our priests and our urban elementary schools. In addition, parishes receive half of all funds received over their parish goals, with a total of almost $713,000 returned to parishes from last year’s Appeal – and over $3.25 million in five years! Please help your neighbors in need and our own parish by making a gift today! For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2020appeal.org.

NEWS FROM THE LADIES’ GUILD

In place of the annual Soup & Sandwich Supper, the Ladies’ Guild will sponsor another Soup Sale, which will again be conducted under COVID-19 protocols, after all Masses on Saturday, November 21 and Sunday, November 22.

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Happy 1st Anniversary
Fr Manuel

Parishioners from St Francis Church
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LECTORS
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2020
5:30 P.M. Lynn Magnini
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020
7:30 A.M. Barbara Garruto
10:00 A.M. Debbie Griffin
12 NOON Joe Darlington
Reading for 33rd Sunday

Reading 1 PRV 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

Responsorial Psalm

Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Reading 2 1 THES 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

Gospel Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away. "After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'"