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Monday to Friday  
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**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time  
November 4, 2018**

## **Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Evening Vigil: 5:00 PM April through October

**4:00 PM November through March**

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM in English & 12:30 PM Spanish

Holydays: Vigil: 6:30 PM English

Noon, 6:30 PM English., 7:30 PM Spanish

Check the bulletin for Christmas & Easter Schedules

Weekdays: Mon. – Fri.: Noon

Saturday: 9:00 AM

**Confessions:** Monday - Friday after the noon Mass, **3:00 PM Saturday**  
and call the priest for an appointment

**Baptisms:** Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Marriage:** A year in advance, Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Contact a priest at any time.

**Communion calls:** For anyone confined to their home, arrange with the office.

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## **Devotions:**

**First Friday:** Holy Hour with Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, 11:00 AM

**First Saturday:** MORNINGS WITH MARY, begins with 9:00 AM Mass

**Divine Mercy Chaplet and reading diary of St. Faustina:** 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month before Vigil Mass

**Miraculous Medal Novena:** Monday after Mass

**St. Jude Novena:** Thursday after Mass

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## **Societies of the Parish:**

**Bukas Loob sa Diyos - BLD:** Fri. 7:30 PM - Parish Center

**Filipino Choir –** 3rd Sunday, 5:00 to 6:30 PM Church

**Worship Apostolate,** in Room 104

## **Reuniones Hispanas**

**Eucaristía Dominical:** 12:30 PM

**Bautismos:** Porfavor llamar la oficina de lunes a viernes.

**Matrimonio:** Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse un año antes de la boda.

**Reconciliación:** Confesiones cada Domingo 12 hasta 12:30 PM

**Unción de los Enfermos:** Por favor llamar la oficina para visitas a las casa o hospital.

**Educación Religiosa:** 732-382-0004

**Coro:** Miércoles 7:30 PM

**Movimiento Juan XXIII:** – Jueves 8:00 PM – Parish Center, Aula 201

**Grupo Guadalupano** -Martes 7:00 PM - Iglesia

**Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús"** - Sábado 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM Aula 208

**Grupo de Oración** - Sábado 7:00 PM Connell Hall

**Escuela "Jesus el Buen Pastor"** Todos los Lunes, 7:30 PM, clases de Biblia, Connell Hall

## **31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time** **November 4, 2018**

Every coin is double-sided. Every give comes with a take. Every choice brings a rejection. That's all part of life, allowing for the rare exception. Even so, we are at our best when we strive for unity in our living and promote harmony.

Coins can be engraved the same way on both sides. We can be all-giving with our donations with no "take." We can love many people with only differences of degree.

In our gospel scene for this weekend, we watch Jesus take up the challenge of a scribe's time-worn question about which is the greatest law. At that time, the Jewish code included no less than 613 laws, so this would be a problem that ordinary men could fill with whole hours of rabbinical discussion. Of course, Jesus is no ordinary man. Just as He was no ordinary twelve-year-old in a discussion with His elders in "His Father's House."

So Jesus comes at the question with a human and divine perspective. He is not in any way hidebound by inflexible tradition. What does He do for the searching scribe? He combines love of God with love of neighbor.

"All well and good as an ideal," some of us might respond all these centuries later. But almost all of us immediately see a conundrum. Loving God is usually rather easy, especially when all is right in our little worlds. But if one figurative "curve ball" is thrown our way; when life takes an unexpected turn that we do not welcome, then we have a problem with God. The relationship cools, or winds down to practically nothing. We have to struggle to get it back.

The clerical abuse scandal is a good example of such a "curve ball" thrown our way. I believe, behind the human wrong-doers, stands the devil. What a clever strategy the prince of darkness has chosen to attack the Church he hates! Combine sex, which gets most people's immediate attention, and celibate clergy involvement, when most people don't understand celibacy or mock it as an impossibility.

Make the victims vulnerable children and adolescents. Add to the mix bishops and priests, who are supposed to represent Christ, and then have many of the bishops involved in a cover-up, supposedly for the sake of saving face for the Church. Truly diabolical. It takes great faith to believe that those hellgates will not prevail. They certainly do in the headlines.

It is a tribute to our many faithful lay Catholics, that despite their anger, pain and shame, including that of all the good priests and bishops, they have stayed with Christ and His Church despite the criminal and sinful behavior of some vow-taking clerics.

Meanwhile, when it comes to love of neighbor, the matter becomes challenging in ways quite ordinary. We rightly ask, "Am I really to love him or

her as much as I love myself?" Even that guy who runs the leaf vacuum at 6:30 on a Saturday morning, my only day to sleep late? Or the neighbor who blasts his stereo? Or the person with a verbal tic that has him/her say "y' know" after most sentences? Or the annoying tailgaters who prowl the roads? On a much broader scale, what about those politicians we can't stand? Or the terrorists and the school shooters whose actions defy easy understanding?

No matter who our neighbor is, we must make that decision of the will that we call "love" and apply it to the point where we can resist an ugly hatred from forming in our hearts.

So much else I could say about this second half of the great commandment. Instead I'll let the great poet Carl Sandburg speak for me. He once said: "Love your neighbor as yourself; but don't take down the fence".

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." (MARK 12:33)*

Of all the gifts that God gives His **Stewards**, the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

### **BENEFIT CONCERT**

Coming to the Union County Performing Arts Center, Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM, "The Midtown Men," the original stars from Broadway's Jersey Boys, will perform a benefit concert with all ticket proceeds supporting Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark. For tickets or information call (732) 499-8226 or log onto [www.ucpac.org](http://www.ucpac.org).

### **HEALING MASS AND PRAYERS**

On Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:30 PM, A Charismatic Mass followed by prayers for healing will be celebrated at St Francis Cathedral, 32 Elm Ave & Main Street, Metuchen by Father Bill Halbing. For more information contact Pam [pzgendlek@comcast.net](mailto:pzgendlek@comcast.net) or 732 491-6042

<b>SANCTUARY GIFTS</b>	<b>ST. MARY'S</b>	<b>SUNDAY READINGS</b>
Tabernacle Lamp	Fr. Myers	Deuteronomy 6:2-6
Altar Bread	Fr. Hermanns	Psalm 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
Altar Wine	Msgr. Buttner	Hebrews 7:23-28
Altar Candles	Fr. Kasper	Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

Saturday, November 3

5:00 PM Mary Pileggi

Sunday, November 4

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Albert F. Reitemeyer

9:30 AM John Hladinec, Jr.

11:00 AM Jackie Forero

12:30 PM Albert F. Reitemeyer

Monday, November 5

Noon People of the Parish

Tuesday, November 6

Noon Rose Henderson

Wednesday, November 7

Noon John Botti

Thursday, November 8

Noon Anna Kaminski

Friday, November 9

*The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica*

Noon Bernard Quiba

Saturday, November 10

9:00 AM John Hladinec, Jr.

5:00 PM John Hladinec, Jr.

Sunday, November 11

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM Mary & Joseph

Tranchina

9:30 AM John & Charles

Hladinec.

11:00 AM Albert F. Reitemeyer

12:30 PM Albert F. Reitemeyer



Please remember the souls of those who have recently died.

**Ann Ragan McGurr**

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. May perpetual light shine upon them.

**LORD, PROTECT THOSE WHO PROTECT US**

Brian Brenkman, L/CPL Christopher



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Trooper William J.

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Michael Dinis,

Airman Paul

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Gawronski, Johannes

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McCartney, Jr., Cpl. Megan Michel,

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AB Sean Twerdak, Keith Zalaras.

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**PARISH NEEDS A TV**

A big thank you to Joey C who donated the freezer we needed.

Now, is there someone who would be able to donate a new or gently used television, about 40 inches to the Rectory? If so, please call the office.



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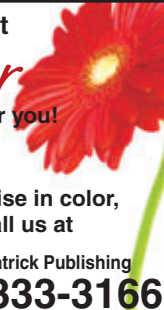


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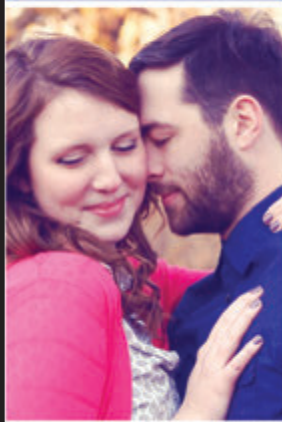
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