

St. Mary's Catholic Church

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

Dear Parishioners:

The theme of "**Life after Death**" is an attractive source for many stories, movies and television shows in our secular world. People have a desire for immortality which some seek in various surrogate ways: fame, influence, fortune and power. Many famous people have wrestled with the idea of **life after death**. The poet laureate Sir Alfred Lloyd Tennyson wrote: "If there is no immortality, I shall hurl myself into the sea." The deceased German Empire Chancellor Otto von Bismarck said: "Without the hope of an afterlife this life is not even worth the effort of getting dressed in the morning." The renowned psychiatrist Sigmund Freud stated that the belief that death is the door to a better life is: "the oldest, strongest and most insistent wish of mankind."

As the conclusion of our Church's Liturgical Year draws near it is very natural for us to turn our thoughts to the theological concept of **life after death**. The Judeo-Christian tradition has a lot to say about this concept. Our Catholic belief in immortality is unique and special. One of the central truths of our faith is our belief in our **bodily resurrection** and **life after death**. The Gospel of Jesus Christ is the Good News of the fullness of life in this age and of **resurrection** in the age to come. Scripture reminds us of the hope we have—that our God **is** the God of the living and His work of creation is not yet finished. Our spirit and the **glorified body** that we will eventually have will always be infused with the strength, beauty, glory and immortality of our God. Over the next couple of weeks our Scripture readings for our Eucharistic celebrations will continue to remind us of these very important theological concepts of our Catholic faith.

Today's first reading from the Book of Maccabees tells the inspiring story of a dedicated faith-filled Jewish mother and her seven sons who were martyred for not defiling their faith. As each son faced death he was inspired by his mother to remain strong, put his faith and trust in God, and choose death rather than violate his Jewish beliefs. The mother reminded her sons that their death (in fidelity to God) would give way to a bodily resurrection. Their hope would be the glory of their resurrection to come.

The Sadducees (who are mentioned in today's Gospel passage) were a conservative, aristocratic group in Jesus' time. They cooperated with the Romans and thus enjoyed a certain amount of privilege. Unlike the Pharisees, they did **not** believe in the resurrection and they used ridicule to demonstrate that the belief in resurrection was foolish. Trying to ridicule and trap Jesus they use a story of a woman marrying seven brothers and wondering whose wife the woman would be in the resurrection. Jesus responds to them by...

Weekend Masses

Sat Nov 9 4:00 p.m. Murphy and Immele Family
Rita Wenger

Sun Nov 10 10:00 a.m. Teresa Rieman
Gene Badertscher

Sat Nov 16 4:00 p.m. Fr. Dave Beck

Sun Nov 10 10:00 a.m. For our parish

Communion Service

Fri Nov 15 8:00 a.m. St. Mary's

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$3,558.00	Loose	\$663.00
Children	\$15.25	Total	\$4,236.25

80 envelopes returned = 38%



*Thank you for your generosity!
Thank you also to those who give
electronically!!*

Assignments for November 16 & 17, 2019

Money Counters: Janet Begg and Deb Goldenetz

4:00 p.m. – *please sign the sheet in the main entrance*

Greeters: Jeanne Parinello

Cantor: Becca Schlumbohm

Ushers: John Parinello and Chuck Niese

Lector: Laura Jones

E.M.: Diana Bucher, Amy Marcum

Servers: Eli Jones and Elizabeth Honse

10:00 a.m.

Greeters: Steve and Kelly Yarnell family

Cantor: Katie Hohenbrink

Ushers: Greg and Gabe Denecker

Lectors: Chris Denecker

E.M.: Luke Denecker, Hank Schroeder, Noralu Kahle, Kim Garmatter

Servers: Izzy Stechschulte, Josh Meyer, Nathan Meyer, Julia Mehaffie

Readings for November 17, 2019

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1st Reading: Malachi 3:19 - 20

2nd Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7 - 12

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5 - 19

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...pointing out two facts that will make the Sadducees argument foolish and irrelevant. First Jesus points out that the Sadducees have totally misunderstood what the resurrection from the dead is all about. Resurrection is **not** a mere resuscitation wherein a dead person receives their life back again but rather resurrection is a radically new kind of life not governed by the rules of earthly reality. Secondly, Jesus points out that the great patriarchs: Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are all referred to as belonging to the **God of the living**. The patriarchs who were said to be dead were actually alive in God. Therefore the creative power of God brings about life after death.

As Christians whenever we profess the Apostles' or Nicene Creed and recite the line: "I believe in the **resurrection of the body and life everlasting**," we are asserting our belief that at our resurrection our body will join with our spirit to continue our existence in life eternal. This is truly Good News for us!

Love & prayers,
Fr. John



Please join us in the social hall after the 10:00 Mass this weekend for Coffee and Donuts! We have this event the second Sunday of each month. Come spend some time in fellowship!

Students attending CYSC will be hosting a bake sale fundraiser on November 24th after Mass. Please plan ahead and consider helping them raise money to attend a joy-filled and incredible week of camp this summer! Stop in to Coffee and Donuts today to learn more about CYSC.



Church Members – time to start baking! The Thanksgiving bake sale for Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio will be held in the lobby of Mennonite Memorial Home on Friday, Nov. 22, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. This is a perfect opportunity for you to bake a few Christmas or Thanksgiving goodies early and put a few aside for this bake sale. The Service Group, who oversees the sale and is composed of members from local churches, is in need of cinnamon rolls, pies, cakes, cookies, breads and any other baked items that people like to serve at Thanksgiving. Items should be delivered to the lobby by 8:45 a.m. on Nov. 22.



It is also time to pre-order a hickory nut or black walnut pie. You can pre-order by calling 419-358-1015 between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, until Nov. 25 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 19 for Christmas. Pies will be available for pick-up on Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving and Dec. 19, 20, 23 and 30 for Christmas and New Years. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase items for the Mennonite Home Communities of Ohio.



CARE, SHARE, and PRAYER

I would like to invite any individual or family who would like to join a special new program entitled **CARE, SHARE, and PRAYER**. This program will allow and enable us to get to know each other better. I would be willing to come and visit you at your home so that we could have a chat and pray together. You can share your faith and family stories with me while I share mine and also share the story of the Redemptorists with you. Together we can discover and discuss ways in which we can empower our St. Mary's Parish in becoming a more vibrant community in carrying Jesus' Gospel Message and Mission to all. We can also pray together and bless your home. If you are interested in participating in this program please contact the Parish Office (419) 358-8631 so that we can set up a date and time for my visit. God bless you and your families.

Peace, Fr. John

P.R.E.P

Children's Liturgy of the Word is during the 10a.m. Mass

K-6: Class is this Wednesday, November 13th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Jr High: Class will meet Sunday, November 17, from 11:00 – 1:00



God Squad--High School Youth Group



God Squad High School Youth will meet for class Sunday, November 17, from 11:00 – 1:00. Third Thursday is November 21st from 7 – 8:30 p.m.