

# Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 10, 2019



## Sunday November 10, Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a Judy Bourque Req. Family

## Monday November 11, St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

8:00a Roger Pegolo, Joseph & Al Pegolo Req. Vivian & Family

## Tuesday November 12, St. Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr

8:00a Brygida Jablonski Req. Maria

## Wednesday November 13, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

8:00a No Mass

## Thursday November 14, Weekday

8:00a Holy Souls

## Friday November 15, St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:00a Donald Wallace Req. Family

8:30a Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Saturday November 16, St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin

8:00a Albert Racine Month Anniv.

Patricia Chambrello 1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.

William Bergenty Month Anniv.

## Saturday November 16, Vigil of Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p Mark Skrzypek & John & Helena Wroczynski Req. Family

## Sunday November 17, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a Michaela Petit Req. Family

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ADORATION



We welcome all who gather here to worship with us. You are most welcome if you are visiting with us today. If you are new to our parish and wish to become a member of



OLM, we invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Raymond Smialowski, and to register. Registration can be completed by stopping by the parish office, filling out the short form on the front page of our bulletin, or completing a short registration form which can be found on our home page at [www.olmct.org](http://www.olmct.org) under the heading "New to Our Parish?" Please return the form to the office by dropping it in the collection basket or mailing it to 19 S. Canal St., Plainville.



### The Tabernacle Lamp...

is lit for the Greater Glory of God and in recognition of the Real Presence of Christ.

This week the candle is flickering *in memory of All Veterans*. The Tabernacle Lamp is available as a memorial for a \$5 donation per week. Consider having the lamp burn in memory of or the intentions of a loved one. Please call the office to schedule at 860.747.6825.

## This Week This Week This Week This Week

### Sunday November 10

8 – 10:30a OLM Breakfast, *Parish Center*

10:30a Men's AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

### Monday November 11

9:30a Legion of Mary, *Library*

3 – 5:45p St. Joseph Basketball, *Gym*

6 – 8:45p Farmington Boys Basketball, *Gym*

### Tuesday November 12

3 – 5:45p St. Joseph Basketball, *Gym*

7p NA Meeting, *Rm 106*

### Wednesday November 13

2 – 3p Religious Ed. Gr. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, *Parish Center*

3 – 3:45p Children's Choir, *Parish Center*

3 – 5:45p St. Joseph Basketball, *Parish Center*

6p Bereavement Group, *Conference Room*

7 – 8:15p Confirmation Class I & II, *Parish Center*

7p Men's NA Meeting, *Rm 107*

### Thursday November 14

6p St. Anthony Soc. Meeting, *Parish Center*

### Friday November 15

6 – 8:45p Farmington Boys Basketball, *Gym*

### Saturday November 16

8:30 – 10a Talented Basketball, *Gym*

Noon Confession, *Church*

7p AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

### Sunday November 17

9 – 10:15a Rel. Ed. Gr. 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, Older Children Sacramental Prep. & Parents' Coffee Hour, *Parish Center*

10:30a Men's AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

### Church Support

**\$7,721.50 Weekly Envelopes for Nov. 2 & 3**

**-\$571.39 Cathedraticum to the Archdiocese**

**\$7,150.11 Amount for OLM use**

**Thank You for Your Generous Support!**



### Thank You...

To everyone who participated in the Mass of Remembrance last Sunday.

A special thanks to all who shared their time and

talents to enhance the liturgy and to provide a beautiful reception following the Mass.

# Religious Education News

## Students of the Month for October

Congratulations to the following students in our Religious Education Program!



Older Children Sacramental Prep - London Porter

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Wednesday - Rylee Nichisti

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Wednesday - Ashley Thorpe

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Sunday - Gabriel Marcano

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Wednesday - Grace Savage

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Sunday - Ryan Bohn

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Wednesday - Sophia Ripley

5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Lily Andrusia

6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Sarah Diaz

7<sup>th</sup> Grade - Paige Iwanicki

8<sup>th</sup> Grade - Zoe Weimer

9<sup>th</sup> Grade - Jayden Marcos

10<sup>th</sup> Grade - Claudia Mizerek

By recognizing students of the month, we wish to affirm and encourage the participation of the children and youth in our Religious Education Program.

## Commitment Ceremony

There will be a commitment ceremony next Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, at the 10:30am Mass. The confirmation students in the 9th grade will present their letter to Fr. Ray and will receive a candle as a symbol for their promise to be confirmed the following year. Parents, grandparents and extended family are encouraged to attend. Please remember the intentions of our youth in your prayers.

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You

## Thank You....

To all the children who dressed up as saints, sang in the choir, and participated in last Sunday's Children's

Mass. What a joyous celebration! We look forward to the **NEXT** Children's Mass on Sunday, Dec. 1 at 10:30am Mass.

## Attention Teens

Our Lady of Mercy Youth Ministry is starting an event on *Sunday, December 1st at 11:45am* (after the 10:30 Mass) called "Sundaes on Sunday." Create your own ice cream sundae and socialize with other teens your age. Topic of discussion will be, "What Sundays mean to you and how it can relate to your everyday life." Any questions, call or text Donna at (860) 952-4005 or [olmctre@sbcglobal.net](mailto:olmctre@sbcglobal.net)



## Family Faith Formation News

Parent's Coffee Hour is a HIT! We will have coffee and light refreshments for parents in room 106 each Sunday, during the time the children are in Religious Ed classes (Wednesday parents are also invited if you'd like to drop by before Mass.) If you would like to help out with the refreshments, we would welcome that.

Looking Ahead: The Second Graders will host the December Children's Mass. That will be the first Sunday in Advent, and the Creches will be blessed on that day. The children will sing a special song and we will rehearse it during Children's Choir, and on GIFT night on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

## Family Discussion:

*Children in our culture often know very little about death, dying, and eternal life. Take this opportunity to talk with your children about their thoughts, beliefs, maybe even their fears, about death and dying. In the Gospel this week, Jesus tells us that after we die, we will not need the same things we did when we were alive, but we will continue to have a relationship with God. You could use the example of a tree to help your children understand what Jesus tells us. When a tree is alive it needs water, soil, and sunlight. When the tree is used to make a table, a toy, or something else it has a new purpose. The tree no longer needs water, soil, or sunlight. Read together the short form of the Gospel, Luke 20:27, 34-38. Tell your children about your hope and faith in the resurrection of the body and eternal life with God. Pray together for those in your family who have died.*



*Please continue to pray, during the month of November, for our parishioners that have died in the past year.*



### Sweaters for Vets

*Your outpouring of generosity has been heartwarming.* In observance of Veteran's Day and to thank **ALL** of our veterans who have served so unselfishly, OLM will be collecting



new, gently used, & clean sweaters, hats, scarves and gloves for both men & women veterans in Connecticut. The collection will continue

to take place **NOW** through **THIS** Friday, November 15. A bin has been placed in the Gathering Space for your generous donations. *Thanks again for the beautiful items we have received thus far!*

### Advent Wreath Making

Learn how to make an Advent Wreath on Saturday, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the parish center. The meaning of the wreath and the lighting of the Advent candles will be

explained. The workshop will also include a pizza supper. It's a great family event. The cost is only \$10 per

family. If you plan to bring the Advent Wreath frame from last year's workshop, the cost is \$6. Participation space is limited. Please sign up by calling the parish office by Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at

860.747.6825.



### Book of Remembrance

You are invited to write the names of deceased loved ones in the Book of Remembrance which is located in the church, near the sanctuary. They will be remembered in prayer during the month of November.

### Coming Soon!

In the near future a new library will be opened in the area of the church under the choir loft. Books, CD's, & DVD's may be signed out for two weeks at a time in a date journal, which will be placed on a coffee table. Also provided will be beautiful Bibles that can be read while in the library, but not removed. Sticky notes will enable you to write your favorite Scripture verse on them so that you may post it on the bulletin board for others to see. Stay tuned!  
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### The Necessity of Remembrance

*By Bishop James Conley*

On November 11, 2018, people throughout the world celebrated the 100th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I.

Since 1954, in the United States, this day is commemorated as Veterans Day. It is on this day that we honor all the men and women who have bravely fought to keep our nation free.

For my family, Veterans Day has always had a special significance. My own father was a veteran of WWII, who served aboard ship in the South Pacific. He died November 7, 2006, and we buried him on Veterans Day, November 11, 2006.

As citizens of the United States, we are given a great inheritance. The Declaration of Independence, our charter document, speaks of our rights as "inalienable" and "endowed by our creator." These are not rights that are earned or given to us by a government, but given to us by God.

However, these rights that God has given to us as inherent in our human nature must be protected, and our veterans have risked their own lives to protect these rights.

Alexis de Tocqueville, the French commentator on American democracy, said that "when the past no longer illuminates the future, the spirit walks in darkness."

Our country has been built on the sacrifices of those who have gone before us. We must

never forget these sacrifices. At a time in our history when we are experiencing great division among Americans, we perhaps need Veterans Day more than ever. A nation that forgets its roots forgets its identity and is destined to fail.

Remembering the sacrifices of those who have gone before us is of particular importance to us as Americans. The story of the United States of America is not a story of one ethnicity, race, or even religion—even though our country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles. Rather, we are a great melting pot of races, ethnicities, and even cultures that have come together to live by certain ideals and laws.



Again, we must never forget that men and women have died to preserve these freedoms and ideals. If we forget those who fought to preserve them, how easy it is to forget the ideals.

Throughout Sacred Scripture, we witness the necessity of memorial or remembrance.

The sacrifices offered by the Israelites are done as part of living out their covenant with the Lord. By doing this, they were reminded that they were God's holy people, a people set apart. For example, when the Israelites celebrated the Passover meal, they were not merely recalling a historical event, but they were entering into the past, recalling their identity.

Jesus at the Last Supper, in giving us himself in the Holy Eucharist as love made visible, tells his Apostles to "Do this in remembrance of me," as he established the new covenant.

Every celebration of the Mass is a re-presentation of the Paschal Mystery, and those who participate enter into this mystery.

The Scriptures also warn us about the disaster that ensues if we forget the Lord. In the Book of Deuteronomy, we hear: "Be careful not to forget the LORD, your God, by failing to keep his commandments and

ordinances and statutes which I enjoin on you today..." ([Dt 8:1](#)). The prophets, likewise, would tell wayward Israelites to turn back and remember the Lord.

It is fitting that we as a country remember the sacrifices of veterans in the month that we as Catholics remember to pray for all the faithful departed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states, "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven" ([CCC 1030](#)).

The souls in purgatory have passed from this world in the state of sanctifying grace. They died in union with God, and they will one day enter into eternal glory.

Even though the souls in purgatory will enter into eternal glory, they require further purification of their souls. The Book of the Revelation says that nothing unholy can enter the presence of God ([Rev 21: 27](#)). In the Gospels, our Lord himself tells his disciples to "be perfect as your Heavenly Father is perfect" ([Mt 5:48](#)).

The tradition of praying for the dead goes back to our ancestors in the faith, the Jewish people. The 2nd Book of Maccabees tells us "It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead, that they may be loosed from sins" ([2 Maccabees 12:46](#)).



As Americans, we have a great bond with all of our veterans. Through their sacrifices, we are able to live in freedom. As Catholics and members of the Communion of Saints, we have a great bond with the poor souls in purgatory, who have fought the good fight here on earth, remaining in the Lord's love. When we, the pilgrim Church on earth, pray and offer sacrifices for these souls that await full glory in the Lord, they most certainly will never forget us. Taken from: <https://www.lincolndiocese.org/op-ed/bishop-s-column/11532-the-necessity-of-remembrance>