

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 17, 2019



Sunday November 17, Thirty-Third Sunday in

Ordinary Time

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a Michaela Petit Req. Family

Monday November 18, *The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

8:00a For All the Faithful Departed

Tuesday November 19, *Weekday*

8:00a Zeena Schreck Req. Friend

Wednesday November 20, *Weekday*

8:00a No Mass

Thursday November 21 *The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00a All Deceased Legion of Mary Members Req. OLM Legion of Mary

Friday November 22, *St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr*

8:00a Roy Somes Req. Pauline Casey

8:30a Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday November 23, *St. Clement I, Pope and Martyr: St. Columban, Abbot*

8:00a Christina Mercer 1st Anniv.

Saturday November 23, *Vigil of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

4:00p Val Dlugosz Req. Family

Sunday November 24, *Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe*

8:30a For the Intentions of all Parishioners

10:30a Donald & Joan St. Pierre Req. John & Claudia

EUCHARISTIC
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 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 lighted for the Greater Glory of God and in recognition of the Real Presence of Christ. This week the candle is flickering *in memory of Ray Corsini*. 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 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*

Monday November 18

9:30a Legion of Mary, *Library*

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

Tuesday November 19

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

4p Plainville Early Learning Center, *Library*

7p NA Meeting, *Rm 106*

Wednesday November 20

6p Bereavement Group, *Conference Room*

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

Thursday November 21

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

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

Friday November 22

6p GIFT, *Parish Center*

Saturday November 23

8:30 – 10a Talented Basketball, *Gym*

Noon Confession, *Church*

7p AA Meeting, *Rm 107*

Sunday November 24

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

Church Support

\$5,578.50 Weekly Envelopes for Nov. 9 & 10

-\$412.80 Cathedraticum to the Archdiocese

\$5,165.70 Amount for OLM use

Thank You for Your Generous Support!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Next week, our special collection will support the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. More

than 46 million people in the US live in poverty today. This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address obstacles as they work to make permanent and positive changes for their communities. Learn more about the Campaign at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

Religious Education News

A Little Light Laughter from the GIFT Team:

Q. Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?

A. *Samson. He brought the house down.*
and

Q. What kind of man was Boaz before he married?

A. *Ruthless.*



JOIN US **THIS** Friday, November 22nd, as we Walk a

little further in the Word. This month we explore the Book of Judges, a story filled with a cycle of sinfulness, suffering, crying out to the Lord, His grace... repeat, repeat, repeat. Dinner is served at 6PM. Our large group intro and program begins at 6:20p, followed by a focused presentation and discussion. Come and enjoy good food, friends, and Faith! All Sacramental Preparation students and families are reminded of the requirement to attend GIFT as part of the Sacramental Preparation.

The Faith Formation Committee...

will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 7pm. All parishioners interested in the educational mission of the parish are invited to attend.

Commitment Ceremony

The following students in our First Year of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will make a Commitment today during the 10:30am Mass to prayerfully continue their preparation to be confirmed.

Please remember their intentions in your prayers.

Giovanni Setaro

Vanessa Autunno

Joshua Smith

Natalie Basile

Mia Sargis

Tia McCarthy

Tyler Chambrello

Devon Nanowski

Jake Conte

Jeffrey Boyle

Jayden Marcos

Congratulations...

to Aaron Parsons on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 29th at St. Rose of Lima Church along with 34 other adults from 16

parishes from the Archdiocese of Hartford. The Most Reverend Juan Miguel Betancourt presided at the Celebration.

Congratulations to all the newly confirmed!



Attention Teens

There are 2 exciting things starting soon in Youth Ministry: **First:** Starting on Sunday, December 1st at 11:45am (after the 10:30am Mass) "Sundaes on Sunday." Create your own ice cream sundae and socialize with other teens your age. Topic of discussion will be, "What do Sunday's mean to you and how can it relate to your everyday life?" This is open for grades 9-12. **Second:** Teen Talks - Starts on Saturday, December 7th from 11:00am-12:00pm. Lunch will be served and topic of discussion will be on cultural issues such as drugs, dating, anxiety, depression, peer relationships, pressures at school and how the Catholic Faith can help in everyday life. This group is open for Middle School Teens grades 6-8.

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 on Dec. 1. 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. 22nd.

Family Discussion for today's Gospel reading:

Many children are uninformed about world events, but can be sensitive to the concerns felt by adults. We can help children interpret adult concerns by sharing information about current events in appropriate ways. We can also put these concerns in the light of God's kingdom and the assurance of God's care for us. Talk with your children about the ways in which God might bring good out of the difficult events you discussed. Conclude by praying for the needs of the people involved in the events you named. In prayer, place each of these difficult situations into God's hands, and ask God to show you ways in which you might better the situations discussed.



New 4th Grade Class

We have started an additional 4th Grade Religious Education class on Sunday mornings. If you have a 4th grader who needs a Sunday class, please contact Susan in the Faith Formation Office at 860.747.6825.

Sweaters for Vets

Thank you again for your outpouring of generosity. It has been so heartwarming to witness that our parishioners are so giving of themselves to others. We will publish the number of items donated within the next few weeks in the bulletin after we receive the final count.

Advent Wreath Making

Learn how to make an Advent Wreath on Saturday, Nov. 30th 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. 25th 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!
Your Dynamic Catholic Parish Champions

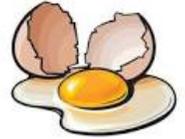
The Parish Life Committee...

will meet on Monday, Nov. 25 at 6pm in the parish center. Agenda items will include the Parish Carol Sing which is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15. Please join us!

Thank You...

to everyone who supported the breakfast last Sunday.

A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus for all their work in preparing and serving a delicious breakfast. The next breakfast is Sunday, Dec. 8. Hint: There will be a person in a red and white suit with a long white beard that the children can talk to!



The Social Justice Committee...

will meet this Monday, Nov. 18 at 7pm in the parish center. The committee welcomes all parishioners who have interest in helping our parish respond to and address the needs of our fellow human beings.

St. Philip House...

Will host a Comedy Night on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7pm at Nuchie's in Forestville. The evening will feature dinner, entertainment and raffles.

Tickets are \$50 per person. The ticket includes complimentary wine and beer from 7pm - 8pm, appetizers and an Italian buffet dinner. Comedy

Night is the annual fund-raising event for St. Philip's House. The program at St. Philip's House not only assists people living with HIV/AIDS but also provides individualized support services to ensure access to community and state services. In the Plainville/Bristol area, 75 individuals are utilizing these services. For further information please call 860.263.4418.



St. Paul Catholic High School...

will hold their Placement Exam **on Saturday, December 14 at 8am.** This exam is for prospective 9th and 10th grade students. A financial aid session will be held at St. Paul from 8:00am - approximately 9:00 am. Register for the exam online at www.spchs.com or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@spchs.com to schedule a day for your child to shadow for a day.

Men's Retreat at Holy Family

The men of our parish are invited to go on retreat at Holy Family in West Hartford on January 17 – 19, 2020. The theme of this year's retreat is: "Come Away and Rest Awhile..." Plan ahead to enjoy a weekend of fellowship, laughter, inspiring liturgies, home-cooked meals and more. Our parish Men's Retreat Coordinator is Bill Fasciano. Please call Bill at (860) 997-2016 with any questions and information about registration. For those who are going on retreat for the first time, a scholarship is available to cover the costs. What a wonderful gift this would make for a husband or father for Christmas!

New Pictures

Check out the new pictures on our website at www.olmct.org! Some are at the very top of the home page and the rest can be found as you scroll down on the page; you will see new pictures under photo albums.

These pictures are from Jeanne's Reception and the OLM Feast. Enjoy!

OLM Blood Drive

Children with cancer, trauma patients and those undergoing treatments for sickle cell anemia are among those who depend on the kindness and effort of people like you to donate blood. Our Blood Drive will be held on Tues. November 26th from 8:30am to 1:30pm in the parish center. Please go to www.redcross.org to schedule your donation!



The Pro-Life Ministry...

of the Archdiocese of Hartford would like to thank everyone for their presence, prayers, and participation in the 2019 40 Days for Life Campaign. 454 lives were saved from Sept. 25 – Nov. 3, 2019.

Reflection on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Faith tells us that the answer is Christ. His grace, divine life and power at work in us, is the only "commodity" on which we can rely with absolute trust.

This message of God's grace is at the heart of Jesus's preaching, from the Sermon on the Mount to the eschatological discourses, one of which we hear in today's Gospel. Today, we heard Christ teach that the Temple, which was the locus of

God's presence par excellence, would not last. Human relationships often fail. The very world itself will end. But the power of Christ endures. He gives his followers life, power, his words of truth, the strength to persevere, and the promise of sharing in God's life forever.

Grace is the "solid commodity" upon which we can safely stake our lives. But what is God's grace?

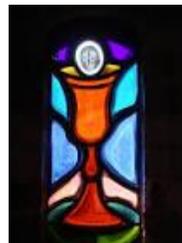


Grace is the gift of God's own life, the life of His Holy Spirit within us. Grace justifies us, putting us into a right relationship with God and equipping us to respond positively to His invitation to live as His adopted sons and daughters. We do not earn God's grace; it is a freely given gift. God lavishes His grace upon us out of the sheer gratuity of His love for us.

Grace is given in Baptism, strengthened in the Eucharist, restored in confession. In His fidelity, God never withdraws His grace from us if we do not forfeit it by sin. The life of grace is the treasure in the field, the pearl of great price to which Jesus refers in the Gospel. It is that for which any sacrifice is worthwhile.

Grace is also a "game changer" for every Christian. It changes our way of seeing and thinking, of choosing and acting. A positive response to God's grace necessarily involves that we embark wholeheartedly on a new life, on the adventure of Christian discipleship.

Finally, grace prepares us for the "day of the Lord," that future day when God will manifest His power over all creation and Christ will come again in glory. It is God's grace that allows us to live in such a way that we can meet the day of the Lord with confidence and hope, rather than fear and despair.



In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, a supernova of God's grace is unleashed on the altar and given to us as Food and Drink. In every celebration of the Holy Eucharist, we pray that God will strengthen in us the power of His life, so that we might never lose heart, but persevere to the end, and enjoy true life with Him forever.

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