

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY

## NOVEMBER 17, 2019

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### FROM OUR PRIESTS' DESKS:

Dear Sisters and Brothers of Sacred Heart:

Our readings for today and for these next few weeks as we transition into the season of Advent speak to us about the uncertainties of life, and how we can only find stability in a world of constant and often unwelcome changes by growing in our faith in the God who is the beginning and the end of all life. In the Gospel (Lk 21:5-19) Jesus warns his disciples about a disaster of cosmic proportions which will come upon this world at an unexpected moment: there will be a series of wars, powerful earthquakes, famines, and plagues, and awesome sights in the sky. Of course, apart from awesome sights in the sky, haven't we already seen all these other things happen: from horrendous acts of terrorism, with 9/11 especially burned into our memories; to seemingly endless wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and many other places as well; to hurricanes, tsunamis, and floods that have taken tens of thousands of lives, left economies in ruins, and displaced untold people from homes and jobs; to outbreaks of Ebola and other highly infectious and deadly diseases? Haven't all the things Jesus warned us about already come true? Well, yes! So...is the end of the world at hand? The answer to that question is very simple: we just don't know! "Of the day and hour, no one knows," the Gospels state, "neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, [nor the Mayan calendar!] but only the Father." Sorry, prophets of doom! But if all these calamities are not signs just yet of the end of the world, they are clearly signs of a world in great disorder. Over the disorders of nature, we have only limited control—although climatologists and especially our own Pope Francis in his encyclical letter *Laudato Si'* tell us we have more control and more responsibility over our environment than we are willing to admit. Over the disorders of the human heart, however, we assuredly should have greater control—over those dark forces that lead us to be greedy and self-centered, dishonest, lacking in respect for others or for mother earth, unwilling to forgive. Why is it that we so often allow these negative and destructive tendencies to control our thoughts and our actions?

The reason why the Church celebrates the lives of the saints, as we do in a special way during this month of November, is in part to provide positive role models, examples to encourage and inspire us to believe in the power of goodness and the power of holiness to transform lives and ultimately to transform

our world. That we need such role models and such positive reassurance is only too clear in a world where violence and injustice and crimes of all kinds seem so prevalent. The saints remind us that integrity of life is possible and challenge us to persevere in our efforts to resist what is evil and to embrace what is good. So, if the possibility of catastrophe always seems to be just around the corner, then we must know that the possibility of salvation is also present and, as our faith assures us, is something infinitely more powerful. St. Augustine says that we must trust the past to God's mercy and the future to God's providence. Certainly, in making that statement Augustine did not mean that we have no role in our own destiny, but rather that God is on our side and will most assuredly sustain us in our efforts to turn away from what is evil and be faithful to the Gospel.

Fr. John Gruben, OAR



### Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™

*Sponsored by: "Immaculate Heart of  
Mary Prayer Group"*

Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers will present a 90-minute to 2-hour Lourdes Virtual Pilgrimage Experience™ at **Sacred Heart, on Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.** As part of this spiritual opportunity to draw nearer to God with Our Lady and St. Bernadette you will:

- immerse yourself in the Gospel Message of Lourdes as given by Our Lady to St. Bernadette
- touch the Grotto Rock and experience the liquid grace of Lourdes Water
- receive a Eucharistic blessing and pray the Rosary
- receive a bottle of Lourdes Water
- prepare a petition to be placed in the Grotto in Lourdes, France

Come and encounter the healing grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ through His Immaculate Mother Our Lady extends her invitation to all! A Plenary Indulgence is granted to all the faithful, under the usual conditions, who attend this Experience! For more information, call Parish Office at 845 357 0035. Admission Free – Donations Encouraged!

**CHRISTMAS WREATH &  
CENTERPIECE FUNDRAISER**

**NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> & DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

AVAILABLE AFTER ALL THE MASSES

Join us for our 2<sup>ND</sup> Christmas Wreath and Centerpiece Fundraiser. Wreaths come decorated and undecorated. We also have 2 types of centerpieces. We will have a range of wreaths to choose from and one of a kind Christmas cards which have all been created from stained glass windows in our church and of the church itself. Please help support our parish!

**ALSO, ON DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**GIFTS FROM BETHLEHEM  
OLIVEWOOD HANDCRAFTED  
FROM THE HOLY LAND**

The Christians from the Holy Land have been memorializing pilgrimages to the Holy Land through the use of olive wood and mother of pearl souvenirs for many years. As you may be aware Christians in the Holy Land are a very small percentage and your support through the purchase of these beautiful souvenirs will great support them. They also make fantastic Christmas Gifts.!

**PARISH CALENDAR**

**Monday, November 18**

Rel Ed. – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Rel Ed. – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 7:00pm to 8:30pm

Novena – Novena

**Tuesday, November 19**

CYO – 5:30pm to 9:00pm

Rel. Ed. Grades 3–5 – 4:30pm

Rel. Ed. Grade 8 – 7:00pm- Seminar gym

Choir – 7:00pm – Church Loft

Prayer Group – 7:30pm in the Rectory Chapel

**Wednesday, November 20**

St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry – 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Hispanic Prayer Group – 8:00pm cafeteria

**Thursday, November 21**

**SHS Early dismissal 11:00am Conference Day**

CYO – 5:30pm to 9:00pm

**Friday, November 22**

**Saturday, November 23**

St. Joseph Group – 7:30am in the Rectory

Rel Ed. -Grades 1 & 2 – 9:30am

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal – 11am in the church

**Sunday, November 24**

**Virtual Pilgrimage to Lourdes 7pm in the Church**

**SHARING WHAT WE HAVE IN JESUS'  
NAME**

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Collection - \$11,021.**

**Last Year's Collection - \$13,617.**

**Archdiocese of the Military- \$3709.**

**Thank You for your generosity!**

**OUR LADY'S GUILD  
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY  
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2019**

All ladies of the Parish are welcome to join Our Lady's Guild on Friday, December 6 at 6:00pm in the school cafeteria for our annual Christmas party. The cost is \$25. Mail checks made out to "Our Lady's Guild" to Kathy Witt at 41 Milford Lane, Suffern, NY 10901. Please bring an unwrapped donation of baby clothing or cleaning supplies for donation to Birthright. For additional information please call Kathy Witt at 845-357-6460.

**THE GIVING TREE  
NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2019**

The Giving Tree is an Advent fixture here at Sacred Heart and many other parishes. This effort highlights the generosity of our parishioners towards those who can use some help. Please take one (or more) of the *ornaments* (Tags) and give them a gift from your heart. Your thoughtfulness will bring great joy to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Giving Tree donations go to Good Counsel Homes, Birthright, Ramapo Manor, homeless and others in need. Please look for the Giving Tree set up in the back of the Church beginning Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. **Gifts are due by Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>.** P.S. We are putting the tree out a week early.

**TREE LIGHTING  
NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup> AT 5:00PM**

This year the Village Christmas Parade will be held on December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. We will also be hosting an evening Advent Retreat on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm. More information will follow in future bulletins!

**RESPECT LIFE BABY BOTTLES**

**PLEASE RETURN BY NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup>**

For more information go to [www.goodcounselhomes.org](http://www.goodcounselhomes.org).

**CHRISTMAS PAGEANT  
11AM TO 12:15PM  
SATURDAYS**



Next rehearsal is November 16 at 11am in the Church. There is still time to signup. Please call the Rectory Office at 357-0035. The Pageant will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 7pm with a reception following. All children ages 3 and up are welcome to join.

**ASCENSION CEMETERY**

"Ascension Cemetery will continue to offer their 'Open House' discounts until November 30th, 2019. Also, please ask about Cardinal Dolan's initiative for affordable burial space for those on a fixed income. Call us today to schedule an appointment 845-352-7220 650 Saddle River Rd. Airmont, NY 10952."

## ANUNCIOS

El Grupo de Oración en Español tiene lugar habitualmente los miércoles, a las 8 de la noche en la cafetería. Los próximos bautizos en español tendrán lugar el 21 de diciembre 2019 a la 1pm. Contactar en el 357-0035.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome into the Roman Catholic Church and our Parish Community the following children who were recently baptized at Sacred Heart:

### NICHOLAS JAMES BEERS

Son of Philip and Matina

### ALEXANDER FRANK BEERS

Son of Philip and Diane



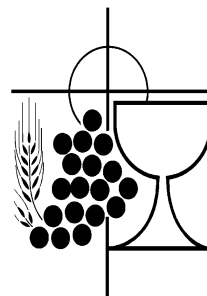
Please pray for those who are ill and have asked us to pray for them: **Keith Alanis, Jenna Applebaum, Theresa Anselmi, Michael Brady, Pat Brady, Annette Burbridge, Robert Conly, Comerford Family, Teresa & Tom Consolo, Joe Davey, Anthony DeFrancesco III, Matthew DeMayo, Cledha Desir, Mary Discini, John Duffy, David Eckert, Sr., Ginny Figula, Stefanie Gaudelli, Arlene Gentile, Mark Goldman, Debra Gravina, Senan Halpin, Roy Harris, Clement Hayes, Mr. Harris, Domenic & Anthony Iannaccone, Rob Incognoli, Bob Janson, Fran Janson, Susan Jarkiewicz, Anna Kasperska, Eileen Kennedy, Fred Lemoine, Elizabeth Lempka, Vasily Lockhart, Roberta Lynch, Laura Mack, Rosemarie Manthey, Matthew Luludis, Marie Marasuilo, Thomas Mathai, Jeanne Matera, Richard McCarthy, Rosemary McCormick, Rich McDowell, Debra McGovern, Catherine McMenamin, John McLoughlin, Ken Meyer, Florence Mohan, Joseph Mikulka, Barbara Neilson, Robert Nunes, Thomas O'Connor, Jennifer O'Hara, Pat O'Neill, Nancy Overend, Shace Paljusevic, Peter Princi, Etta Rooney, Claudia Spallanzani, Joseph Pasculli, (Baby Ty) Reilly Frank Salveggi, Janet Schwartz, Ruth Schwetz, Michael Shumway, Jean Simons, Roberto Sorgo, Maureen Starke, Shaun Stein, Richard Vanadio, Barbara Veraldo Strano, Phyllis Varacalli, Kali Villela, Robert Vogt, Fr. Wing, and Vladimir Zaslavsky.**

## ALTAR MEMORIALS

NOVEMBER 17, 2019

Altar Wines and Sanctuary Lamp In Memory of  
**ANDREW HAGGERTY, JR.**

Altar Candles In Memory of  
**MELISSA ROSS**



## SCHEDULE OF MASSES

### SATURDAY, VIGIL MASS

5:30pm – Elizabeth Mendolia

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Lester Bernstein

10:00am – Deceased Members of the  
Knights of Columbus

11:30am – William & Susan Pugliese

1:00pm – Margaret Liggio

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

7:00am – Melissa Ross

9:00am – Eileen & James Doyle

7:15pm – Novena

### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

7:00am – Walter Lopardo

9:00am – Maureen Rocks

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

7:00am – Dominic Lopardo

9:00am – Melissa Ross

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

7:00am – Joseph Lopardo

9:00pm – Joseph Patrick McVeigh

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00am – Ross Lopardo

9:00am – Geraldine Del Mastro

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00am – Erma & Margaret Brennan

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

5:30pm – Patricia Diamond

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

7:00am – All Parishioners

8:30am – Bernard & Bonnie Wysocki

10:00am – Joseph Weis

11:30am – Henry J. Heck

1:00pm – Juan Opulencia, Sr. & Catalina Bulaon

5:30pm – Parish Memorial Society



Let us pray for our deceased parishioners, and family members and loved ones especially: **Joan Grau, Carmel Curley**

**BOOSTER CLUB  
WEEK 15- MOIRA COSENZA**