



Archbishop William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore

St. Matthew Roman Catholic Church

“Rich in Tradition, United in Mission, Blessed with Diversity.”

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 19, 2017

Mass Times: Holy Day Mass times vary; please see our bulletin and our website.

Weekdays (Rectory Chapel) Monday – Thursday – Saturday 9:00 AM

Tuesday – Friday 7:00 AM

Weekends – Saturday 5:00 PM

Sunday 8:45 AM – 11 AM

Confessions:

Saturday 4:00 – 4:30 PM – By Appointment

Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, Anointing of the Sick, and RCIA:

Please call the church office.

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 19, 2017



*Pastor's
Notes*

Dear People of God,

This coming Thursday is Thanksgiving. This is an American feast that has been celebrated by families coming together. However, there are many immigrant families that are unfamiliar with Thanksgiving and what it means. This might be a time of the year to expand your family and invite someone else to join your family gathering. You will have the joy of meeting and welcoming new people into your home and inviting them to learn and celebrate the meaning of this **great American Thanksgiving** tradition. The tradition started many years ago by people of different cultures coming together to share a meal; this is the simplistic version of the story. So why not continue this tradition by bringing people of different cultures into your home this year? The sharing of food and cultural stories makes great family memories and develops your relationships beyond your own immediate family. Also, it may provide some type of sanctuary for families that are looking for a safe environment in which to celebrate the season. **The Gospel reading this weekend is about the man who used the talents God gave him for the good of the Gospel.** Why not do the same? Have a happy and renewed Thanksgiving!!

Are you familiar with PTSD? This stands for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. This is a condition that some people develop when they have faced a terribly tragic or a traumatic event. Some of the signs of someone suffering from PTSD are: nightmares; sleeplessness; loss of interest; anger and irritability; emotional distance; always being on guard; trouble concentrating; easily startled; depression; alcohol and substance abuse; and anxiety, worry, and fear. As you can imagine, this affects relationships, work, and school. We hear about PTSD from soldiers returning from war. However, I was at a community meeting last week where the leaders talked about the gangs of youth causing violence in the city, and we began to wonder if many of the children of our city are experiencing PTSD because of what they have seen. We also wondered if Baltimore itself is suffering from PTSD because of the 300+ murders within the last year, not to mention the national traumas of Las Vegas and Sutherland Springs, Texas. For adults with PTSD, there are many opportunities for healing from counseling, therapy, and at times, medication (under direct supervision from a licensed doctor). But what about children? When your child falls down or is hurt in some way, what do you do? You hold them and tell them they will be alright and you will keep them safe. Who is there to do that for the children of our city who are experiencing PTSD from what they have seen and encountered?? This is a life journey that has to begin soon before we lose the children of this generation and our entire city.

The Blessed Pastoral Council meets on Monday, November 20th at 6:30 PM at Blessed Sacrament.

This Thursday, November 23th, is Thanksgiving Day. There will be one Mass in the church at 9 AM. After Mass, Morgan University Chapel has a Thanksgiving lunch for the faculty and students who cannot go home. They need servers and other helpers. If you are interested in volunteering, see Fr. Joe.

Have a Great Thanksgiving Week!

Love and Prayers,

Fr. Joe

Let Us Pray For:

Aileen Semple, Alfred Lee-Young, Alphonsus Oguamanam, Sr. Andre Rothschild, Andrea Shuck, Andrew Macsherry, Anne Marie Campbell, Anthony Udumukwu, Archer Senft, Atticus Smith, Augustine Ubaru, Ardella Oliver, Barbara Reid, Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Adams, Bernice Kucharski, Bernice Thomas, Betty Johnson, Betty King, Betty Mathers, Butch Podgurski, Carl Gabler, Carol Augustine, Caroline Grayson, Carolyn & Carl Richardson, Casey Seymour, Cecilia Harris, Charles Supik, Chantelle Clarke, Cheryl Lusby, Cleo Stamatou, Corleen Lee, Dawn Hubner, Denise Womer, Bishop Dennis Madden, Donna Dusman, Donna Lusby, Eloise Hopkins, Elvin Gonzalez, Eric Younkin, Evelyn Thompson, Fr. James McKearney, Frances Ubaru, Gail Liss, Gloria Heemann, Gloria Smith, Gloriana Hopkins, Greg Schaum, Gunter Moore, Gwen Heemann, Helen Nitkoski, Helen Scott, Henrietta Mitchell, James Waller, Janet Pettaway, Jeanette McMillan, Jennifer Tamberino, Jim Augustine, Joan Ray, Joe Chamberlin, Joan Muth, Joe Kennedy, John Byrnes, Joscelin Hancock, Justin Xavier Mathis, Keagen Merritt, Kerry Heemann, Kerstin Lynch, Kyle Beaudet, Larry Balda, Lashawda Jelks, Lee Nel, Lena O'Toole, Lenon Daniel, Lucille Casey, Marie Fields, Mark Bynun, Mark Rogalski, Mary Jo Bowen, Mary Lou Balda, Mary Ritter, Milagro Rivera, Omolara Ajayi, Parfulit Youzon, Fr. Paul Theisz, Peg Collins, Peter Parker, Philomena Ofoma, Ramon Thompson, Randy Capone, Robert Holt, Rocky Davis, Robin Novak, Ruby Hughes, Ruth Toro, Ryan Carlisle, Sam Okere, Seaton Haney, Shakia Williams, Steve Heemann, Sylvia Adams, Tom Peddicord, Tony Scaletta, Victoria Borland, William Kovalevsky, and Yae Dupont.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THIS WEEK (November 19th – 26th):

Sunday, November 19 Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Ps 128:1-5 1 Thes 5:1-6 Mt 25:14-30
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time. Those who use their gifts and talents in the service of one another (3), especially the poor and the needy (1), are blessed indeed (Ps). They shall be known as children of the light, and will be ready for the Lord's return (2).

Monday, November 20 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63 Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158 Lk 18:35-43
Antiochus IV Epiphanes seeks to introduce Hellenism into Palestine and abolish Jewish law (1). Many resolve to resist such oppression (2).

Tuesday, November 21 2 Mc 6:18-31 Ps 3:2-8 Lk 19:1-10
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Trusting in the Lord (Ps), Eleazar is killed, becoming a model of courage and virtue (1). Meeting Jesus, Zacchaeus repents of his sins (2).

Wednesday, November 22 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 Lk 19:11-28
St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr. Steadfast in the paths of the Lord (Ps), a mother and her sons remain faithful to the Law (1). By using wisely our many blessings, growth in the Kingdom takes place (2).

Thursday, November 23 1 Mc 2:15-29 Ps 50:1-2, 5-6, 14-15 Lk 19:41-44
St. Clement I, Pope & Martyr; St. Columban, Abbot; Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, & Martyr; Thanksgiving Day. A revolt against the Hellenists is led by Mattathias (1), the upright one (Ps). Jesus weeps over Jerusalem for failing to choose peace (2).

Friday, November 24 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 (Ps) 1 Chr 29:10-12 Lk 19:45-48
St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, & Companions. With songs of praise (Ps), the Temple is purified and rededicated (1) in December, 164 B.C. (recalled annually in the Jewish feast of Hanukkah, "the feast of lights" [Josephus, *Antiquities* 12:7:7]). The Temple is to be a house of prayer (2).

Saturday, November 25 1 Mc 6:1-13 Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19 Lk 20:27-40
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin & Martyr. Antiochus, whose army is turned back (Ps), expresses sorrow for the trials he wrought upon Jerusalem (1). Jesus affirms the reality of bodily Resurrection (2).

Sunday, November 26 Ez 34:11-12, 15-17 Ps 23:1-3, 5-6 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. The Lord is our shepherd (Ps). At the end, at his coming, he will hand over the Kingdom to his Father (2). He will "judge between one sheep and another, between rams and goats" (1), between those who have lived lives for others, and those who have lived for themselves (3).

SACRIFICIAL GIVING:

November 11 – 12:

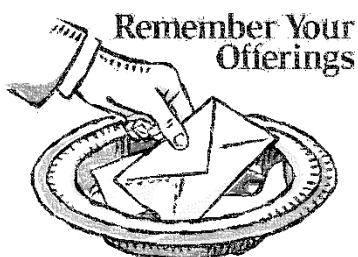
Offertory Envelopes: \$8,356.75
Loose Offertory: \$322.00
TOTAL: \$8,678.75

MASS ATTENDANCE:

November 11 – 12:

<u>5 PM:</u>	<u>8:45 AM:</u>	<u>11 AM:</u>
70	127	195

TOTAL: 392



2018 giving envelopes will be distributed beginning **THIS WEEKEND**, November 18th and 19th. Please don't forget to pick them up!! We also like to verify your address to keep our records current. Please help us do this by providing an updated mailing address if you have recently moved when you pick up your envelopes!!

Mass Intentions 
FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 19:

8:45 AM: Helen Horton & John Murray Sweeney
11:00 AM: Marymagdalen Hamilton

Monday, November 20:

9:00 AM: Sr. Gianfranca Longhin

Tuesday, November 21:

7:00 AM: Sr. Leopoldina Caldera

Thursday, November 23:

9:00 AM: Marie McGonigle Coshnear, Elizabeth Sweeney Child, Marie Agnes Sweeney, Catherine Gertrude Sweeney, & Joseph Patrick Sweeney

Friday, November 24:

7:00 AM: Sr. Innocenza Barichello

Saturday, November 25:

9:00 AM: Sr. Giannamaria Bruni
5:00 PM: Rosalie Douglas

There will be one Mass on Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 23rd at 9 AM. At this Mass we will take up a monetary collection for Marian House so they can buy needed supplies for their programs.

CHRISTMAS GIFT COLLECTION



Our Daily Bread Christmas party for single men

Bring **NEW** flannel shirts and socks **now through Sunday, December 3rd**



Sizes needed: L, XL, 2XL, and 3XL

Please place items in the boxes at the church exits (unwrapped, please) - thank you.



Please help us with our annual shoebox project. We are collecting small items that fit in a shoebox e.g. toys, school supplies, hygiene items and accessories, and personal notes wishing those in need a very, Merry Christmas. **You can drop off items to the church from November 19th through December 10th.** The boxes will be assembled by our young adults and then handed out to children in need at Christmas.

The Franciscan Center is collecting ***new and unwrapped*** Winter clothing and personal hygiene items for the homeless. They will be distributed during the Christmas Season and throughout the Winter. Items for men, women, children, and babies are all welcome. Please drop off donations between 9 AM and 3 PM at

The Franciscan Center
101 West 23rd Street
Baltimore, MD 21218

Please drop off items by the week of December 10th. If you need help with getting your donations to the center, please contact

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ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER

THE RADIANCE OF CHRISTMAS: CELEBRATING CHRIST'S LIGHT WITHIN YOU

Preparing for Christmas invites people of faith to be the Light of Christ in a world darkened by fear, distrust and violence.

Presenter: Sr. Mary Therese White, OSF on Saturday, December 2

Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart Center: 1001 West Joppa Road, Towson (entrance on Chestnut Avenue)

Registration/coffee: 9:30 AM, lunch: (provided/free will offering), closing Liturgy: 3:00 PM

To register, contact: Sr. Jane at 410-252-6020 or jgeiger@missionhelpers.org

or Mission Helpers of the Sacred Heart at 410-823-8585.