



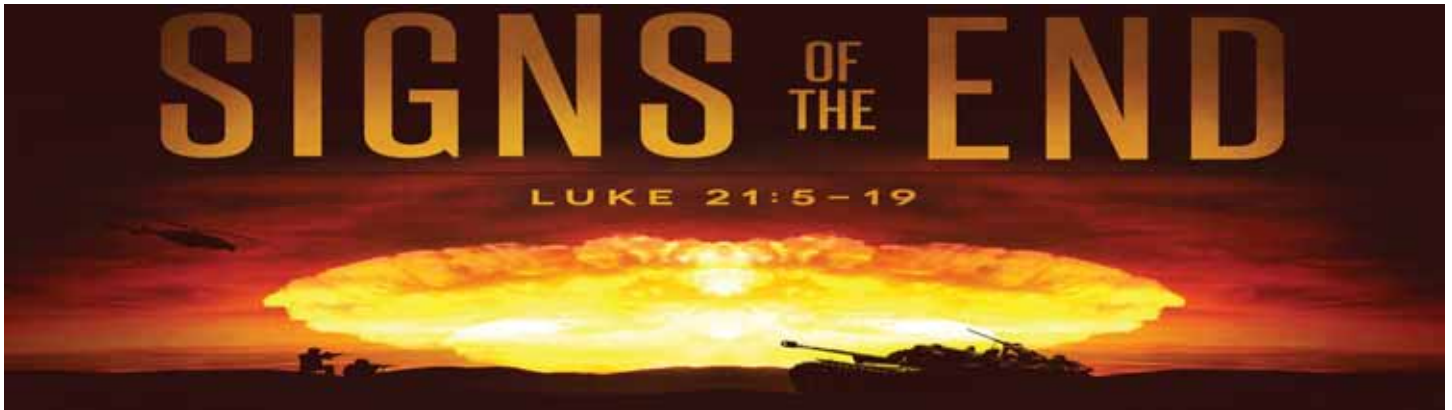
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Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time



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Parish Information

Saturday (Vigil): 4:00 P.M.

Sunday: 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.

Weekday Masses: Monday through Friday—8:00 A.M.

Holy Day of Obligation: 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

Reconciliation: Saturday - 3:00—3:45 P.M.

Baptism: Sundays within the 11:00 A.M. Mass (by appointment)

Marriage: Contact the Parish nine months in advance.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: RCIA helps you to learn more about the Catholic faith. Pre-registration is required. Contact Fr. Ron or William Girardi at 724-295-2281.

Hospital or Home Visit: If you would like to receive Holy Communion or if you know someone who would like to have the priest visit, please call Fr. Ron at 724-295-2281.

Anointing of the Sick: Contact Fr. Ron at 724-295-2281.

Holy Communion: Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are available to bring the Eucharist to the sick and homebound. If you know of someone, please call the Administrative Center at 724-295-2281.

Baptism: To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. To register for one of these classes, please call the Administrative Center at 724-295-2281.

From the Pastor's Desk



As all of us were probably involved with and paying close attention to the national election and the results, we may have forgotten to remember other important events that matter to all of us also.

Last Friday, we celebrated Veterans' Day, a day that we remembered all of our veterans, both living and deceased, who fought for us to enjoy our freedom as a nation. The day reminded us of the sacrifices they made, some of them even to the point of shedding their blood just to protect us and make us safe.

For all they have done, they deserve to be honored and prayed for to show our gratitude. And so I invite you to say this prayer in remembrance of all the veterans. This prayer is actually composed by Joanna Fuchs.

Dear Lord, we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect our country.

We pray that you will bless them for their unselfish service in the continual struggle to preserve our freedoms, our safety and our country's heritage for all of us.

Bless them abundantly for the hardships they faced, for the sacrifices they made, for their many different contributions to America's victories over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them, we honor them and we pray that you will watch over them and bless them with peace and happiness.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — There will arise the sun of justice with its healing rays (Malachi 3:19-20a).

Psalm — The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice (Psalm 98).

Second Reading — Paul speaks of his hard work among the Thessalonians (2 Thessalonians 3:7-12).

Gospel — Jesus foretells the destruction of Jerusalem, the persecution of his followers. But their perseverance will be their salvation (Luke 21:5-19).

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Tuesday: St. Albert the Great

Wednesday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude

Thursday: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

Friday: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul in Rome; St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44

Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48 or (for the memorial of the Dedication) Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40

Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Ps 122:1-5; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

SELF-PORTRAIT

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Auto-graph your work with quality. —Anonymous

PARISH NEWS

CALENDAR of Events

November 17th RCIA - 6:30 P.M. - Conference Center
November 20th Teen Ministry Meeting - 9:25 A.M.
 Religious Education Classes - 9:30—10:35 A.M.
 Security Guard - "Teresa & Mike Emeloff"
 Choir Practice - 9:45—10:45 A.M.; 11:00 A.M. Mass
November 24th Thanksgiving Day - 9:00 A.M. Mass
November 27th 8:30 A.M. Mass; Choir Practice - 9:45—10:45 A.M.

Religious Education

There will be no Religious Education classes on Sunday, November 27th due to the Thanksgiving Day holiday. Classes will resume Sunday, December 4th.



Annual "Blessing Bag" Campaign - Brown bags were distributed last weekend. Those interested in participating in this campaign are asked to bring their filled bags in to church this week. They will then be taken to the Freeport Food Bank in time for their holiday distribution. Thank you for sharing your blessings with others.



Christmas Basket Raffle - Ticket stubs and money may be put in the envelope and placed in the collection basket, mailed in, dropped off at the Administrative Office, or given to any Christian Mother. Tickets are only \$1.00/each. This is the main fundraiser for the Christian Mothers and your support will be greatly appreciated! **Christian Mothers** monthly meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th, at 7:00 P.M. Members are asked to arrive at 6:30 P.M. *Since new officers will be nominated, all members are asked to attend!*



The Homebound Ministry is available to take the Eucharist to anyone temporarily or permanently home and unable to attend Mass on a weekly basis. To be added to the list, please call the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.



The **Donuts and Beverage Social** will be held in the Fellowship Hall today, immediately following mass. Please remember to stop in and extend a friendly hello to your fellow parishioners.



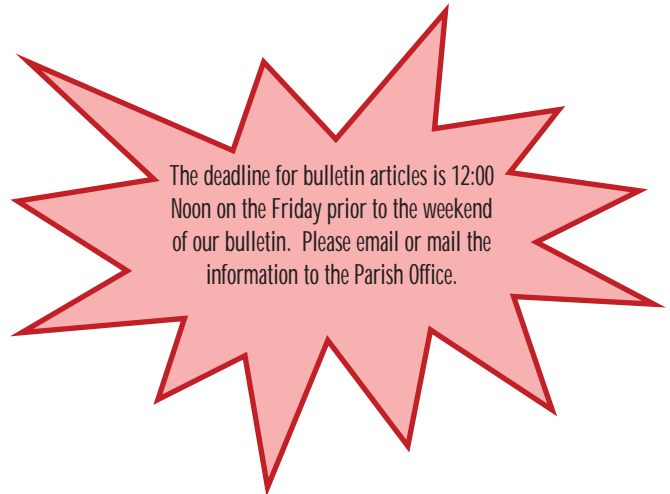
Anyone who ordered pies from the teen ministry may pick them up on Wednesday, November 16th, from 5:00-7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.



Mass Intention Requests are now being accepted for the year 2017. What a wonderful way to remember your loved ones. Mass requests will be taken at the Administrative Office during normal business hours.



Baby Bottle Campaign - Final call to turn in your baby bottles. If you forgot your filled bottle, please drop it off at the Administrative Office some time this week. Thank you for helping to save those precious lives.



The deadline for bulletin articles is 12:00 Noon on the Friday prior to the weekend of our bulletin. Please email or mail the information to the Parish Office.



To understand the importance of the Sacrament of Baptism and your obligation as parents, you are required to attend one baptismal class. The final class for this year will be held on Thursday, December 1st. To register for this class, call Mark and Melissa at 724-230-4450 or the Administrative Office at 724-295-2281.

baptism class

Becoming a Member of St. Mary, Mother of God Church

Welcome! It is a great joy to welcome new members to our parish community. Please register as soon as possible in order to participate in our various programs, ministries and activities. Just drop this form in the collection basket and we will send you a detailed registration form. If you are already a member and have changed any of your personal information (address, phone number, name, etc.), please return the changes on the form below. It is important to keep our records up to date.

St. Mary, Mother of God Membership Request / Change

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

New Registration

Change Address/Phone

Moving

Around the Diocese and Beyond.....



Today, we support our parishioners and their families who serve or have served this nation with distinction as members of the U.S. military. The Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA will provide the Gospel, the sacraments and other forms of spiritual support to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces wherever they serve and to veterans who are in VA medical centers. Please prayerfully consider a generous contribution to this special triennial collection approved by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops in 2012 and last taken in 2013.



Diocesan Collection - Next weekend, our parish will take up the combined Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund and The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) collection. This collection helps to fund Catholic organizations that improve the quality of life and protect human dignity. Your gift will support agricultural development to strengthen economies and create food sustainability, provide outreach services to survivors of human trafficking, and supply pastoral care and advocacy for immigrants and refugees.



Protecting Our Children - If you have any suspicion about the sexual abuse (or any other type of abuse) of a minor child by anyone — please contact PA Childline immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser is functioning in a parish, school or diocesan position as clergy, religious, paid staff or volunteer, you are also requested to contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct after you have called the Childline number and made the report. The Bishop's Delegate may be reached at 724-837-0901, Ext. 1221.



National Vocation Awareness Week - As the National Vocation Awareness Week ends, please continue to pray for all vocations (single, marriage, priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life) - especially for our openness to God's call and our fidelity in responding. Please join Catholics from around the diocese on Wednesday, November 16th, for an opportunity to pray for vocations. The Office for Clergy Vocations is sponsoring a Diocesan Day of Prayer for Vocations at St. Paul Church in Greenburg. Eucharistic Adoration will begin at 11:00 A.M. and continue through the day, concluding at 7:00 P.M. with Evening Prayer and Benediction. You are invited to stop in throughout the day to pray for our seminarians and those discerning a call to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life.

Discernment The Cloistered Dominican Nuns of the Perpetual Rosary invite single women under the age of 40 to attend a *Day of Discernment* on November 26th, from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at their monastery at 1834 Lititz Pike in Lancaster, PA. Young women who are considering a vocation will have an opportunity to interact with this joy-filled community of cloistered nuns and take a closer look at life in a monastery. To register for this free event or for more information, please contact Sister Mary Veronica, OP, at 717-569-2104 or email: info@opnunslancaster.org. Visit their website at: <http://www.opnunslancaster.org>.



Chicken Dinner

Holly Berry Fair & Chicken Dinner - St. Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, Kittanning, will hold a Holly Berry Fair on Saturday, December 3rd, 10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M., in their Parish Hall. Stop by any time throughout the day for Used Christmas items sale, Basket Raffle, Christmas Greens & Things, Bake Sale, lunch menu. Breakfast with Santa registration forms are available on their website. Delicious Stuffed Chicken Breast Sit-Down Dinner or Take-out from 4:00 to 6:30 P.M. and includes stuffed chicken breast, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, tossed salad, roll, butter, dessert & beverage. Cost is \$10.00/Adults, \$5.00/Child. Pre-order dinner forms also available on their website: www.stmarykittanning.org. You can also call 724-548-7649. Pre-order by November 20th to guarantee your dinner. Take your family and friends!



"Enjoy 2017" coupon books are available from the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill from now through December 30th for \$30.00. **"Enjoy 2017"** provides hundreds of half-off and 2-for-1 coupons for travel, dining, shopping, sporting events and regional attractions in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Washington and Fayette counties. To reserve a book, please call Sister Agnes Steedle at 724-836-0406, Ext. 6646. **"Enjoy 2017"** books make wonderful Christmas gifts that continue to give all year long.

St. Joseph Parish will hold their
FREE From Thy Bounty soup
service from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
on Thursday, November 17th, at
St. Ladislaus Church Hall, 48 Spruce
St., Natrona. Enjoy homemade soups
and desserts, rolls from Vibo's Bakery
and beverages. Open to the public!



ATTENTION ALL HUNTERS! CONSOL Energy is calling on all hunters to donate extra deer to this organization committed to feeding hungry families in Pennsylvania. A donated deer can feed up to 200 hungry people. To find participating processors (CONSOL Energy will pay the processing fee), you are asked to please visit: www.sharedeer.org, or call 1-866-HSH-2141.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER 19TH & 20TH, 2016

Altar Servers

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Saturday - 4:00 P.M.

Brandon Bowser	Jackie DeFelice	Karen Savage	Verne Bergstrom	Jamie Phillips
Zachary Bowser	Patty Hughes			
Kennedi Clark	Bill Girardi			

Sunday - 8:30 A.M.

Evan McCrea; Akina Boynton	Lisa Boylan	Teen Ministry	Tom Koharchik	Tom Koharchik
Sarah & Hannah Shepherd	Kim Holbein			
Hadley Hellgren	Rose Check			

Sunday - 11:00 A.M.

Celeste Beacom	Lisa Isenberg	Bill Cogley	Dave Wesolosky	Choir
Victor Svitek; Evan Giori	Doree Rossey			
Jacob & Erin Schaeffer	Marushka Steele			



MASSES FOR THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY: November 12th
4:00 P.M. ✦ Rev. Dominick DeBlasio (Dick & Mary Bertino)

SUNDAY: November 13th
8:30 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners
11:00 A.M. ✦ Anita Rosato (Family)

MONDAY: November 14th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Jim Negley (Ken & Patty Hughes & Family)

TUESDAY: November 15th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Blanche & Ray Buterbaugh (Daughter & Husband)

WEDNESDAY: November 16th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Ann Liti (Posney & Rezak Families)

THURSDAY: November 17th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Fr. Louis Cheatham (Bill & Mary Fullerton)

FRIDAY: November 18th
8:00 A.M. ✦ Donald Macurdy (Friend)

MASSES FOR OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SATURDAY: November 19th
4:00 P.M. ✦ Charles Huth (Ellen Huth & Family)


SUNDAY: November 20th
8:30 A.M. ✦ Richard Posney (Posney & Rezak Families)
11:00 A.M. St. Mary Parishioners



The Altar Bread and Wine were donated for this week in loving memory of **SUZANNE HUTH HAGINS-SARVER**
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In acknowledging the Real Presence of Christ, The Sanctuary Lamp (Candle) will burn this week in loving memory of **ANITA ROSATO**
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Due to the early deadline for the submission of the November 13th bulletin, the weekly contribution report for November 6th was not available. This information will be published in next Sunday's bulletin. THANK YOU!

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