November 11, 2018

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reverend Michael J. Reilly – Pastor
Reverend Richard E. Rudy – Parochial Vicar
Reverend Michael J. Ryan – Resident
Oblates of St. Francis de Sales –
Sunday Assistance
Sister Mary Fischetti, S. S. J. –
Parish Service Director
Mr. Vince DiFrancesco and
Mr. Daniel Griffin
Co-Directors of Parish Music Ministry

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Lottery Hotline: 215-333-4475
Food Bank Phone: 215-805-8479

Bulletin submissions:
BulletinSTJ@hotmail.com
(Bulletin deadline Monday 10 AM)

"Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."
Mark 12:43-44

Masses and Devotions

Saturday Vigil Mass – 5:00 PM
Confessions: Saturday 4 - 4:45 PM or by appointment

Sunday Mass – 6:30, 8:00, 9:30 & 11 AM

Weekday Masses
Monday—Friday 6:15 & 8:00 AM
Saturday Morning 8:00 AM

1st Friday Mass (School Year) 10:00 AM

Holy Day Masses — As announced

Rosary recited before the 8:00 AM daily Mass

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursdays: Exposition at end of 8:00AM Mass.
Holy Hour 9 -10 AM;
10 AM Chaplet of Divine Mercy then Benediction

Miraculous Medal Novena
Tuesdays after the 8:00 AM Mass
Remember in prayer:

Florence Accetta  
Ann Adair  
Julia Allmond  
Bonneie Austin  
Maureen Bacanskas  
Fr. Dennis Boyle  
Anna Cali  
Thomas Campbell  
Carol Collins  
Joanna Devlin  
James Dowling  
Nicholas DuSantis  
Teddy Etling  
Fr. Robert Feeney  
Anthony Galito  
Nathan Gaskamp  
Rev. John Gilgallon  
Justine Gostomski  
Margaret Kelly  
Ken Kolaski  
Gus Loveys  
Sharon MacGregor  
Geraldine Maguire  
Mary Makovec  
Jim Mallon  
Edward Mannal  
Cynthia Marzo  
Baby Lucy McCabe  
Kelly McCloskey  
Rev. Tom McGann  
Don McGrogan  
Helen McLaughlin  
Ed Mockapetris  
Pat Quigley  
Joan Rocca  
Fran Ryan  
Rosa Maria Santos  
Patricia Schreiber  
Ron Schreiber  
Tom Schreiber  
Ruthann Schultz  
Debbie High Scott  
Chris Skoczylas  
Sally Smith  
Ted Szambelak  
Regina Tedesco-Morales  
Luke Tynan  
Ralph Wagner  
William Wagner  
Robert Weinthrop  
Lorraine Wierzbicki  
Denise Williams  
Joseph Wolf Jr.  
Marie Yotsko

Sacramental Inscription

Pray for the deceased:
Rev. Carl Graczyk, OFM  
Jeanine Bottaro Moncavage  
Virginia “Nancy” Scornaenchi  
Catherine Myers

Saint Jerome
Memorial Society

Rose Kouri  
Mary Ann McElwaine  
Patrick and Bridget Boyle  
Patrick and Nora Mangan  
Rev. William J. Bispels  
Patrick and Regina McCarthy  
Joseph Pearson  
Edward Dooley  
John and Florence Gaul  
Derby and McWilliams Families  
Liggins and Rooney Families  
Samuels and Kiser Families  
Allen and Widener Families  
Feldmann and Tesche Families  
William Quigley Sr.  
Samocki Family  
Rambow Family  
James McCahill  
John Harris  
Bobby Senner  

To add someone to the prayer list, please email parish@stjeromechurchphila.org (put “Prayer List” in the subject line) or call the rectory at 215-333-4461.

Sacrament of Baptism -
Celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month immediately following the 11:00 am Mass and other times by appointment. Please contact the rectory and speak to a parish priest to make arrangements.

Rectory phone: 215-333-4461

Pre-Jordan Class - Baptism preparation class for expectant parents (and Godparents if they wish to attend). Held on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm in a classroom by the school library. Please call the rectory to reserve space for parents (and Godparents/sponsors).

Marriage – Arrangements must be made at least six months prior to a wedding date. To make arrangements please call the rectory to speak to a priest.

Sacrament of the Sick – given to the seriously ill Catholic or those about to undergo surgery. Administered by the parish priest. Call the rectory to arrange for this sacrament.

Reconciliation (Sacrament of Penance) Every Saturday from 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm or any time by calling the rectory.
Across the Lawn...

Dear Parishioners,

As Catholics, we can see coming to Sunday Mass as just something we have to do. When we arrive we go through the usual routine: find our pew, say a little prayer, sit-stand-kneel at the appropriate times, and then make our way up to receive Holy Communion can become second nature. However, if we truly believed and thought who we will be receiving in this Eucharist, this time of intimacy with our Lord could truly transform us and those around us.

I ask you to really pray and keep this in mind the next time you are coming up for Holy Communion. The Lord is giving himself to us totally and we should be receiving him with hearts on fire; not with the so-what attitude that our body language often suggests. That is why we bow before receiving the Holy Eucharist and respond, “Amen,” after the priest or EM says “The body of Christ” which means “I believe.” It is at this moment that we again are professing our faith in the Lord; therefore our thank you should be in the silent prayer after receiving him. We should also be prepared to receive him in proper form, in the hands (shaped like a throne, as the nuns taught me) positioned at chest level in front of our heart, not at our waist or eye level; or on the tongue while positioning ourselves close enough to the EM that we approach the Lord, not where the EM has to stretch to give us the Lord in Holy Communion.

My dear friends, our belief in the Eucharist makes us stand apart from all other denominations and that should make us proud, for this is the faith we were raised in and share with all those we encounter. Therefore, we should have that proud yet humble attitude when we come to Mass on Sunday knowing that we are going to receive the greatest gift we possibly can receive...Jesus Christ. May the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist continue to transform us, revive us and give us the strength we need as we journey through life as his disciples.

May St. Jerome continue to bless our parish family as we continue to grow, flourish and keep the great history alive of spreading God’s love in our little corner of the Greater Northeast.

God Love Ya!

Fr. Reilly

We will be having a special Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, November 21 at 7pm as well as on Thanksgiving Day at 9am. I pray and hope you will join us as we gather to give thanks to God, our Father for all the blessings he has bestowed upon us.

Veteran's Day Prayer Service
We will be honoring all Veteran's with a special prayer service on Sunday, November 11 at 2pm. All are welcome to attend as we honor and remember all those who have served and are still serving our country.

May God Bless Them & America!!

The St. Jerome Memorial Society

The St. Jerome Memorial Society allows a parishioner to remember a loved one in a special way - living or deceased. The enrolled loved one will be remembered at a Daily Mass once a month perpetually; the Mass intention will be for the St. Jerome Memorial Society.

A larger padded Mass Card will be given to the person enrolling their loved one. An announcement will be placed in the bulletin informing the parishioners of those new members enrolled in the society. The offering for enrollment is $20.00. All proceeds will go to purchase liturgical items needed for the parish (hosts, candles, the paschal candle, new liturgical items, etc.) to help defray the costs of parish bills of liturgical items. Thank you for your support of this endeavor.
**The Sunday Collection**  
November 4, 2018  
$8,408.00

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**Parish Lottery Numbers**  
Monday  
Nov. 5, 2018  
20—21—22—30—32

There was 1—$500 consolation prize winner.

Jackpot is now  
$12,000.00

Can’t wait for the Sunday Bulletin?  
Call the lottery hotline at: 215—333–4475  
Hotline updated after 9:45pm (after drawing)

The next drawing will be held on:  
**Monday, Nov. 12, 2018** **  
at 7:45 pm in the school library.  
ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

AL’s Corner Deli & Catering

Please patronize the local businesses who support our parish by advertising in our Church Bulletin.

**St. Jerome Senior Citizens Club (JEMS)**  
Meeting **November 15th** at 10 AM in the school hall.  
(This is the Anniversary Mass.)  
Anyone wishing to join the JEMS, please contact Joanne Blaney 215-677-8392

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Pay $30.00- get back $25.00 in slots play. Bus loads at 8:45 am at corner of STAMFORD & COLFAX STS. For reservations, call Kathy or Harry McKenna, 215-333-2785.

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**We are still collecting Box Tops but are no longer collecting the soup labels. Thank you for your support through the years.**

**St. Jerome Scrip**  
**Hours**  
(sold in Rectory)  
Monday ~ Friday 9:00 am to Noon  
1:00pm to 8:00pm  
Saturday 9:00am - 8:00pm  
Sunday 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
See vendor list at sjsphila.org/scrip-program

For your convenience, we are now able to accept credit card payments for scrip.  
There is a 3% surcharge.

_O Lord, show Your mercy to me and gladden my heart. I am like the man on the way to Jericho who was overtaken by robbers, wounded and left for dead, O Good Samaritan, come to my aid. I am like the sheep that went astray. O Good Shepherd, seek me out and bring me home in accord with Your will. Let me dwell in Your house all the days of my life and praise You for ever and ever with those who are there. Amen._  
St. Jerome
Congratulations to the Students of the Month for October:

Dyani Torres, Cambree Kelly, Julianna Donohue, Olivia Bamidele, Hannah Grogan, Madelyn McAdams, Brynn O’Donnell, Jake Printz, Morgan Thorpe, Gavin Landino, Alexandra Whitlock, Jack Yeager, Avery McKnight, and William Hogwood.

The children in Kindergarten through grade 4 did a beautiful job honoring the saints during the Saints’ Parade and Prayer Service on November 1st. The children in grades 1-3 dressed researched the life of a saint and dressed as that saint.

The children will honor our veterans during a Veterans’ Day Prayer Service on November 11th at 2:00. We are grateful to all those who served and those who are serving our country.

The children who will be receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist for the first time this year, will be officially accepted into the program on Sunday, November 18th during the 11:00 Mass.

Pope Francis’ Prayer Intention for November
Universal – In Service of Peace
That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.

Pre-Cana—Marriage Preparation
Christ the King (CTK) Parish offers the Pre-Cana program at CTK Convent on Friday evening Jan. 25, 2019 through Saturday, Jan. 26, 2019. Engaged couples of nearby parishes, who are planning to celebrate the sacrament of Matrimony in 2019 are most welcome. For information, please contact Rich Green, CTK Pre-Cana Coordinator, at rgreen@christthekingparish.net.

You’re Invited!
Men’s Retreat to become closer to Christ.
Who among us doesn’t want to be closer to Christ? And yet, who among us struggles to find the time to get closer to Him? Come to the Malvern Retreat House. We’ll not only provide you the time, we’ll share ways to help you make Christ the center of your life’s journey. Lives are changed at Malvern! Come as you are, Thanksgiving Weekend (Friday evening Nov. 23—Sunday morning Nov. 25). Students and sons accompanied by their fathers or their grandfathers can come at a greatly reduced price. For additional information, contact Frank Coyne at fxcoyne43@yahoo.com or phone 215-677-0985.

Installation of the Tomb of St. Katharine Drexel
November 18, 2018
St. Katharine Drexel’s body has already been translated from the Motherhouse of the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament in Bensalem to the Cathedral Basilica. On Sunday, November 18 at 11:00 AM there will be a Solemn Mass with the Public Celebration of the Installation of the Tomb. The Mass and celebration are open to the public.

St. Jerome Food Bank
HOURS:
11:15 am to 2:00 pm Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays.
If you know anyone who needs assistance—please call the Food Bank Phone: 215-805-8479
Volunteers Needed—Call number above.
Fr. Judge Parent Lecture Series
On Monday, Nov. 12th, Father Judge HS will hold a talk on addictions and adolescents designed for parents and guardians. Please join us at 6:30 PM in our auditorium for the presentation. There will also be a Q&A with our guest speakers. For more information, please contact: Mr. Michael Campellone at 215-338-9494 X1113 or mcampellone@gatherjudge.com.

ROMAN CATHOLIC HS:
*Scholarship Entrance Tests* - Roman Catholic High School
Sat, November 17th— 9:00 am-Noon: Sat, December 8th — 11:00 am-2:00 pm
This test is mandatory for admittance into Roman. To register for open house or Entrance Exam, go to www.romancatholichs.com. For additional information email admissions@romancatholichs.com or call 215-627-1270 extension 146 or 159.

ARCHBISHOP RYAN Financial Assistance Night
Wednesday, November 14th
Archbishop Ryan Financial Assistance Nights are an opportunity for parents of current and prospective students to understand the financial aid opportunities, processes and available scholarships. For more information, and to register: ow.ly/PveR30mv98g

Property Tax Rebate
To help with the rising cost of living, you are reminded that the Pennsylvania Property Tax/Rent Rebate Program applications are now available. There are new guidelines which will permit individuals that qualify to receive a rebate between $250 and $650 from property taxes or rent paid last year. Funding for this program is made possible by the PA State Lottery Fund and is a rebate that does not have to be repaid. This application must be filed by Dec. 31, 2018.
To qualify, you must be 65 years of age or older, a widow or widower 50 years of age or older, or a disabled person 18 years or older. Homeowners that have annual incomes of $35,000 or less and renters with annual incomes of $15,000 or less could qualify. Only half of your annual Social Security or SSI income is counted toward the income guideline.
For more information or an application call United Social Services, Monday through Friday between 10 AM and 4 PM at 215-923-1900 and a staff member will assist you.

MALVERN RETREAT HOUSE
November 16-18: St. Teresa of Calcutta Retreat for Women directed by Marty Rotella, 3-time Grammy nominee, evangelist and retreat master. The theme is LOVE WILL HEAL YOUR BROKENNESS and will involve uplifting music, inspirational talks and prayer. Hosted in the McShain-Horstmann Family Life Center.
December 3: An Evening of Reflection with Heather Makowicz, certified spiritual director. Allowing Jesus to Come Close is the theme for this new retreat evening for men and women.
Register at www.malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400

St. Dominic Parish welcomes
Fr. Ariel Hernandez
Friday, Nov. 16th,
8504 Frankford Ave,
6:00 PM Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction)
7:00 PM MASS (followed by healing prayer)
All are welcome to attend!

Visitation B. V. M's Annual Christmas Bazaar
Please visit Visitation B.V.M School 190 N. Trooper Road in Norristown for our Annual Christmas Bazaar. Fri. Nov. 16th 6:30pm - 10pm and Sat. Nov. 17th 9am - 5pm. Over 25 Vendors and crafters will be there, FREE Cash Raffle, Festival of Trees, Basket Raffle, Food, Bake Sale, Santa Photos and games for all ages. Like us at: www.facebook.com/visibazaar

B Street Band coming to Saint Basil Academy
Join us for a night of great music and dancing with the B Street Band on Friday, January 4, 2019 from 7-11 PM at Saint Basil Academy. The event is BYOB. Tickets are $40.00 and include dinner from the famous Cescaphe Group and incredible music by the B Street Band, “The Original Bruce Springsteen Tribute Band.” Tickets are limited, so please order soon. Purchase tickets online at: https://www.stbasilacademy.org/product/b-streetband-tickets/ More Info: contact Linda Powers (215)885-3771 ext. 130 or Carol Abel ext. 134.