

Holy Family Parish

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October 22, 2017 – Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Growing Our Parish

Confirmation ~ Our three Confirmandi, Kilee **JOSÉ** Holmes, Grace **Bridget** LeBarron and Elizabeth **Sebastian** Niemiec, will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, October 22 during a Mass at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills, along with 36 candidates from Sacred Heart.. Fr. Ron will be con-celebrating the Mass with Bishop Mitchell Rozanski at 1 p.m.

Please remember these young people in your prayers as they continue their journey in faith.

Soup Kitchen: The following parishioners will be preparing a meal for Our Community Table in Westfield. Please pray for them and the people they will be serving.

November 5 Kathy and Steve Murray
Chris and Paul Gozgit

At the request of Bishop Rozanski, our parish will be taking up a **Special Second Collection on the weekend of October 28/29** to respond to those impacted by Hurricane Marie on the island of Puerto Rico. *There is no envelope in your packet for this collection.* If you wish your donation to be recorded as part of this year's church support, please place your donation in a plain envelope marked "Hurricane Marie"; your envelope number and/or your name should also be noted on the envelope. If your donation is in the form of a check, please make it payable to Holy Family Parish and note "Hurricane Marie on the Memo Line. All donations ear-marked for this special collection will be forwarded to the Diocese for distribution. If you have any questions, please speak with Fr Ron.

As always with these natural disasters, your continued prayers for our brothers and sisters in Christ are as important and your monetary assistance

Attention all prospective freshmen: Saint Mary's Parish High School will host an Open House on the 24th of October at 6:00 pm. Students and their families will have an opportunity to learn why an education at St. Mary High School is a gift.

The mission of St. Mary High School, serving Westfield and the surrounding communities for over 100 years, is to educate our students in a comprehensive college preparatory curriculum. Through a demanding academic program, students are challenged to reach their highest potential. Guided by the Gospel message and supported by parents, students are prepared in matters of faith and moral development. We value a caring and diverse community environment, inspiring students to mature into responsible young people.

We have the lowest tuition rate of any regional parochial high school and traditionally 98% of our graduates continue their education.

To learn more about our challenging curriculum, new AP Courses and sports programs, please join us at the Open House. Through a lottery, ten \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to one student per school represented. You must be present to win. Call Kim Jaszek @ 413 568 5692 or visit www.stmsaints.org for more information.

Also, we are accepting upperclassmen who may not be satisfied with their current choice of high school programs. Need-based financial aid is available.

The **Annual Purple Mass**, to pray for a cure and prevention of Alzheimer's Disease, will be held at St. Michael's Cathedral in Springfield on Saturday, November 4 at 4 p.m. All are welcome, including those with dementia and their caretakers.

MASS SCHEDULE

October 21 to 29, 2017

Saturday, October 21 *Vigil*

5:00 p.m. Richard D and Claire A Carmel † by our Parish in grateful appreciation

Sunday October 22 *Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m. Homebound and Hospitalized Parishioners

9:30 a.m. Religious Education

11:00 a.m. Needs of Parishioners and Friends

Monday, October 23 *St John of Capistrano*

8:00 a.m. Medical professionals

Tuesday, October 24

8:00 a.m. Parish Volunteers

Wednesday, October 25

8:00 a.m. John Tuohy † requested by Pauline and Joe Croteau

Thursday, October 26

8:00 a.m. Communion Prayer Service

Friday, October 27

8:00 a.m. Parishioners and friends looking for employment

Saturday, October 28 *Vigil*

5:00 p.m. Intentions on our prayer board

Sunday, October 29 *Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:15 a.m. Our Faith Community

9:30 a.m. Religious Education

11:00 a.m. Church Leaders

Second Collections

October 22/23: World Mission Sunday

October 28/29: Residents of Puerto Rico impacted by Hurricane Marie

Pastor: Fr. Ron F. Sadlowski

(413-862-4418)

Deacon David Baillargeon

(413-667-3147 or cell phone: 413-207-1301)

Religious Education Director:

Deb Bogoff ~ 413-888-7412

Cemetery Superintendent:

Please contact the parish office.

Administrative Assistant: Susan Morawski

Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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Phone/FAX: 413-862-4418

Parish Website: holyfamilyrussell.org

Baptisms & Marriages:

Please call the office at 862-4418 to schedule.

**To request a Mass Intention,
call the office at 862-4418**

NEW PARISHIONERS—Welcome!

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE
TO REGISTER**

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5 p.m.

Sunday Masses:

8:15 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Daily Mass (Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri): 8 a.m.

Communion Prayer Service:

Thursday 8 a.m.

Confessions (In Children's Room):

Saturday 4:15 to 4:45 p.m.

Sunday 7:30-8:00am

Religious Education:

Sunday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.

Holy Family Parish, Russell

Suggested donations for Huntington Food Pantry:

Pasta and Pasta sauce. Canned soups, broth, chili, corned beef hash, and ravioli. Canned tuna, salmon, crabmeat. Mac & Cheese. Meals in a Box. Canned fruit, fruit cups, and veggies (including beets). Canned and dried beans. Coffee, tea, instant hot chocolate, juice and juice boxes. Instant oatmeal, hot and cold cereals, granola and breakfast bars, peanut butter and jelly, graham crackers, snack crackers. Brownie, cake and cookie mixes, frosting, Jell-O and pudding (pre-made or boxed).

Place your donations in the blue bin at the entrance of Church.

Monetary donations may be mailed directly to Huntington Food Pantry, PO Box 477, Huntington, MA 01050-0477.

Lector and Usher Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Mass</i>	<i>Lector</i>	<i>Ushers</i>
Oct 21	5:00 pm	Ginny Hardie	Bill Hardie
Oct 22	8:15 am	Chris Lindberg	Steve Morawski
	11:00 am	Jo-Anne Auclair	Dave Norton
Oct 28	5:00 pm	Ellen/Jesse Vidal	
Oct 29	8:15 am	Phil Winterson	Del Lavature Mel Scuderi
	11:00 am	Chelsea Edinger	

Parish Prayer Request Board and Pastoral Visits

Call Fr Ron at 862-4418 with your prayer requests. Also, if you or a family member will be hospitalized, admitted to a nursing home or rehabilitation facility and would like a Pastoral Visit, please notify Fr Ron.

Vocation View ~ “Love God and your neighbor as yourself” Jesus commanded. What better way than to embrace His call to you to the priesthood or religious life? So if God is calling you, call Fr. Gary Dailey at 413-452-0811 or email g.dailey@diospringfield.org.

Reflection

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If I were asked to identify an all-encompassing theme for 2017, as we find ourselves this weekend deep into its tenth month, one word springs to mind: violence. We’ve seen it in our streets, and on the screens of our many devices, large and small.

On a graph, I could say that “road rage” between individuals starts at the bottom. Then, rising quickly to street protests about political

differences, and presidential decisions. Then come the so-called “hot button” issues like immigration, sexual preferences, and racism. All of this not to omit the verbal assaults between the leaders of our country and those of other regimes. The graph of violence is more depressing than any we might see drawn up for the stock market.

These matters tempt us to turn the news off in whatever form we receive it. Yet our instinct to know what’s new draws us back. We somehow recognize that an ostrich approach to reality is unhealthy. But where, we ask, can we turn for perspective as well as peace? For Christian believers, the answer is the same as it has been for twenty-one centuries: turn to Jesus.

Right away, should we say such a thing in certain quarters, the reaction is predictable. First there is the shoutdown of the cynics, the atheists and not a few agnostics. Not to omit the editors of secular publications. With a certain subtlety, they soften the base sentiment underneath but they let us know they strongly disagree. They would never actually write: “Drop your sentimental tripe!”

This kind of reaction has been going on since Jesus Himself was personally present announcing His new way of thinking and doing things. Such rejection always seems to be the fate of people with a fresh idea. Or a different take on the prevailing wisdom. Inventive geniuses come to mind. As do certain philosophers and teachers of the arts and sciences.

In the scenario Matthew presents this weekend, the “powers that were” (which remind us so much of the current “powers that be”) try their well-worn tactic of making Christ look defenseless, and a prey to naivety. But He turns the tables on them. Or should I write “He flips a coin on them?”

It is crucial for us to remember when we think of Jesus that He is truly God in the flesh, “the one and only Lord”, as Isaiah writes. There is nothing beyond His power, for He can “subdue mountains and make kings run in His service.” Fortified by the Holy Eucharist, our certain task is not to lose confidence in Christ, or let violence have the last word. We are a people of hope. “Hope is putting faith to work when doubting would be easier.”



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