

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 16, 2014



Blessed are you who fear the LORD.
-Psalm 128:1

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MASS INTENTIONS

MON., 7:00	Nov. 17th A.M.	Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Victor M. Deghetto r/o OLMV Altar Rosary Society
TUES., 12:00	Nov. 18th P.M.	The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles Vincent Bajor r/o Ann Bruggner
WED., 7:00	Nov. 19th A.M.	Weekday Bernice Parquette r/o The Naggy Family
THURS., 12:00	Nov. 20th P.M.	Weekday Diana Kizis r/o Don & Bernadette Colanduoni
FRI., 7:00	Nov. 21st A.M.	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Steven Richter r/o Joann & Tom Richter
SAT., 8:00 5:00	Nov. 22nd A.M. P.M.	St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr Mary Greiner r/o Helen Orloski Deceased of the Maggio Family r/o Alison Maggio & Family
SUN., 8:00 10:00 11:30 1:30	Nov. 23rd A.M. A.M. A.M. P.M.	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Anthony Ciliberto r/o Son, Peter Richie Zakashefski r/o Zakashefski Family Tom & Peggy Fleming r/o Grandchildren Eulogia Graciela Chang

Our *Advent Novena* continues this Monday, November 17 at 7:00 P.M. This is the time we prepare for the beginning of our new Church year and the birth of our Lord.

Week of November 16—23

Altar Candles

Andrew, Lena & Michael Caggianelli r/o Madeline

Tabernacle Candles

Howard J. Meldrim r/o Wife, Mary

Memorials



PRAY FOR THE SICK...In your charity please pray for the sick of our parish, the sick who remain in our intentions and those whose names are kept on our prayer list in the sacristy.

TODAY'S READING'S:

First Reading — The woman who fears the LORD is to be praised (Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20,30-21).
Psalms — Blessed are those who fear the LORD. (Psalm 128).
Second Reading — Brothers and sisters, you are the children of the light (1 Thessalonians 5:1-6).
Gospel — Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:14-30).



The following "little one" was Baptized on November 9, 2014 Savannah Mary Heerema, daughter of William & Karyn Heerema

Our Lady Of Mount Virgin Parish and the Knights Of Columbus are holding their *Second Annual Holiday Artisan Craft Fair Sunday, November 16th from 8:30am to 3:00pm in the Parish Center.* Unique, handmade crafts can be purchased from the artists themselves for holiday gifts or for your own collections. Admission and parking is free and food and beverages will be available for sale along with door prizes and a 50/50. Please stop by and support your Parish and the Knights Of Columbus Council 12700.

All Souls Remembrances: All Souls Day Remembrance Envelopes will be placed on the Tabernacle Altar for the Month of November, and deceased family members and friends of our parishioners will be remembered at all Masses during the month.

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE WEEKEND OF NOVEMBER 22 - 23

5:00 pm—	Amelia Casale Erin Rooney Vincent Miller
8:00 am—	Kevin Meier Joe Meier
10:00 am—	Eliza DeGuzman Katie Schilp Mary Schilp
11:30 am—	Natalie Zychlinski Connor Fitzgerald Gavin Fitzgerald



Our Weekly Offering

"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much..."-MATTHEW 25:21. God expects us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously give back with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us; He expects us to grow our gifts, use them wisely and be generous with them.

November 8-9.....	\$9,509.00
Hispanic Mass	\$386.00
Major Renovations.....	\$1,526.00
Weekly Parish Expenses.....	\$19,246.00

*Evening Prayer in Celebration of the YEAR OF
CONSECRATED LIFE:*

Bishop Bootkoski invites the faithful of the Diocese of Metuchen to join him as he celebrates Evening Prayer" to mark the beginning of the "Year of Consecrated Life." "The Year of Consecrated Life" recognizes and celebrates the contribution of the many men and women religious who have served in the Diocese of Metuchen. It will be observed in our diocese beginning on November 23, 2014 and continuing through November 22, 2015. Evening Prayer will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Parish, 35 Mountain Avenue, Somerville, NJ on Sunday, November 23, 2014 at 4:00pm.



**ADULT CONFIRMATION
DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE
TO GROW IN OUR FAITH!**

If you are over 18 years of age and have celebrated Baptism and Communion, but not yet been confirmed, this program is specially **DESIGNED FOR YOU!** ADULT CONFIRMATION SESSIONS begin with a WELCOME/INTRODUCTORY NIGHT on Monday, November 24, at 7 PM in Petra House. Come join a small group who gather to deepen their understanding and commitment to Jesus and to learn more about the Catholic faith. For further information, or to register for the 10 session program, please contact Sister James (732-609-1091 or sjxavier@olmv.net).



CHRISTMAS JESSE TREE - Because *Thanksgiving* is so late this year, we will be putting the Jessie Tree up the weekend of **November 22-23, 2014**. As in the past, parishioners are asked to take a tag from the tree, purchase the gift and return both tag and gift - **unwrapped** - to the church by the weekend of **December 6-7, 2014**. You may want to include a receipt in gifts of clothing or slippers. **Volunteers are needed** to sort, bag and deliver the gifts on Monday, December 8 **after the 7:00 am Mass**. We look forward to your continued generous support again this year.



Children's Liturgy: Sunday, November 23 at the **10:00 am** Mass. Children are invited to come to the sanctuary during the homily to listen to Father Pat speak to them about our faith. There will be crafts and refreshments for the children after Mass in the church hall, and coffee and danish for our adults!

WRAP OTHERS IN THE WARMTH OF LOVE THIS ADVENT SEASON! OLMV Altar Rosary Society will be collecting used and wearable winter coats. Donations can be dropped off in the Cry Room the weekend of November 29—30. Any questions, please email Adrienne at adriennesvid@aol.com or contact the Parish Office. Thank you.



A NOTE FROM FATHER PAT **My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Today we read in our first reading from the Book of Proverbs: "When one finds a worthy wife, her value is beyond pearls...She brings him good and not evil all the days of his life." We are reminded of the importance that the Church has placed on Marriage and on the fidelity of husband and wife that is the foundation of a successful marriage.

Recently a two-week Extraordinary Synod on the Family took place in Rome. Bishops from around the world came together with other "experts" to confer with each other about the lived experience of marriage in today's world, and to share pastoral concerns from different cultures. Today's first reading reminds us, as we consider the Synod, of the importance that the Church has placed on Marriage and the Family throughout the ages.

We are invited, as Catholic believers, to remember that the Synod that just took place is in preparation for the Ordinary General Assembly of the 2015 Synod of Bishops. Discussion: honest, frank, heartfelt, with openness and candor, will continue at this second assembly.

Today as we filter through an ever growing plethora of information, opinion and commentary, we need to be vigilant as we search out truth. At the Synod, the bishops were encouraged to speak from the heart and to discuss freely contemporary issues that impact our "Catholic" perspective on Marriage and Family. Topics such as arranged marriage, polygamy, couples who live together without marriage, deliberate single parenting, divorce and remarriage, same-sex relationships---all of these impact the experience of daily life, and by extension, they impact who we are as Church. It is important that we as Catholic believers not become "caught up" in the rhetoric of the moment. It is just too easy to become confused as we read or listen to sound bites that present half-truths, or even worse, unfounded musings of what was hoped for, but never expressed at the Synod.

Pope Francis, in thanking the participants in the Synod, affirmed that the dialog that took place among the bishops was powerful, full of pastoral and doctrinal zeal and happened for the good of the Church and of the People of God. The pope reminded everyone that in asking hard questions and in opening hearts to the power of the Holy Spirit, the Synod participants never put into question the fundamental truths of the Sacrament of marriage; that is, its indissolubility, unity, faithfulness, fruitfulness and openness to life.

In his closing remarks, the Pope also invited the faithful to be open to God's grace and to continue to explore creative ways to welcome our brothers and sisters who currently live outside the church. He encouraged the faithful to journey with our brothers and sisters and invite them back into our company with a spirit of mercy and compassion.

As we look to the Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops next year, let us listen to each other, let us reflect on our faith and let us pray for the guidance of the Spirit. Most of all, let us journey with the Love of Christ in our hearts.

In peace and prayer,

Father Pat

THANK YOU to our GENEROUS PARISHIONERS who supported the Altar Rosary Bake Sale and the Annual New Jersey Right to Life Car Raffle last weekend. Your generosity is much appreciated!!!

