

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 10, 2019

My steps have been steadfast in your paths,
my feet have not faltered.
I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God.

— Psalm 17:5□6a



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23 — 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b — 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



"Thanks for calling, but the rectory is closed right at the moment. However, God's ears are always open. Praying is the best hotline anyone could ever want."

St. Joseph Prayer Group will meet on Wednesdays after the 9:30am



The Parish Club will again sponsor a toy/clothing/cash collection for the kids serviced by the HELP AGENCY OF THE FOREST. Gifts for children of any age are appreciated but, the most underserved are kids between the ages of 14 & 16. There will soon be boxes at the back of church. We need to deliver everything the week of December 9th. Thank you for your continued participation in this worthy cause.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

Tuesday: St. Josaphat

Wednesday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Friday: St. Albert the Great

Saturday: St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude; Blessed Virgin Mary

Your participation in St. Joseph of the Forest's Offertory Enhancement Initiative is important. Please give prayerful consideration to Fr. Justin's request for a reasonable increase in your weekly offering.

There will be an informal training/update program for all lectors after both Masses next weekend (Nov. 16th & 17th.). Please plan to attend.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time


As we near the end of the Church's liturgical year, the readings become more eschatological -- having to do with the end-times. The main theme of today's readings is the reality of life after death and of the relationship between our lives on earth and the life of glory or punishment that will follow. The readings invite us to consider the true meaning of the resurrection in our lives.

The **First Reading** states the first century B.C. Jewish theology of martyrdom and the resurrection of the just. The intense sufferings to which good Jews were subjected brought them to the conviction that the justice of God would reward the faithful in the afterlife and would also punish the wicked. The **Second Reading** encourages the Thessalonians who were waiting for the *parousia* (the *second coming* of Christ, the resurrection of the dead, and the *rapture* of the living), to trust in the fidelity of God and to open their eyes to the fact that the Lord would strengthen their hearts in every good work and word. The same theme of the resurrection of the dead is the basis of the confrontation described in today's Gospel passage. Today's **Gospel** affirms the victory of God and God's love over the power of death. Jesus speaks of God as the God of the living who promises that the ones who will rise are God's children. The Gospel shows us how Jesus ingeniously escaped from a doctrinal trap set for him and explained the resurrection of the dead, supported by the Pharisees and denied by the Sadducees. Jesus also explained that heavenly life with God in glory is totally different from earthly life, and that there is no marriage in heaven in the earthly sense.

We need to live as people of the resurrection. This means that we are not to lie buried in the tomb of our sins and evil habits. Instead, we are to live joyful and peaceful lives, constantly experiencing the real presence of the resurrected Lord. In addition, the hope of our resurrection and eternal life with God gives us lasting peace and celestial joy amid the boredom and tension of our day-to-day lives. The awareness of the all-pervading presence of the Spirit of the living God will help us to control our thoughts, desires, words and behavior. The salutary thought of our own resurrection and eternal glory should also inspire us to honor our bodies, keeping them holy, pure and free from evil habits, and to respect those with whom we come in contact, rendering them loving and humble service.

God Bless,

Fr. Justin.



Bernardine Franciscan Sisters
 Florence Kruczek (*right*), 91,
 and de Lourdes Okoniewski, 87,
 each entered religious life in the
 1940s, barely out of high school.
 For decades, prayer and teaching
 filled their days. Yet a lifetime of
 serving others has only increased
 their own gratitude. "I get up each
 morning and say, 'O Lord, thank
 you for the gift of another day,'"
 says Sister Florence.

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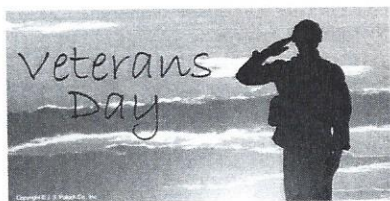
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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In the seventeenth century, English Catholics, many of them wealthy and well educated, looked to the American colonies as a place to regain a measure of religious freedom. In Ireland, the so-called penal laws were even harsher than in England, as a minority Parliament tried to force the conversion of the population by denying the majority political and economic power. Beginning in 1691, laws were passed that punished dissenters, principally Catholics, but also causing hardship for Jews, Quakers, and others. There were acts forbidding "mixed marriage" or sending children "beyond the seas" for schooling. Catholics were taxed at double the common rate, barred from the legal professions and from university, and not allowed to build churches or own a decent horse.

In 1793 the situation began to change, as it became clear that the economic persecution would not drive the majority away from Catholicism. Gradually, laws were repealed until by 1829 freedom was won, although Catholics at university were ineligible for honors, and until the 1920s when the Republic was formed, the Church of Ireland was the state church, funded by the taxes of all citizens.

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We are in need of non-perishable food item so that we are able to provide food baskets to families in need during the Thanksgiving/Christmas season. Whatever you can donate will be much appreciated.



Mass
Intentions

Saturday Nov. 9th 4pm: Repose of the soul of Lyn Majewski

Sunday Nov. 10th 9am: Repose of the soul of Will Fralix

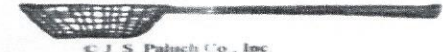
Tuesday Nov. 12th 9:30am Our Mission Family

Wednesday Nov. 13th 9:30am Repose of the soul of Joe Gavlik

Saturday Nov. 16th 4pm: Repose of the soul of Brian Passe

Sunday Nov. 17th 9am: In memory of the anniversary of Francis & Helen Faye Long

Weekly Offering



10-27-2019: \$1285

11-3-2019: TBA

Please remember to use your envelopes

Thank you for your continued support
of St. Joseph Parish.

Prayer Requests

Averi Antich
Blaine
Marvin Bordetsky
Dawn Brenan
Janice Cahill
Danny Canzolino
Mary Canzolino
Catherine Coleman
Diane DaSilva
Eric Day
Thelma Einboden
Ruth Faulkner
Lorraine Fitzkee
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Kevin Fitzpatrick
Dawn Fraher
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