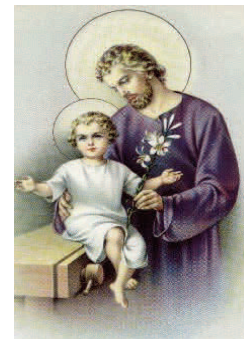


St. Joseph Catholic Community

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 29, 2017



Jesus said . . .

““You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and great commandment. A second likewise is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”
Matt 22:37-39.



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Welcome! We extend our hearts and hands to all who celebrate with us at St. Josephs. We would like to invite any guest to fill out the form below, if interested in becoming a registered member of this Parish.

Thank you for worshipping with us! Again Welcome, Bienvenidos, Benvenuto, Willkommen, Nno-nu, Byenveni!

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e-mail address: _____

[] New Parishioners, please send a Parish Registration Form

[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 28

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of Bill & Joyce Seck Family by Bill & Joyce Seck
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. Therese's Intentions by Dave Gruss

Sunday, October 29

- Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Edmund & Susie Burns + by Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. Parish Family

Monday, October 30

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Dolores Borton + by Marlene Schober
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Tuesday, October 31

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Hildegard Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:30 a.m. Confession

Wednesday, November 1- All Saints Day-

- A Holy Day of Obligation -

- 7:00 a.m. Daniel Braun & Earl Huss + by Dave & Margie Huss

- 7:00 p.m. Dennis Heyne + by Family

Thursday, November 2- All Souls' Day

- 8:00 a.m.- Jim Cole + by Diana Cole

To avoid unnecessary interruption of the Blessed Sacrament, there will not be Adoration today.

Noon- Mass for the Faithful Departed

7:00 p.m.- Pope Francis' Intention

Friday, November 3

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. Edward J. Schaefer + by Diane Humphrey
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary

Saturday, November 4

- 7:45 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 8:00 a.m. No Mass Intention
- 8:30 a.m. Rosary
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions
- 4:35 p.m. Rosary
- 5:00 p.m. John Meeks + by Mary Ann & Keith Bickley

Sunday, November 5

- Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time -

- 7:10 a.m. Rosary
- 7:30 a.m. Parish Family
- 9:40 a.m. Rosary
- 10:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving by Judy Bayne



SCHEDULE MASS INTENTIONS - The most beautiful gift one can give to another person is a Spiritual Bouquet of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. No material gift can ever compare to or equal the Infinite Value of the

Holy Mass. Call the Parish office to schedule 824-1380. Masses may be scheduled for the living as well as the deceased. "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." - Saint Jean Vianney

30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: OCTOBER 29TH 2017, YR. A.

From the Pastor's Desk:

CALL TO: LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF OUR NEIGHBOR

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I say, peace be with you all. We gather today in this Church, at God's invitation, to give our praise and thanks to Him our God, who loves us. Our God is a God of love. We are made in the image and likeness of God. So, we too are creatures of love. Let us pray today that we can return God's gracious love by loving Him and those around us. We can manifest this call for love of God and our neighbor by being generously to God and our neighbor through the gifts God has given to us. He gave us those gifts to share them with our neighbors. Generously praying for others, known and unknown to. Showering good wishes on people. Giving to the poor. Giving with love to the Annual Bishop's Appeal. These and many other ways are means of express love for God and for our neighbors, or Parish Church projects.

Thus, in the first reading; Ex 22:20-26: Of today's Liturgy, we are reminded of the consequences of oppression which is absence of love of neighbor. Let us listen to what God said. **"You shall not molest or oppress an alien ... You shall not wrong any widow or orphan. If ever you wrong them, and they cry out to me, I will surely hear their cry. My wrath will flare up, and I will kill you ... then your wives will be widows and your children orphans."** Wow!!! These are shocking words which nobody will like to hear, being addressed to him or her. If we heed to God's call of love, there would no longer be the kind of oppression described in this first reading. There are three kinds of love: **Romantic Love**, this kind of love is animalistic. **Filial Love**, love that exists between fathers and their children between mothers and their children, between brothers and sisters. **And Agape Love**, the spiritual Love. This is the love we are talking about. There is what we call **Pius-ness** of Pius, **John-ness** of John, and **Mary-ness** of Mary. Pius can change **but Pius-ness does not change**. That is the one we should love in our neighbor, **"the ness"** in our neighbor, in your wife, your husband, your parents in your child/children, in everyone, for **"the ness"** does not change.

Then, in the Gospel; Mt 22:34-40: God's message is clear: We should love the Lord God with all our being, and our neighbor as ourselves. This statement of Jesus is actually a combination of what was written in books of Deuteronomy 6:5, (love of God) and in Leviticus 19:18 (love of neighbor). So, it is old law in the Old Testament. But what is new is Jesus' interlocking of these two commandments, namely; that one cannot be thought of, without the other. For without love of neighbor the love of God remains a sterile figment of the mind, and without love of God, love of neighbor may end up in a vague humanitarianism that usually does not last, especially when faced with disappointments and difficulties. The love of God (vertical love) and love of neighbor (horizontal love) must go together in sound Christian Religion. Let us therefore pray that today's readings will sink deeply into our hearts. Let us also pray that we will respond to the commandment, to love one another and reach out to those in need. For, by so doing, we hope to become models of faith and imitators of the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself totally for our sakes. He loved us, He loves us and will continue to love us unconditionally.

God bless you

Msgr. Pius N. Ilechukwu

N.B: 1. November 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation. We shall have two Masses, 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

2. November 2, is the Commemoration of all the faithful departed. We Shall have 3 Masses: 8:00 a.m. 12:00 noon and 7:00 p.m.

3. Remember to write in the journal provided at the Narthex, the names of your loved ones who passed and you want them to be remembered and prayed for, in a distinct way all through the month of November.

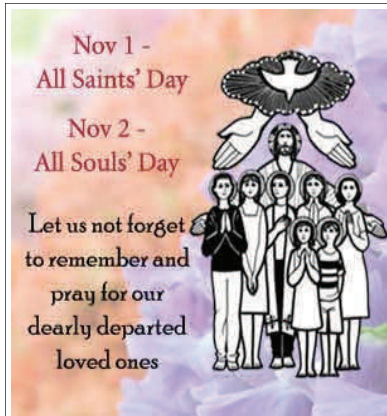
4. I want to thank all of you for the support during the Redeemer Radio **SHARATHON** on Thursday, last week, especially those who prayed, called or donated. May the Good Lord continue to reward you abundantly.

NB: "Heaven is for us all. I hope you are doing something about it".



Bud & Sharon Miller, Ramon Villamil, Genevieve Lohmuller, Gloria Gordon, Becky Biberstein, Fern Britton, James A. Yonker, Sr., Evelyn Morrissey, Betty Meyer, Ron Payne, David Carr, Ronnie & Bonnie Burns, Michael Green, Dorothy 'Dottie' Marbach and Rick Cotterman.

Please bring in your Memorial Candles by Tuesday, October 31st!



**WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 1
ALL SAINTS' DAY-
A Holy Day of Obligation**
Masses— 7:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

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**THURSDAY,
NOVEMBER 2
ALL SOULS' DAY**
Masses— 8:00 a.m., Noon &
7:00 p.m.

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5:00 Nichole Decker
7:30 Tammy Horn
10:00 Jay Crisp

LECTORS:

5:00 Virgil Lochtefeld
7:30 Barb Ault
10:00 Knights of Columbus

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

5:00 Twilla Herr, Joe Baur, Linda Huseman
7:30 Dave Gruss, Donna Geisel, John Horn
10:00 Knights of Columbus (6)

MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY:

5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Doug/Janet Lehman
10:00 Knights of Columbus

SERVERS:

5:00 Any two Huss siblings, McKenna McNabb
7:30 Brendan McCorkle, Mark/Beth Geisel
10:00 Knights of Columbus

Collection for Weekend of October 21/22, 2017

Adult Envelopes- \$2,515.00
Child Envelopes- \$15.75
Loose- \$174.00
Religious Ed. Fund- \$11.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund- \$10.00
Total- \$2,725.75

*Thank you for your gifts
to St. Joseph's!*

The amount needed each week to make budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$2,390.65 behind budget
from last week.

**Other Collections within our
Parish— St. Vincent de Paul-**
\$65.00

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THOMAS AQUINAS

SCRIPTURE/MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon., Oct. 30 - Thirtieth Week in Ordinary Time - Rom 8:12-17/
Lk 13:10-17**

Tues., Oct. 31 - Rom 8:18-25/ Lk 13:18-21

**Wed., Nov. 1 - All Saints' Day - A Holy Day of Obligation - Rv 7:2-
4,9-14/ 1 Jn 3:1-3/ Mt 5:1-12a**

**Thurs., Nov. 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
(All Souls' Day) - Wis 3:1-9/ Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/ Jn 6:37-40**

**Fri., Nov. 3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious - Rom 9:1-5/ Lk 14:1-
6**

**Sat., Nov. 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Rom 11:1-2a,11-
12,25-29/ Lk 14:1,7-11**

**Sun., Nov. 5 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time - Daylight
Savings Time Ends - Mal 1:14b—2:2b,8-10/ 1 Thes 2:7b-9,13/ Mt
23:1-12**

For a complete Calendar of Events from St. Joseph's please visit
the website at www.stjosephchurchbluffton.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S 2017 PARISH CALENDAR

- Sun., Oct. 29— Knights of Columbus Pancake and Sausage breakfast after 7:30 and 10:00 a.m. Masses; a free will donation with proceeds going to purchase coats for kids.
- **Wed., Nov. 1— All Saints Day— A Holy Day of Obligation—
Masses— 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**
- Wed., Nov. 1— Parish Council Meeting following 7:00 p.m. Mass— (approximately 7:45-8:00 p.m.)
- Thurs., Nov. 2— All Souls Day— Masses 8:00 a.m./ Noon All Souls/ 7:00 p.m. for Pope's Intentions
- Sat., Nov. 11— St. Joseph CCW 4th Annual Bazaar— 9a-3p.
- Sun., Nov. 19— Coffee & Donuts after 7:30 & 10:00 a.m. Masses by St. Joseph Social Group
- Fri., Dec. 8— The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary— A Holy Day of Obligation— Masses at 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- Mon., Dec. 11— St. Joseph's Advent Penance Service— 7:00 p.m.

From Death To New Life

In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of
Beatrice (Schandler) Hickert, mother of Dianne (George) Hickert
Witwer, and grandmother of David, Noelle, Sally and Sam Witwer,
died October 21, 2017

May God welcome her home,
Fill her with peace and bless those who will miss her.

Eternal Rest Grant unto her O Lord, and let Perpetual light shine upon
her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the
mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.

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To our men and women
in uniform...
past, present and future,



Thank you and
God Bless You!

Before you speak...

THINK!

T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?

Spread *love*
everywhere you go.
Let no one ever
come to you
without leaving
happier.

-Mother Teresa