November 12, 2017
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass Schedule:
Saturday Vigil 4:30pm
Sunday 9:15am, 11am
Monday, Tuesday & Friday 8am

Confessions:
Saturdays 3:30 p.m. or anytime by appointment.

Baptisms:
For information, please contact the Rectory at 440-232-8166 during office hours.

Marriages:
Limited to registered parishioners only. Arrangements for date and time must be made six months in advance. Final preparations should be made five weeks before the wedding date.

Sacrament of Holy Orders (Priesthood/Diakonate):
For information please contact the Diocese at 216-696-6525.

Parish School of Religion:
Please call Rectory office.

Registration:
If you are new in the parish, please register at the rectory or online at our website. If you moved out of the parish, please notify the rectory.

“...But the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps.” The foolish versus the wise. Today’s parable sets these two groups in stark contrast to one another. Two crowds of young women wait for a wedding feast. One group comes prepared for the unexpected, the other just assumes everything will go according to schedule. But it doesn’t! The Bridegroom is late, and the foolish virgins are left out in the dark—literally—while the wise ones enjoy the feast inside.

The lesson here is not just about having foresight and gathering the corresponding equipment. It’s about being ready for the second coming of Christ. Jesus himself is the “Bridegroom.” Traditionally we refer to the Church as the "Bride of Christ" and we, as the people of God who constitute the Church, are even now awaiting the real feast, the culmination of time when Jesus returns. But are we standing among the wise or the foolish as we wait?

Jesus tells us today, “Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.” Are we spiritually awake? Do we have extra oil to see us through, or are we hitting the bottom of the barrel and running on spiritual fumes so to speak? Do we think it’s enough to do the bare minimum as we wait for Christ—stepping into church without really being present, or calling ourselves Christian without really taking up the challenge of the cross? In order to avoid standing outside the feast with the foolish, we will want to make sure we fill our flasks with oil or, in other words, fill our hearts with the love of God, fill our minds with his word and his teachings, and fill our souls with the virtues that unite us to his will. If we stock up on these important supplies, we can count ourselves among the wise!
OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Saturday, November 11
3:30 p.m. ............................................. Confession
4:30 p.m. ............................................. Mary Ann Mahoney

Sunday, November 12
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 a.m. .............................. Living & Deceased Parishioners
11:00 a.m. ............................................. Edward & Helen Musil

Monday, November 13
7:30 a.m. .................................................. Rosary—Joyful Mysteries
8:00 a.m. .................................................. Richard Jaskulski

Tuesday, November 14
7:30 a.m. .................................................. Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries
8:00 a.m. .................................................. Karl Hoffman

Novena of the Miraculous Medal after Tuesday Mass.

ST. MARY CHURCH:

Wednesday, November 15
8:00 a.m. .................................................. Mary C. Smith

Thursday, November 16
8:00 a.m. .................................................. John Hrubo

OUR LADY OF HOPE CHURCH:

Friday, November 17
7:30 a.m. .................................................. Rosary—Sorrowful Mysteries
8:00 a.m. .................................................. Mary Ann Greif

Saturday, November 18
3:30 p.m. .................................................. Confession
4:30 p.m. .................................................. John Straka

Sunday, November 19
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:15 a.m. .................................................. Maximo Tulio
11:00 a.m. ...................................... Living & Deceased Parishioners

YEAR OF HOPE

“I plead with you—never, ever give up on hope, never doubt, never tire and never become discouraged. Be not afraid.”
—Pope John Paul II:
In My Own Words

WALKING TOWARD ETERNITY

Excerpt from Walking Thankfulness:
“For Christians, a special gratitude is due to those from whom they have received the gift of faith, the grace of baptism, and life in the Church.” —Catechism 2220

MARRIAGE BANNS

III — Shaun Baker  & Ashley Kotik
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SANCTUARY LAMP

November 11th thru 17th
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YOUR PRAYERS ARE NEEDED . . .


HOSPITAL VISITATION

Because of the Privacy Act, parish visitation to the hospitalized can occur only at the request of the patient or a family member. Please call the rectory to let us know.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

November 4/5, 2017
Weekly Collection.........................................$4,902.00
Envelopes used .................................................228
Comfort the Needy ..............................................$296.00
Repairs & Maintenance .......................................$130.00

Special Collections
World Mission-$10; CCHD-$40; All Saints-$702; Extra

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THIS WEEK’S EVENTS:

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Hospitality Sunday after both Masses in Social Hall.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13
SVDP Turkey Dinner due.
Boy Scout Mtg., 7:30pm in Scout Room.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16
Cub Scout Mtg., 7pm in School Building.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
Bereavement Retreat, 10am-12noon in Social Hall.
Senior Nut Sale pick-up, after Mass in Social Hall.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
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Dear Parishioners,

I write my column with a heavy heart this Sunday night as I was just reading about the horrific shooting in a Texas church. At least 26 people were killed and 20 others were injured when a gunman stormed the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. Victims’ ages ranged from 18 months to 77, including the 14 year old daughter of the pastor. It was the largest mass shooting in Texas history. It’s so hard to believe in this day and age that people could be killed while practicing their faith. Intuitively we know that such a tragedy could happen anywhere, but it is so hard to be truly prepared for such an event. If God is all-knowing, all-powerful, and all-loving, how is it that God allows such sin and suffering?

Evil does not exist as an eternal, separate force against God. All created beings exist outside of God’s eternity. Satan is the chief fallen angel and is evil insofar as he willfully chose to oppose God. Satan, however, is not an opposing divine force equal to God, but only an opposing creature whose influence over others does not exceed his angelic powers. God provides us sufficient grace to resist Satan’s temptations, thus offering confirmation of his sovereignty over evil. The Catechism of the Catholic Church tells us: “That God permits physical and moral evil is a mystery that God illumines by his Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose to vanquish evil. Faith gives us the certainty that God would not permit an evil if He did not cause a good to come from that very evil, by ways that we shall fully know only in eternal life” (CCC 324). During this All Soul’s Month, let us pray for the victims of this crime and for the soul of the perpetrator.

Christ’s peace,
Father Joe

PARISH LOTTERY WINNERS!!

Congratulations to the following OCTOBER winners of our Parish Lottery:

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Your continued participation helps support our parish. Thank you!!

NUT SALE ORDERS ARE IN!

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HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Please join us this Sunday, November 12th, for Hospitality Sunday after the 9:15 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts, and fellowship in the Social Hall sponsored by our Parish Council!

You can help a neighbor have a Thanksgiving Dinner for their family. Members of our St. Vincent De Paul Society would like to deliver Thanksgiving dinners to families in need again this year. Anyone can help, whether it is only an item or two, or a box with the fixings. Our last day to bring what you can to the rectory will be on Monday, November 13th during office hours. If you need to drop something off after 3:30 p.m. please call the office and we will make arrangements with you.

We are definitely in need of turkeys. Other suggested items are: stuffing, gravy, canned vegetables, instant potatoes, sweet potatoes, rolls, cranberry sauce, canned fruit and powdered milk.

NUDGING CONVERSIONS

Your help in making the entire parish a part of the RCIA process would be most appreciated. If you are aware of someone who is interested in becoming Catholic or who has been baptized but not catechized and prepared to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation, please contact Fr. Joe at Our Lady of Hope or St. Mary parish or Louise at 440-232-8166. Thankyou and God bless you.

COPING WITH GRIEF DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Our Lady of Hope Parish will be hosting a special Bereavement Session for surviving the holidays. The session will be held on Saturday, November 18th, from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Anyone is welcome to participate. For more information or to register, please call Louise at 440-232-8166.

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Mass Intentions

We still have Masses available in our 2017 & 2018 Mass books. If interested please call or stop in the Rectory.

Liturgical Ministry Retreat

The Office of Worship from the Diocese of Cleveland is hosting a Liturgical Ministry Retreat on Monday, November 13th, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Gates Mills. All Ministers are invited to attend. Questions? Call the Office for Worship at 216-696-6525, ext. 3630.
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