

# THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME NOVEMBER 4, 2018

## LIVING GOD'S WORD

Loving one's neighbor as oneself stands the common wisdom of "charity begins at home" on its head. Yet Jesus' commandments are not new. It makes one wonder how the common wisdom got to be so common.

### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 5, 2018

Monday, Nov. 5  
NO MASS-Fr. Gene on Vacation  
Tuesday, Nov. 6  
NO MASS-Fr. Gene on Vacation  
Wednesday, Nov. 7  
10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs  
Thursday, Nov. 8  
NO MASS-Fr. Gene on Vacation  
Friday, Nov. 9, Dedication of Lateran Basilica  
NO MASS-Fr. Gene on Vacation  
Saturday, Nov. 10  
5:30PM Roberta Jany by Steve & Donna  
Sunday, Nov. 11  
9AM For the Parish

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK NOV. 4 THRU NOV. 11

Sunday	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS 9AM Mass PSR Class after 9AM Mass
Monday	Fr. Gene on Vacation 11AM-1PM K of C Luncheon Taco Bake/Fried Chicken 6PM PTO Meeting
Tuesday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Wednesday	Fr. Gene on Vacation 10:30AM Communion Service at Three Springs 6PM Reconciliation Meeting in Library for Second Graders & Parents
Thursday	Fr. Gene on Vacation
Friday	Fr. Gene on Vacation 1:30PM Dismissal – BUS SERVICE
Saturday	5:30PM Mass Family Fun Night in School Gym
Sunday	9AM Mass

**NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:** Gospel love is not about feelings. It's about choosing to care regardless of how we feel. It's about making decisions based upon the vision of Jesus regardless of how many other visions are demanding our allegiance. Real love is not about collapsing our walls that we have put up in order to protect ourselves, but about expanding them in never-ending fashion, thereby choosing to allow more and more people into the deepest portions of our lives. Real love is the choices we make and not feelings we experience. Once we begin to choose to live in such a fashion, says Jesus, we are not far from the kingdom of God.

### TITHE WEEK OF OCTOBER 28, 2018

Mary Help of Christians: \$5,850.00  
\$961.00 Improvement Fund; \$48.00 Child Env.;  
\$4.00 Votives

WEEKLY Budget Need: \$7,000.00

YTD Average Weekly Tithe: \$6,182.39

Fiscal Year Week 18

YTD Actual Giving: \$111,283.00

YTD Budget Need: \$126,000.00

YTD Budget Difference: (\$14,717.00)

YTD Weekly: (\$817.62)

**SERVERS SCHEDULE** for Nov. 10 & 11: 5PM, Jack Heffernan, Garret Hopkins; 9AM, David Grau, Nolin Crain, Brock Vasquez

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:** Jews and Christians agree that our greatest responsibility is to love the one and only God, and that we cannot claim to love God without loving our neighbor as ourselves.

**ATTENTION!!! ON SATURDAY, NOV. 10, THE EVENING MASS WILL BE AT 5:30PM.**

**GIBAULT OPEN HOUSE** is Sunday, Nov. 4, from 11AM-2PM.

**FALL RUMMAGE SALE** at Gibault on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 8AM-3PM.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT** is Saturday, Nov. 10. Bring family and friends for an evening of fun and food. Donations for the Silent Auction may be dropped off in the school office during school hours. On Friday, Nov. 9, donations will be accepted until 7PM. Saturday, Nov. 10, donations will be accepted from 8-11AM.

**CANDY SALES:** The Eighth Grade class is selling candy bars to raise money for their class trip in the Spring. The candy bars are \$1. Contact a student, Mrs. Fogerson, or the school office to make your purchase.

**LECTOR WORKSHOP:** Register online at diobelle.org or call Jennifer (618-722-5040) for the workshop that will be held on Saturday, Nov. 17, at St. Mary's, Mt. Vernon, from 10AM-NOON. Cost is \$15.

**AARP DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE** will be held at the Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 15, and Friday, Nov. 16, from 8:30AM-12:30PM each day for drivers age 50 and over. There is a \$15 fee for AARP members and \$20 fee for non-members for materials. Register for the course by calling the Chester Senior Center at 826-5108.

**A PERFECT GIFT:** Soon after the birth of my son, who has Down syndrome, a visitor asked whether he was "mild, moderate, or severe" – referring to his level of cognitive impairment. I was shocked. In my arms I held my beautiful baby boy, who defied easy categorization. It's like looking at stained glass from the outside: the colors look dark, and you can't see the figures. But inside, with the sun shining through, the effect can be brilliant. From inside our family, love illuminates our life with our son. What may seem dreary to others, perhaps even unbearable, is actually filled with beauty and color. Our love has nothing to do with his abilities. We love him simply because of who he is, and understanding this teaches us a fundamental truth: every life is a good and perfect gift.

**THE DUAL COMMAND:** It is simple. It is straight forward. Love God. And. Love neighbor as much as self. Today's Gospel harkens back to the Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper when we sing "Where charity and love prevail, there is God." We sing it while we gather gifts for the poor. The charge IS simple. This constant love behavior is harder. Who is hard for me to love? What will I do to love \_\_\_\_\_ as myself? And what gifts do I have for the poor?

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Wednesday, Nov. 7, Our Lady of Lourdes, Sparta, 9AM-2PM Holiday Luncheon & Craft Bazaar, Soups, Sandwiches, Salads, & Desserts