Holy Spirit Church

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."
Mk 12:42-43

November 7, 2021

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Mass Schedule

Daily (Monday to Saturday) 8:30 AM

Saturday Vigil Masses 5:30 PM

Sundays 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 Noon

Holy Days - As Announced

Reconciliation - Saturday 4:30PM—5:15PM

Parish Office

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Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00AM to 3:00PM

Friday—9:00AM to 12Noon Only

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK

Thirty-Second Sunday In Ordinary Time
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2021

5:30pm **Jose A. Soares** Req. by Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2021

8:00am **Elizabeth Terp**
Req. by Ann Margaret Shannon

10:00am **Nikki Nyzio-Gangemi**
Req. by Family

12:00pm **All Deceased Members of the Manego Family** Req. by Family

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2021

8:30am **August Arnold**
Req. by Judy & Al Arnold

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2021

8:30am **Rose Ilvento**
Req. by The Arminio Family

All Parishioners

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2021

8:30am **Sheila Masterson**
Req. by Julia Carr

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2021

8:30am **Elizabeth Terp**
Req. by Maureen Ogonowski

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021

8:30am **Giovanni Ilvento**
Req. by The Arminio Family

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

8:30am **Special Intention** Req. by Julia Carr

Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2021

5:30 pm **Cicchitto Family** Req. by Family

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2021

8:00am **Anna Sosnicky**
Req. by Nancy W.

10:00am **Deceased Memebers of K of C**
Camille Capone
Req. by The Arminio Family

12:00pm **Rose & Nicholas Garione**

Please note that all 7:30am intentions are being fulfilled at the 8:30 am Mass until further notice.

Memorials for the Week
November 7th— 13th

*The **Bread & Wine** and the **Sanctuary** **Candle** are offered for the intention of*

Romy Galano

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OUR WEEKEND COLLECTION

October 23rd - 24th

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Mike Scholz; Steve Nemeckay;
Ron Sidor; Mary Lynn;
Stephanie Barrett;
Carol Wiedrauk;
Jeanette Pollari

To Have Someone Added, please call the Parish Office. Thank You.

DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY

Beginning, ***Sunday, November 21, 2021*** and every third Sunday of the month thereafter, all are invited to attend the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction, and the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and Litany at 3:00PM. Bring your family and friends and join us in prayer!

LOAVES AND FISHES COLLECTION

"Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours…."
Teresa of Avila

Thank you to all who donated ***so very generously*** to the LOAVES AND FISHES COLLECTION for Holy Spirit's ministry to St. Joseph's Soup Kitchen. You gave $4611.00. This money will be used by Holy Spirit's Soup Kitchen Teams to buy the food and supplies needed to cook and serve hot meals at St. Joseph's this year and to help the Center keep their pantry stocked.

Thank you also to the many ***individuals*** and **families** who have volunteered to join this ministry. Volunteers are the backbone of this ministry so we appreciate your willingness to commit to serve three times each year or to cook two times during the year.

The Holy Spirit Soup Kitchen Ministry continues to thrive thanks to you – the parishioners of Holy Spirit. May God bless you!

We Gather to Celebrate

Parish Membership

Our parish family invites all of its members to full and active participation in our spiritual and social life. Every family moving into the parish is requested to register at the Parish Office. Registration is necessary for admission to our Religious Education program and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, First Eucharist, Confirmation and Matrimony, and also for anyone needing letters of eligibility for sponsorship. If you move, please notify the Parish Office.

Baptism

The Sacrament of Baptism is normally celebrated on the second Sunday of each month. A Preparation Program is required for first time parents. New parents should register for the Baptism as soon as possible after the child's birth by contacting the Parish Office.

Matrimony

According to the policy of the Archdiocese of Newark arrangements for weddings should be made at least one year in advance. Please contact the priest whom you wish to officiate at your wedding, by calling the Parish Office at 908-687-3327.

We are excited to announce that beginning, **Thursday, November 11th**, Father Paul Schetelick will offer a six (6) week Bible Study on Infancy Narratives in Luke and Matthew. There will be (2) Sessions: one in the morning from 9:30-10:30AM and the other in the evening from 7:30PM-8:30PM. Both will take place in Drexler Hall (Office Building).
If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office to reserve a spot!

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THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

St. John Lateran Basilica in Rome is considered the mother church of all the Catholic churches in the Western world; inscribed on the church facade for all to see are the Latin words "omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput," meaning, "The mother and head of all the churches of the city and of the world."But why is this particular church so important to our Catholic faith that it is designated as the "mother church," and so prominent that it garners a feast day on the Church liturgical calendar?

In first-century Rome, a palace existed adjacent to the site where the basilica would eventually be built. The palace belonged to Plautius Lateranus, and through the centuries it became known as the Lateran Palace.

The Roman Emperor Nero (r. 54-68) confiscated this property from Lateranus, and in the early fourth century it came into the possession of Emperor Constantine the Great when he became emperor of the Western Roman Empire. Constantine, convinced that all his military and political successes were gifts from the Christian God, was favorably disposed to Christianity and eventually ended the persecution of religious groups while extending special attention and support to the followers of Jesus. In 312, he gave the Lateran Palace to Pope Melchiades (also known as Militades), and it became the residence of the popes for the next 1,000 years. The feast day honoring the dedication of St. John Lateran was introduced in the 12th century and was initially celebrated only in the city of Rome. In 1726, Pope Benedict XIII ordered a worldwide commemoration of the basilica as a sign of universal Catholic unity. The feast is celebrated on **November 9th** and is known today as **"The Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica."** The intent behind the annual feast day is to encourage Catholics to keep strong ties to our past and to the universal Catholic Church. The building of St. John Lateran was a mark of religious freedom. Christians could worship without fear and in a church of their own. Through the grace of God the followers of Jesus had persevered over sufferings and persecutions; Christianity had been granted both legal recognition and public security. What joy those early Christians must have experienced in this newfound freedom, what excitement in joining together in their own house of worship which some historians claim held 10,000 people. This feast day reminds us of our Catholic heritage, the significant role the dedication of the Lateran Basilica played in that heritage and the courage of those first followers of Christ and the importance of uniting ourselves to the Holy See. As the pope is our universal pastor, the Lateran is our universal church.

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini | Feast Day November 13

You may recognize the name St. Frances Xavier Cabrini (1850 – 1917) as the first United States citizen to become a saint. Known for her deep trust in God, she was a courageous woman doing the work of Christ.

Her life of service began when she was first refused admission to the religious order which had educated her to be a teacher. Not one to take things face value, she instead focused her charitable work at the House of Providence Orphanage in Cadogno, Italy, and in 1877, professed vows there and took the religious habit. When the bishop closed the orphanage in 1880, he named St. Frances Xavier Cabrini prioress of the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart. However, she had a dream she was determined to fulfill. Since her early childhood, she had dreamed of being a missionary in China. Pope Leo XIII, however, urged her to see the need in the west. She traveled with six of her fellow religious sisters to New York City, where they worked with the thousands of Italian immigrants residing there. Although she experienced many disappointments during this time, she persevered. When she arrived in New York, the house intended to be her first orphanage in the United States was not available. Rather than come back to Italy and the order she oversaw, she instead found a way to establish that orphanage elsewhere — plus a few more. Throughout her life, she is known for founding 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated, and the sick. She died of malaria in her own Columbus Hospital in Chicago in 1917.

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On December 10, 1979, a very petite holy woman known as Mother Teresa of Calcutta spoke these words in her Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech, "But I am sure in the families and many of our homes, maybe we are not hungry for a piece of bread, but maybe there is somebody there in the family who is unwanted, unloved, uncared, forgotten, there isn't love. Love begins at home. And love to be true has to hurt. I never forget a little child who taught me a very beautiful lesson. They heard in Calcutta, the children, that Mother Teresa had no sugar for her children, and this little one, Hindu boy four years old, he went home and he told his parents: I will not eat sugar for three days, I will give my sugar to Mother Teresa. How much a little child can give. After three days they brought into our house, and there was this little one who could scarcely pronounce my name, he loved with great love, he loved until it hurt. And this is what I bring before you, to love one another until it hurts, but don't forget that there are many children, many children, many men and women who haven't got what you have. And remember to love them until it hurts." Living authentically and walking with holiness always involves sacrifice. It has to hurt. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even what is apparently a generous gesture can be nothing. It is no wonder that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus and the young child in our story above the interest of Mother Teresa. It is easy to make the houses of our lives look like they are in perfect order when in fact they are in shambles within. Religion can sometimes make this hypocritical masquerade easy to accomplish. We can find ourselves in all the right holy places, reciting all of the correct prayers, participating in community collections, and reciting the proper doctrines only to find ourselves empty, shallow, self-focused, and overly anxious about personal concerns. The one who learns to discover their inner poverty, their spiritual poverty, is the only one who can truly place him or herself at the mercy of God. It is only when we allow ourselves to be empty that we realize Who we actually need to fill us. This is the real meaning of trust. Many of us are afraid to take the plunge. We allow ourselves to detach from only so much, always keeping a watchful eye on the protection of our securities. We understand the value of poverty, but we do not want to become too poor. As long as we are able to recognize this tension, our reluctance to let go and our struggle, we can continue our journey of humbly learning how to love so deeply that it hurts. God understands and waits.

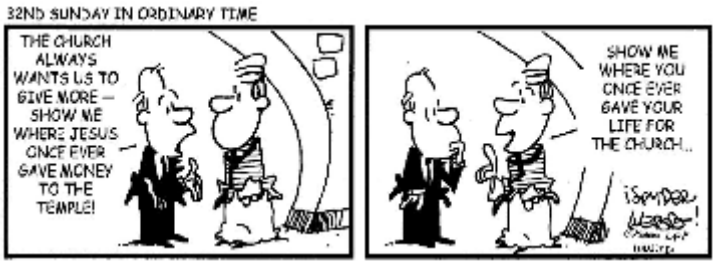
Readings for the week of November 7, 2021

Sunday:1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44 **Monday:**Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6 **Tuesday:**Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [5]/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22 **Wednesday:** Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19 **Thursday:** Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25 **Friday:**Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37 **Saturday:**Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8 **Next Sunday:**Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Heb 10:11-14, 18/Mk 13:24-32

Vocation or Calling

Question: Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?

Answer: A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.



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Crisis Pregnancy Help: Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should never feel that abortion is her only option. Personal and confidential assistance is available at the following numbers:

Archdiocesan Respect Life Office*:* 973-497-4350
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Post Abortion Healing for men and women. If interested, call the Archdiocesan Respect Life Office 973-497-4350. All calls are strictly confidential.
Information of Rachel's Vineyard Retreat can be found at**:** ***www.rachelsvineyard.org***

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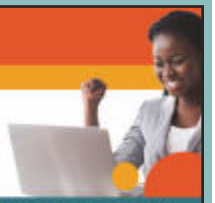

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