

*We need coffee hour now more than ever.*

*We moved around a lot as a military family. Since our marriage, my husband and I have attended six Catholic churches. Of those six church communities, two of them regularly offered coffee and doughnuts after Mass. I am certain of this number. My son, who comments about a church on its willingness to extend him the courtesy of a post-Mass doughnut, is sure of this number.*

*I can tell you that the two churches that had a parish coffee hour were all around more welcoming. The parishioners at these churches recognized us as newcomers and said hello. The fact that their churches had post-Mass coffee made it possible for the parishioners to actually have fellowship.*

*A lack of fellowship in the church is a problem. Catholics go to church to experience Christ in the Eucharist. And we haven't always done a good job at connecting that experience to fellowship and community outside of our liturgical celebrations. But parish coffee hour respects Christ on the altar by allowing us to be Christ to one another.*

*I realize parish coffee hour is not always successful. For every new family who has felt welcomed by the opportunities for social engagement at post-Mass coffee, there are those families who sit awkwardly, shuffling napkins and anxiously awaiting an ideal opportunity to hightail it out of there. And for every kid who pulls on his parent's sleeve at the end of Mass, begging to stay for a doughnut, there is a parent who cannot wait to be back in the comfort of their own home.*

*Part of the problem is what Sunday means to us. We go to Mass in the morning with the assurance that when we get home, we can slide into our lounge pants and do what lounge pants do best — lounge. It is a day that promises ease and comfort.*

*Fellowship could be a great time, but only if we all collectively commit to it. We all need to give up an hour of lounge time to build a community within our church, and the parish coffee hour is the ideal time to do so. That family who sheepishly looks in your direction across crumpled napkins just might love playing board games as much as your family does.*

*And those newcomers—I'm telling you as a frequent newcomer—they could really use a friend. They could really use someone to tell them what school in their area is the best or which grocery store carries the best meats and cheeses or which priest gives the longest homilies.*

*The parish coffee hour is an opportunity to be the face of the church in a way that asks very little of us but gives so much back. At its center, the church is the Eucharist. We are also the church for each other, and we need more than just a sign of peace to be that.*

*We need to hang out, even in this time of social distancing. We need to have coffee. In order to be Christ to you, I have to actually spend time with you. The great thing about parish coffee hour is I don't even have to clean my living room to have you over. I don't have to remember to buy coffee filters or creamer. The parish, in its infinite wisdom and generosity, has all that covered. Literally, all we have to do is not leave the pew after the recessional hymn. We just need to move like sheep together toward the coffee and doughnuts, and we have to fellowship with each other in our mutual discomfort.*

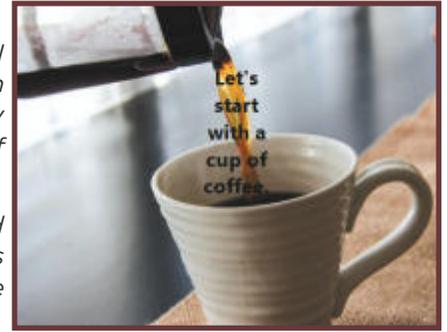
*I know what I'm suggesting is not easy, but of the things God calls us to do, surely drinking free hot coffee with someone who probably shares many of our values is one of our lesser crosses to bear.*

*The reason is no more profound than we just aren't in the habit of it, which is ironic since our faith is all about good habits. As Catholics, we teach our children to attend Mass and accept the mysteries of the faith well before they can fully participate in them. We teach genuflection before the tabernacle and the baptismal font. We teach them to trace a cross with their thumb over their forehead, lips, and heart before hearing the gospel. We do all of this to instill habits of church practice they can rely on as they get older. Sadly, we are missing out on giving them a habit of fellowship, one that is already easy for them.*

*At your next parish coffee hour, watch a kid, any kid. After trying to sit quietly through Mass and pay attention to things they don't always understand, all that kid wants to do is rush out, jockey in line to ensure they get a sprinkled doughnut, and chat with whomever will listen to them. That kid wants to run around the vestibule and play tag with anyone who is game because kids are absolute naturals at fellowship. They just get it. They get the importance of being with and enjoying other people, of letting their hair down with each other and sharing some caffeine and sugar.*

*Maybe it's time we did, too. Part of understanding the Eucharist as the center of our faith means making space for each other. We need each other. I need to be Christ to you, and you need to be Christ to me. I know it's not easy.*

*Let's start with a cup of coffee.*



*Adapted from US Catholic Websites*

# READINGS AND REFLECTION

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## 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

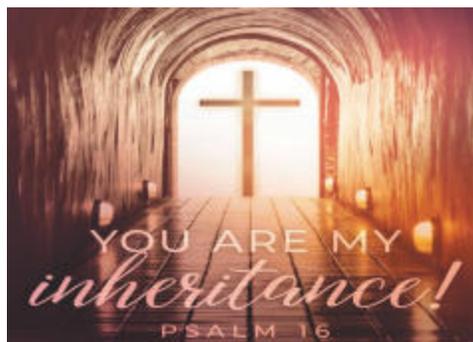
First Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

Responsorial Psalm: 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11

Second Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

Gospel Reading: Mark 13:24 - 32

*Reflection: In today's Responsorial Psalm, we have responded, "You are my inheritance, O Lord!" Indeed, God is our inheritance and nothing else. He is the Alpha and Omega of all what we are and all what we have, and without him we can do nothing. Today's First Reading from the book of Prophet Daniel starts with the catch phrase, "At that time.." Again we find the similar catch phrase in today's Gospel Reading where Jesus starts with, "In those days.." Both of those catch phrases indicate of the time to come in the future. Both readings captures two prophecies one in the Old Testament and the other in the New Testament. The prophecies inform us of that what is going to happen in the future to come. That what is going to happen is the great judgment, which will bring the creation in summation. In the Book of Daniel we read, "Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some shall live forever, others shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace." In the Gospel, we read, "And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory, and then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the end of the earth to the end of the sky." As we come to the end of this Liturgical Year, these scriptural readings remind us that we are God's own creation. We belong to God and we are accountable to him. Knowing that the Day of Judgment is coming, it is not the message of threat to intimidate us and bring us fears; rather, it is the message of comfort to empower us to take our responsibilities before God and before his creation. A good truck driver is not intimidated when he/she drives a truck posted in back, "How is my driving? Call 800-777-2324." This driver knows that he is a professional driver who does that what a good driver is supposed to do. There is nothing bad to be reported for the good driver. If there is any report, it should be only a good report. As God's faithful children, we look forward for that time and for those days to come when we will be united with our Creator and joyfully live with him for eternity. Is it not comforting to hear from Jeremiah in today's Entrance Antiphon, The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place. Yes, "You are my inheritance, O Lord!" Yes! Amen!  
Fr. Severine.*



## MASS INTENTIONS—BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

Saturday, November 13,, 5:15PM: *Matthew and Bertha O'Brien—Rita Thompson*

Sunday, November 14, 7:30AM: *Mary Ellen BeGell—Chuck and Mary Kay BeGell*

Sunday, November 14, 9:15AM: *People of the Parish  
Jack Birchmeyer—Nora and Dan Stevens*

Monday, November 15, 8AM: *Janet Barry—Blessed Sacrament Altar and Rosary Society*

Tuesday, November 16, 8AM: *Margaret Giocondo—Anne Dwyer*

Wednesday, November 17, 8AM: *Joseph Sgambati, Sr.—Gloria and Joe Falcone*

Thursday, November 18, 8AM: *Harold Thompson—The Brewster Family*

Friday, November 19, 8AM: *Mary Maurillo—Daughter Jeanne Sullivan*

Saturday, November 20,, 5:15PM: *People of the Parish*

Sunday, November 21, 7:30AM: *Janet and Bud Barry—Son Steve Barry*

Sunday, November 21, 9:15AM: *Daniel Sweeney— The Sweeney Family*



*The Knights of Columbus Council meets the First Monday of each month in the Blessed Sacrament school cafeteria at 7PM For more information, call (315) 395-6918.*

*The annual Memorial Mass for deceased members of the Knights of Columbus is this Monday, November 15th at 6:30PM in the Blessed Sacrament Church. All are welcome.*

### WE REMEMBER

*During the month of November, we remember those whom we have known who are no longer with us, those who have touched our lives deeply and significantly in so many ways. We often think about all those special moments we shared with them over the course of time. We offer our prayers for all our family members, friends, acquaintances, as well as those who have been abandoned and forgotten. The amber candles surrounding the baptismal font will remain lit during the month of November in memory of those deceased who have been buried from Blessed Sacrament Church from November 2020 until the present. Requiescant in pace.*

### Parish Outreach and Food Pantry Christmas

*Unfortunately, due to Covid 19, our Food Pantry will not be able to give out any Christmas presents or have a Giving Tree in Church. Instead, we are asking again this year for donations of gift cards in the amount of \$10 (ten dollars) for WALMART only. After much consideration, we have decided to only ask for gift cards to Walmart because it is close by and offers a variety of merchandise for our clients. We appreciate and want to THANK YOU ahead of time for your consideration in helping us provide our clients with a little something for the Christmas season. You are welcome to drop off the gift cards in the collection basket or to the rectory until 12/6/21. Any questions, please call the Rectory, 315-437-3394. God Bless and Stay Safe,  
Janice, Outreach Coordinator*



*We pray for: Barbara Knaul, Carl Price, Anika Johnson, Anna Ciccarelli, Kathleen Naughton, Abby, Sarah, Pat Laun, Gerard Zutant, Mike, Mary, Larry, Kimberly Penny, Karen Ballog, Shari Rustay, Ann Folger, Sonny McCarthy, Missy DiPaulo Angotti, Margie McKeon, Carolyn Armstrong, Susan Moro Campbell, Terri Close, Ann Cook, Mary Extale, John Fortino, Mary Anne Garrett, Mary Gersbacher, John Gersbacher, Elizabeth Gilbert, Mary Griffin, Mary Ingalls, Yang Juan, Cole Malone, Grace McNamara, Giavanna Regulbuto, Jean Suits, and Elizabeth Walrath.*

**Hospitality (coffee and donut hour) is returning to Blessed Sacrament beginning Sunday, December 5th after the 9:15AM Mass in the back of church!**

### Regular Collections

*Through the continued generosity of our parishioners, collections for October totaled \$32,775, an increase from the prior year of \$6,433. Over 75 parishioners continue to give electronically through our "We Share" electronic giving site, helping the parish to rely on a steady stream of revenue. Expenses for this same period: Building Operations—\$15,000; Ministry Cost—\$28,000. The shortfall is mostly covered through one-time gifts, bequests, and other miscellaneous receipts. Thank you for your continued support as we continue to deal with the impact of Covid.*

*Fr. Severine Yagaza*

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH

Saturday, November 13th, 4:00pm Josephine Luton 10th Anniversary, req. by Twin Sister, Adleen Barry

Sunday, November 14th, 10:30am Kathleen Curtin, req. by the Family

Monday, November 15th, 12:00pm Ernestine Lanza, req. by Valerie & Paul Woverchak

Tuesday, November 16th, 12:00pm John L. (Jack) Hines, req. by Family

Wed'day, November 17th 12:00pm Anne Martin req. by Pat Holliday

Saturday, November 20th, 4:00 Mafalda & Joseph D'Amore, req. by Pat Holliday

Sunday, November 21st 10:30 am George Franklyn, req. by Toni Franklyn

ALTAR SERVERS: 11/20-11/21—4pm- Adult Servers; 9:30am- Youth Servers

LECTORS: 11/20 and 11/21—4:00pm- Phil Lyman; 10:30am - Alia Koudagge

GREETERS -11/21—10:30am - Reda Nephew



SHARE THE JOY OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON—FORMS for the GIVING TREE or

CHRISTMAS GIFTS (for

children from birth through 12 years) are available in the back of the church and are to be returned to the parish office immediately.

## EVANGELIZATION PRAYER

St. Vincent de Paul, Holy patron saint of our parish, which was founded as a visible beacon to those seeking respite, solace and care, intercede in the name of those in need. Implore His divine assistance in the continuation of the mission of this church to spread His loving message, provide relief to the needy and console the troubled. Our dedicated saint, Apostle of charity, instill in us your same commitment to carry out your mission in whatever capacity the Lord instructs. Help us to be an inviting and welcoming parish open to all seeking a spiritual home and zealous in our outreach. May your caring spirit always remain in our hearts,, on our lips, and in our actions. Amen.

## A RULE OF ST. NICHOLAS, THE WONDERWORKER

Join Deacon Nathan Gunn on December 1st at CTK Retreat House as he presents the spirit of Advent through St. Nicholas. Learn how to save yourself and your family from a modern western Christmas by following the rule of St. Nicholas." 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, \$30 Donation includes lunch or 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, \$25 Donation includes dinner. Register online at [ctkretrea.com](http://ctkretrea.com) or call 315-446-2680.



Congratulations to Andy Ross (Pat Holiday's son in law) who won the October 50/50 in the amount of \$470. Remember for just \$5.00 you could be the next winner. The November drawing will be Sunday November 28th. Thank you for your continued support!



On Sunday, November 7th we once again enjoyed the fellowship of our parish family at the return of Coffee Hour. Thank you to all who volunteered to make it possible. We are still in need of volunteers for Donut Pick Up and to Host the Coffee Hour after the 10:30 Sunday Mass. Please call the rectory at 315-479-6689.



We ask your prayers for the spiritual comfort and restoration of health for:

Sandra Betts, Desiree Landers, Madeline Duda, Anne Marie Drury, Roseanne Vrolyk, Catherine O'Donnell, Nora Libertone, Charles Pontius, Hannah Sloan, Linda James, Theresa Santillo, and Marian Brooks. Please pray for the repose of the soul of our faithful parishioner, Anne Martin.

Pastoral Council will meet on Tuesday, November 16th at 6:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament.

Legion of Mary will meet on Wednesday, November 17th at 12:30pm in the church hall.

Christ the King Retreat House Fund-raiser: -"Matilda" Syracuse Stage- December 12: Join us for a special matinee performance of "Matilda" at Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St. The show starts at 2 pm. Tickets: \$60 per person or \$40 for under 17. If you would like to be a sponsor or contribute to our gift basket raffle, give us a call at 315-446-2680. Proceeds will benefit the Retreat House.



For just \$12.00 you can have a delicious home-made apple pie for your Thanksgiving meal or anytime you want it! Pies are available in three options, baked, ready to bake and frozen. Place your order by Monday, November 15th by calling Sandy at 315-569-3039 and indicate which of the above options you choose. Pick up your order on Saturday, November 20th between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Hawley Avenue entrance to the church. Order multiples at \$12.00 each.

## Giving Options

If you are 70-1/2 or older, another alternative to a gift of cash is a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA. There is favorable tax treatment and should be an important consideration for 72 or older who want to make a gift and are also required to take an IRA distribution. Please call the Blessed Sacrament rectory at 315.437.3394 if you have questions or to notify us of your gift. Thank you!

## Hope Appeal 2021

The Hope Appeal 2021 is underway throughout the diocese. Each parish in the diocese has its own assessment for the Hope Appeal. As of November 1st, St. Vincent DePaul has collected \$8,415.00 towards its assessed goal of \$15,703.35 and Blessed Sacrament has collected \$30,625.00 towards its assessed goal of \$50,484.88. Thank you for all who have contributed and made pledges for this noble campaign in our diocese. Let's join together as parish communities to reach and even pass over our assessed goals to support many ministries in our diocese. Any collected amount beyond the assessed goal remains in the parish.

## World Synod of Bishops

The Holy Father has called for a World Synod of Bishops to be held in Rome in October 2023, and has asked all diocesan bishops to consult with the People of God in their diocese in preparation. Thank you for all who attended the First Listening Session with Bishop Lucia this past Wednesday. Know that more Listening sessions will take place throughout the diocese in the next few months. Visit Catholic Sun and our diocesan website for more sessions to come. You are all welcome to attend any one of them.

## Holy Souls in Purgatory

The Church has dedicated the month of November to pray for all Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all her faithful children who have departed from this life, but have not yet attained the joys of heaven. "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

## Friday December 24:

4:00P (BSC)

5:15P (SVC)

7:00P (BSC)

## Saturday December 25

12:00A (Midnight) - (BSC)

9:15A (BSC)

10:30A (SVC)

## Sunday December 26

7:30A (BSC)

9:15A (BSC)

10:30A (SVC)

Join us on Adoration Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm in Blessed Sacrament Church. It is the tradition of spending an hour in Eucharistic adoration in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

## THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

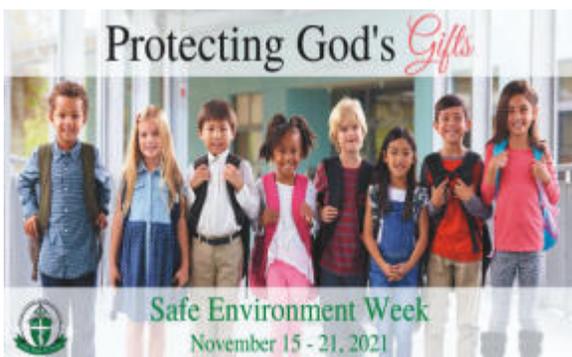
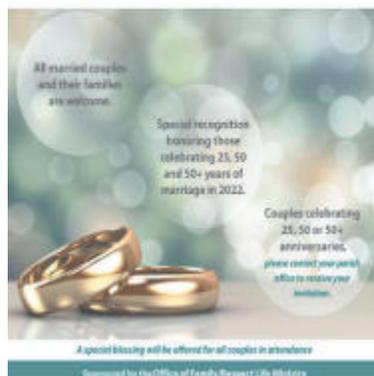
Every Wednesday of Advent the Sacrament of Penance at BSC (December 1, 8, 15) from 5:00P to 6:00P and on December 22 from 4:00P to 7:00P.

## THANKSGIVING HOLY MASS

Our linked parishes Thanksgiving Mass is on Thursday, November 25 at 9:30AM at St. Vincent DePaul.

There will be a joint meeting of the pastoral councils of Blessed Sacrament and St. Vincent de Paul on Tuesday, November 16, 2021 at 6:30pm in the Blessed Sacrament school cafeteria. All parishioners are welcomed to attend. Please wear a mask.

This Sunday, our Confirmation students will be burying Blessed Sacrament Church's Centennial Time Capsule. We have been accumulating items for the time capsule throughout our Centennial Year and now it is time to set it in place until the time it will be raised and be reminded of what a wonderful parish celebration was had in honor of our 100 years!



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