

NOVEMBER 12, 2017 | THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Stay awake,

for you know neither
the day
nor the hour.

~ Matthew 25:13

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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (*Polish*)

Weekday 6:30am (*Communion Service*)
8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome!
Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information. *Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes— Nov 14, Dec 6, Jan 9*

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite to Christian Initiative) Program is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures available in the Gathering Area kiosk.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

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Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

Saturday, November 11 was Veterans Day. It is an official United States public holiday. We humbly and lovingly honor all persons who served our Country in any branch of the Armed Forces. I know that many of our parishioners are veterans, both men and women, and we thank them for their commitment to freedom and life. We honored all veterans as we remembered them in prayer at all weekend Masses.

As you know, I spoke at all of this weekend's Masses on Stewardship, your generosity and because of that great generosity, our Parish's financial condition. I want to say again thank you to all of you who financially support through your loving and giving ways not only to our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family but also to all of the causes which are presented to you by our Archdiocese as well as the many needs around the world. Your generosity is truly amazing.

Today's bulletin contains our Parish Annual Report for our 2016-2017 fiscal year (July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017). It was a good year, but not as good as many previous years. In fact, in my eleven years as your Pastor, this is the first time that we have ended in the red under my "watch." I would like to share a few words about this financial report. You will notice we have updated the report to share with you additional information in an effort to be even more transparent and accountable. For example, we revised the financial statement to include more details in the income and expense sections and also included a "bottom line" showing the surplus or deficit for the Church, the School, and the Parish as a whole. Also, you can see the Parish deposits that are at the Archdiocesan Bank, as well as a set of statistics for the Parish and our Sacraments.

In this report, you also have the previous year figures for your comparative analysis. You will notice the reduction in the number of registered families and the October census count—which is the trend throughout most Catholic Churches as less people are practicing their faith. We feel that these reductions are what particularly contributed to the lessening of our total Sunday collection figures. We also feel that our Capital Campaign—"To Teach Who Christ Is" - also had an impact on our Sacrificial Giving.

Thank you also to our Parish Finance Committee—your fellow parishioners—who meet regularly to help guide us financially. The Committee's names are on the financial report. If you have any questions at all, feel free to call me or Deacon John Breit who is our Business Manager or any of the Committee members.

As we look to the future, I would like to share the following stewardship prayer with you:

Dear Gracious and Generous God,

I truly believe that you are the source of every blessing in my life. And I want to recognize, again, that everything I have and all that I am is truly a gift from you. And so, Lord, I again resolve to be a good steward. I resolve to be generous with my time, talent and treasure. I resolve to help and be active in my St. Thomas of Villanova Parish Family. And so, help me Lord to be all that I can be each day in serving and loving You, as well as my brothers and sisters. Amen.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 12

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:30am	RCIA Classes	MRA
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
5:00pm	VOICES Thanksgiving Dinner	GA
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

Monday, November 13

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	Faith Formation Team	MRC
7:00pm	Parish Pastoral Council	MRA
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB

Tuesday, November 14

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
7:00pm	Family School Assoc. Mtg	MRA
7:30pm	Rectory Design Committee	MRB
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, November 15

4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
7:00pm	Spirituality Class	MRB
7:00pm	Women's Club Steering Committee	MRC
7:00pm	GIFT I Meeting	MRA & D
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, November 16

1:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church
7:00pm	GIFT II Meeting	MRA & D
7:00pm	Women's Club Guild I	GA

Friday, November 17

7:00pm	Ultreya	MRA & B
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Saturday, November 18

8:00am	STV School Athletics	RAC
8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
10:30am	RCIA Class	MRA

Sunday, November 19

9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:30am	RCIA Classes	MRA
12:30pm	TLC (The Linked Cot)	MRB
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

TODAY

- **BEARS FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER SIGNUP** Gathering Area after Mass (Page 10)
- **VETERAN'S HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY COLLECTION** Drop off your donations in either the Gathering Area or the Narthex. THANK YOU!
- **VOICES THANKSGIVING DINNER** In the Gathering Area at 5pm (Page 5)

UPCOMING

- **"EVERYDAY SPIRITUALITY" CLASS** Wednesday, November 15 at 7pm in MRB
- **BEARS FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER** Sunday, November 19 (Page 10)
- **TLC- The Linked COT MEETING** Sunday, November 19 at 12:30pm in MRB

EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

- NOVEMBER 26 Bulletin: Submissions due on or before **Tuesday, Nov. 14**
- DECEMBER 24 Bulletin: Submissions due on or before **Wednesday, Dec. 13**
- DECEMBER 31 Bulletin: Submissions due on or before **Tuesday, Dec. 19**



Lord, please let every veteran of our nation's armed forces feel truly and appropriately honored by the attention and appreciation of their fellow citizens. Let no one feel forgotten or neglected. Let every man and woman, young or old, feel the deep and enduring gratitude of our nation and its people. Amen.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of Each Month For All Knitters & Crocheters AND Those Who Want to Learn

The Respect Life Committee of St. Thomas of Villanova is sponsoring a Prayer Shawl Ministry for the terminally ill patients at the John H. Stroger Hospital of Cook County, formerly Cook County Hospital. We will provide everything you need to make the shawls including yarn, needles and instruction to get you started and keep you going. Please join us on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month in MRB from 1:00pm—3:00pm. Come to as many sessions as you like and stay as long as you choose. For questions, contact Maureen Treanor at 224-532-1990.



GREETER MINISTRY

The Lord is looking for people to greet everyone who walks into His house for weekend Mass. It is a very important job, as He wants His friends and family to feel welcome. He gave each of you a smile and a warm heart, so you can fulfill this role. We are in *desperate* need for greeters especially at the Saturday 5pm and Sunday 7:30am Masses. No experience necessary. Flexible scheduling. Great heavenly pay. No meetings to attend. Training is fast and can be done over the phone. Please, please volunteer! Just contact Jeanie or Jack Landeweer 847-842-0679



MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY HELPERS

We are looking for help on the first weekend of every month after our Monthly Food Pantry collection to shelve all the food collected. It is a big job for just one person, so we encourage a family or a group of friends to volunteer. If we get enough volunteers, we can even rotate months to lighten the time commitment. Call Deacon Tom Dunne at 847-358-6999 for more details.



ON-LINE GIVING

GiveCentral ONLINE GIVING is a convenient way for St. Thomas of Villanova to receive your Sunday Sacrificial Giving support—anytime, anywhere when you are ready to give. It is especially helpful when you are away from our Church on a particular weekend. It is a secure online system with payment options from direct debit (ACH) to all major credit cards: Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.



Go to www.givecentral.org
Click on the “**START GIVING**” button.
It’s that easy!

If you need assistance, please the Parish Office, 847-358-6999.

VOICES HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



TEEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

- ◆ TONIGHT!
- ◆ 5pm—7pm, Gathering Area
- ◆ Potluck—so, sign up in the teen room or email Jeff@stvoices.org. We want to make sure we don’t end up with only mashed potatoes for dinner!

NCYC—National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN

- ◆ Thursday, November 16—
Sunday, November 19
- ◆ *Please pray for the teens and leaders attending.*

TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

- ◆ Wednesday, November 22
- ◆ 7pm—9 pm, Church
- ◆ All are invited to sing and share their voice. Instrumentalists welcome, too! Just email jeff@stvoices.org before rehearsal so we know to expect you and your instrument at practice.

THANKSGIVING MASS (Planned by the Teens)

- ◆ Thursday, November 23
- ◆ 10am, Church
- ◆ *Note: We need teens to be Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, singers and more for this Mass. Please come help!*

More info?
Visit STVOICES.ORG

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Congratulations to our 2nd Graders who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the very first time on Saturday, November 11

Allison Alanguilan

Emmy Bogucka

Rachel Bourgeois

Michael Calderon

Connor Carro

Michael Castelloni

Jacob Chudy

Emma Cichanski

Grace Cimaglio

Karissa Costabile

Brendan Dodd

Logan Dodd

Henry Entwistle

Megan Forman

Faith Forseth

Elizabeth Garrett

John Hanrahan

Nicole Hanrahan

Anne Hennessy

Julia Jendrysko

Evan Kasparaitis

Steven Kotlarz

Logan Krieg

Joey Kurey

Sophia Ledesma

Allison Leidolf

Sophia Leone

Elodie Levine

Dylan Lutostanski

Quinn Mackey

Kylie Malcolm

Casper Maslowski

Nicholas McLean

Renzo Mendoza

Thomas Mephram

Jack Miller

Camryn Mills

Carter Mills

Amelie Ortiz

Sylvia Rose Osysko

Alexander Pajak

Lucille Pasqualucci

Jacob Pedersen

Mark Pellettiere

Charles Richards

Mia Rieck

Keira Seifert

Karolina Sen

McKenna Shiroda

Marianna Stark

Vanessa TucharSKI

Anthony Velazquez

Brooke Willis

Oliver Wisniewski

Brennan Wright

Nicolas Wright



*God bless you
on your
First Reconciliation*

2017 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Nov 5	<i>Not available due to early bulletin deadlines</i>			
Nov 12				
Nov 19				
Nov 26				

YTD Budget	\$ 426,600.00
YTD Actual	\$ 386,910.15
Over / (Under)	(\$ 39,689.85)

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When Pope Francis announced that the First World Day of the Poor would take place on November 19, 2017, he stated that, “Whenever we set out to love as Jesus loved, we have to take the Lord as our example; especially when it comes to loving the poor,” reminding us once again that we should always care for our brothers and sisters affected by poverty.

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development answers Christ’s call to action by addressing the root causes of poverty and injustice in low-income communities through financial support of grassroots initiatives and transformative educational efforts. One such organization is the South Side Community Federal Credit Union. With the support of a CCHD grant, the SSCFCU has saved over 875 families from foreclosure through housing and credit counseling and has reinvested over \$1 million in assets in the local economy through interest rate loans in neighborhoods that are otherwise vulnerable to high rates of poverty, unemployment, and financial instability.

By emphasizing self-help, participation, and cooperation, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development’s holistic approach leads to increased human dignity and stronger, more economically viable communities. To learn more about CCHD’s impact in our communities or to donate online, please visit www.CCHDChicago.org.

Your generous support of the CCHD Annual Collection, which will take place on Saturday, November 18 and Sunday, November 19, is the primary source of funding for over twenty organizations working to combat poverty and injustice in Cook and Lake Counties. It is my prayer that, as we prepare for the annual celebration of Thanksgiving Day, you consider contributing to CCHD through this secondary collection and keep its efforts in your thoughts and prayers. With every good wish, I remain,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
Archbishop of Chicago

Make checks payable to
St. Thomas of Villanova.
Write “CCHD” on the memo line.

ANGELS FOR ANGELA’S



Angels for Angela’s is back again this year for our sharing school, St. Angela’s. Please bring one or two **unwrapped** Christmas gifts to the Meeting Rooms at the west end of school on:

**Saturday, December 2nd
Between 9:00am and 11:00am**

All gifts are welcome! Presents should range from gifts for babies to the elderly. Suggestions: toys, games, puzzles, sporting goods, bed linens, household items, towels, pajamas, slippers, wrapping paper, tape & bows.

ANGELS ON WHEELS, TOO!

If you would like to try your angel wings, please plan on coming with us (caravan style) to St. Angela’s on the same day, **Saturday, December 2 at 11:00am** to help deliver the Christmas gifts. We really need you **and** your vehicle to deliver our gifts. Lunch will be served, and families are welcome. It’s a guaranteed good time! *To make reservations for lunch, call: Deacon Tom Dunne at 847-358-6999.*

Help make Christmas special for our sharing school, St. Angela’s.

Parish Financial Report

	Church & Religious Ed	School	Total Parish 2016-2017
Actual Operating Income			
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$ 1,246,310	\$ -	\$ 1,246,310
Christmas, Easter & Other Collections	\$ 177,701	\$ -	\$ 177,701
Tuition & Fees	\$ 60,765	\$ 954,273	\$ 1,015,038
Lease & Rental Income	\$ 7,138	\$ -	\$ 7,138
Fundraising Income	\$ 50,512	\$ 115,811	\$ 166,323
Interest & Investment Income	\$ 29,627	\$ -	\$ 29,627
Misc. Income	\$ 86,460	\$ 29,950	\$ 116,410
Parish Subsidy to School		\$ 106,873	\$ 106,873
Total Income	\$ 1,658,513	\$ 1,206,907	\$ 2,865,420
Actual Operating Expenses			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 930,403	\$ 943,882	\$ 1,874,285
Admin. Expenses; Supplies; Equip; Misc	\$ 43,794	\$ 89,053	\$ 132,847
Food Service & Meals	\$ 33,478	\$ -	\$ 33,478
Ordinary Maintenance & Utilities	\$ 174,987	\$ 153,672	\$ 328,659
Assessments & Insurance	\$ 283,637	\$ -	\$ 283,637
Misc. Expense	\$ 86,419	\$ 20,300	\$ 106,719
Parish Subsidy to School	\$ 106,873		\$ 106,873
Total Expenses	\$ 1,659,591	\$ 1,206,907	\$ 2,866,498
Total Operating Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (1,078)	0	\$ (1,078)

	Church & Religious Ed	School	Total Parish 2015-2016
	\$ 1,275,218		\$ 1,275,218
	\$ 226,454		\$ 226,454
	\$ 81,492	\$ 855,584	\$ 937,076
	\$ 6,919		\$ 6,919
	\$ 58,823	\$ 111,351	\$ 170,174
	\$ 21,189		\$ 21,189
	\$ 134,862	\$ 78,228	\$ 213,090
		\$ 207,603	\$ 207,603
	\$ 1,804,957	\$ 1,252,766	\$ 3,057,723
	\$ 848,605	\$ 936,801	\$ 1,785,406
	\$ 58,357	\$ 169,923	\$ 228,280
	\$ 32,088		\$ 32,088
	\$ 165,450	\$ 118,904	\$ 284,354
	\$ 290,084		\$ 290,084
	\$ 88,847	\$ 27,138	\$ 115,985
	\$ 207,603		\$ 207,603
	\$ 1,691,034	\$ 1,252,766	\$ 2,943,800
	\$ 113,923	0	\$ 113,923

On Deposit with Archdiocese Bank (as of 6/30/2017):	
Savings (CDs, Stock/Mutual Funds)	\$ 1,430,670
Restricted Savings:	
School Endowment	\$ 53,500
To Teach Who Christ Is *	\$ 303,736
STV 50th Anniversary **	\$ 318,475
* Funds earmarked for Church AC/Heating; Campus Security; Technology Upgrades; New Rectory	
** Funds earmarked for new school boiler/Rainy Day	

Statistics:	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
Parish:		
Registered Families	2380	2407
Parish October Count	1880	2021
Religious Ed Enrollment	417	444
School Enrollment	192	192
Give Central Families	50	48
Sacramental:		
Baptisms	108	111
First Communions	165	227
Confirmations	145	158
Marriages	11	13
Funerals	65	73

Thank you once again for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

This Report is Respectfully Submitted by the Parish Finance Council

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela
 Ann Johnson Catherine Edbrooke
 John Harahan Ron Jozwiak
 Deacon John Breit Ron Schaefer

Please feel free to contact any of the Finance Council members if you have any questions regarding this report.

Parish Financial Report

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Your Extraordinary Contributions
July 1, 2016—June 30, 2017

Archdiocese of Chicago, Annual Catholic Appeal, 2017	\$ 108,361.00
Archdiocese Mandated Collections	\$ 77,642.00
Our Pink Envelope Sharing/Outreach	\$ 45,480.00
Area Wide Hispanic Ministry, Mission San Juan Diego	\$ 7,900.00
Northwest Community Chaplaincy	\$ 7,600.00
Appalachian Service Project (ASP)	\$ 11,120.00
1.5 % Sunday Sacrificial Giving (see details below)	\$ 18,500.00
Total	\$ 276,603.00

The 2017 fiscal year recipients of the first 1.5% of our Sunday SACRIFICIAL GIVING:	
Little Sisters of the Poor	\$ 3,400.00
Rev. Robert E. McLaughlin Faith Foundation	\$ 2,500.00
Faith Community Homes	\$ 2,000.00
Palatine Township Food Pantry	\$ 2,000.00
Catholic Charities: Food Pantry-NW Region, Des Plaines	\$ 2,000.00
Greater Chicago Food Depository	\$ 1,100.00
Christian Family Movement	\$ 1,000.00
Journey from PADS to Hope	\$ 1,000.00
Sunday Mass at Mercy Home	\$ 1,000.00
Aid For Women	\$ 1,000.00
The Bridge: Youth & Family Services-Palatine	\$ 1,000.00
Mercy Home for Boys and Girls	\$ 500.00
Total	\$ 18,500.00

Our parish family continues to support local outreach programs
as well as Archdiocesan causes.

Your generous contributions are deeply appreciated.

**FRIENDS OF ST. THOMAS OF
VILLANOVA SCHOOL PRESENTS:**



**Sunday, November 19th
11am—Doors Open; 12pm—Kick Off
Durty Nellies
180 N Smith Street, Palatine**

Hey Fans, complete your pass and catch all the action:

- **Open Bar** during the game and **Great Food** with new menu
- **Grand Prize Raffle** with Xbox, Apple Watch and Chicago Staycation
- **Silent Auction** with items like sports tickets, vacation condo and jewelry
- **Games** like Football Squares, Split the Pot and more
- **Jim Cornelison** singing the National Anthem, just like at the Blackhawks games!



**NO SET UP! NO COOKING! NO CLEAN UP!
JUST SHOW UP! ... and support the kids!**

Don't Miss a Play—Sign Up Today!

Stop by the Gathering Area **today** to buy your event tickets—only \$50 per person or \$45 per person Huddle Pricing with purchase of 6 tickets. And while you are there, buy some raffle tickets or Football Squares.

More info: john.hake95@gmail.com / text or call 312-805-6791



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

From: *Mary Strybel, CRE*

We celebrated the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this weekend. It is always a privilege to be a part of such an important celebration for our little second graders.

Do you remember your First Confession? For me, it was going into a small dark confessional, kneeling, shaking like a leaf, waiting for what seemed to be a lifetime until the window slid open, and I began to say the Act of Contrition, shaking even harder now. Honestly, as a child it was always uncomfortable for me to make Reconciliation, and I don't want our children to feel the same. That being said, may I ask you, my sisters and brothers, to pray for our little ones asking our Great Lord, God to make their First Reconciliation a good experience so that this First Reconciliation will not be their Last Reconciliation.

God Bless You and Yours,
Mary

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

*“Whomever seeks Wisdom shall quickly be free from care.”
(Wisdom 6:15)*

Besides marrying you, what is a wise thing your beloved recently did or said?

PARENTING POINTERS

30% of the nation's homeless adults have a history of foster care. Consider whether your family is in a position to provide a permanent home for a foster child. A loving family can break this sad cycle. November is National Adoption Month.

LITURGY SCHEDULE for NOVEMBER 18 / 19

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Marcin Zasada
DEACON	Deacon John Breit	Deacon Mark Duffey	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Deacon Rich Willer	
HOMILY	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Deacon Bill Karstenson	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Marcin Zasada
LECTORS	Mark Long Dennis Young	Bill Pocklington Bonnie Fennig	Jackie Nogle Dorene Wackerfuss	Chris Fisher Jean Pope	
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Jim Dunne Carol Gabiner Layne Gabiner Corinne Greico Helen Janicki Mike Kanis Peggy King Jack McCarthy Jo McCarthy	Jeanne Monson Tom Nicholas Mark Orr Carole Parsons Mila Quiaoit Sarah Rauen Gay Sladky Bob Slanicky Lori Smithe	Ken Doruff Dave Haen Jean Haen Mary Haig Leo Herz Sue Kadowaki Cindy Kane Roswitha Kist Paula Logsdon	Karen Barrett Mary Carlson Carol O'Shea Brian O'Shea Sheila O'Shea Sandy Peterson Earl Schaffnit Ted Tomusiak Maureen Treanor	
SERVERS <i>Names in RED are Altar Servers In Training</i>	Douglas Hall Josh Hulsebosch Mark Hulsebosch <i>Jack Castelli Armando A-Rodriguez</i>	Aiden Hill Josh Reiswig Claudia Tran <i>Thomas Smithe</i>	Marty Davis Johnny Pelletiere Truman Sanchez <i>William Slatkay Madalyn Chambers</i>	Connor Loftus Anna Martino Elise Martino <i>Kara Rady Kyle Rady</i>	
GREETERS	M G N Bob & Nancy Bachmann Pat & Maureen Driscoll Judy Gott	Tom & Marianne Greener Mila Quiaoit Bob & Margo Stanek	Cheryl Sutton Stedronsky Family Carol Thompson	Roberto & Sharon Zapata John & Jan Harahan Tom & Nancy Hulsebosch	

Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 13

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Carlos Murguia;
 † Boni Quiaoit

Tuesday, November 14

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Joseph Murphy;
 † Rose Casarez

Wednesday, November 15

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Cecilia Sullivan;
 † Jack Nolan
 † Patsy Key

Thursday, November 16

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am All Who Are Sick

Friday, November 17

6:30am Communion Service
 8:00am † Patrick Dunne
 7:30pm Mass—POLISH

Saturday, November 18

8:00am † Tom & Mary Yadron;
 † David Sladky;
 † Anna Genge;
 † Bea Valukas
 5:00pm † Madaline Tomaszek;
 † Marcy Weckler Barr;
 † Kazimierz Sakowski

Sunday, November 19

7:30am † Rose Casarez;
 † William Mitchell
 9:30am † Joanne McGovern
 11:15am All Living & Deceased Parishioners
 1:30pm Mass—POLISH

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Wis 1:1-7; Ps 139:1b-10; Lk 17:1-6
 Tue: Wis 2:23 -- 3:9; Ps 34:2-3, 16-19;
 Lk 17:7-10
 Wed: Wis 6:1-11; Ps 82:3-4, 6-7; Lk 17:11-19
 Thu: Wis 7:22b -- 8:1; Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135,
 175; Lk 17:20-25
 Fri: Wis 13:1-9; Ps 19:2-5ab; Lk 17:26-37
 Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,
 42-43; Lk 18:1-8
 Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31; Ps 128:1-5;
 1 Thes 5:1-6; Mt 25:14-30 [14-15, 19-21]

FOR OUR SICK

Barbara Amato	Jaime Forseth	Allan Loden	Elaine Romanchek
Lou Anderson	Kirk Forseth	Peggy Lowe	Ken Romanchek
Jim Baur	Faith Forseth	Baby Alexa Mang	Dick Samojla
Vito Boffa	Parker Forseth	Helen Mariano	Carlos Serna
Cherie Bott	Daniel Gajewski	Bob Maruska	Shawn Smith
Andy Bouchonville	Mel Gass	Elayne Maruska	Russell Spano
Charles Campagna	Bill Gerl	Baby Benjamin Mauro	Kristina Sromek
Eleanor Campagna	Ralph Gonzalez	Mike McGee	Alice Stedronsky
Anna Marie Candorla	RJ Hubka	Candida Morales	Anne Swaw
Tom Cook	Adeline Kaczmarek	Mike Moran	Robert Szott
Baby Seamus Cullen	Mary Anne Kiesel	JoAnn Moser	Sharon Tadsen
Brenda Darling	Wesley Knutson	Paul Moser	Tom Yadron
Jason Dean	Mary Alice Kobler	Erin Nicholas	Frances Zanetti
Emily Dempsey	Susan Kordell	Mary Obey	Martha Zara
Beth Dix	Lauren Lambert	Rita Olles	
June Falardeau	Gene Lazich	Jim Redmond	
Jeanne Formanski	Harold Lewis	Patty Reynolds	

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SSGT Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Army

- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SPC Jeffrey Ketelsen

- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- PFC Will Willis
- Troops in the Middle East

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- PVT Nicholas G. Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz

- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- CPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- CPL Kyle Rich
- LT Jake Schlenbecker
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- LTJG Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- SN Gregory Minott
- AN James Steininger



ROSE OF LIFE

In Loving Memory of My Wife
 ROSE CASAREZ

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

† Sally Hedrick
 Sister of Mary Lynn Abhalter

† Brendan Dillon

XXXII Niedziela Zwykła – W świetle lepiej widać

Czy przypadkiem nie przypominamy tych dziesięciu panien...? Każdy z nas ma czasami więcej, a czasami mniej światła. Czasami doświadczamy mroku, czasami światłości. Bardzo ważny jest jednak decydujący moment, moment konfrontacji kiedy po przebudzeniu panny mają stanąć przed panem młodym. Do niego należy decyzja, czy wpuści je na wesele. Dziwna sytuacja. Pan młody, czyli Jezus mówi: 'Zapewniam was, że was nie znam...' Jak to możliwe, by nasz Stwórca i Zbawiciel nas nie znał? Przecież to On, dając nam życie, zaprosił nas do swego orszaku. Ale nie zna...? A może nie poznaje, ponieważ otacza nas ciemność. Może naszym zadaniem jest uczynić wszystko, by dać się rozpoznać Jezusowi. Pewnego dnia, gdy dobry Bóg będzie otwierał nam bramy nieba, będzie to dla nas moment decydujący. Czy powie wówczas do nas, że poznaje naszą twarz, twarz, którą stworzył? Łatwo jest stracić oblicze Chrystusa i być anonimowym, być incognito... Trzeba się troszczyć o to światło, które mamy,



11. listopada 1918 r. – Polska odzyskuje niepodległość

11. listopada 1918 roku był przełomowym dniem w dziejach całej Europy i Polski. W lasku Compiègne pod Paryżem Niemcy podpisali rozejm kończący I wojnę światową. W tym samym dniu w Warszawie Rada Regencyjna przekazała władzę Józefowi Piłsudskiemu. Po 123 latach niewoli Polska odzyskała niepodległość.

Już przed wybuchem wojny Polacy zdawali sobie sprawę z tego, że światowy konflikt, który dotknie zaborców, może stanowić niepowtarzalną okazję do wyzwolenia kraju. Wykorzystali szansę, jaka powstała w związku z sytuacją międzynarodową.

Listopadowe wydarzenia poprzedził sukces, jakim było uwzględnienie 8 stycznia 1918 roku w 14-punktowym programie pokojowym prezydenta USA Woodrowa Wilsona punktu trzynastego, zakładającego konieczność przywrócenia Polsce niepodległości. Podpisanie rozejmu w Compiègne oznaczało, że w nowym, powojennym świecie znajdzie się miejsce dla Polski.

W październiku 1918 roku stało się już jasne, że wojna dobiega końca, a zaborcy są mocno osłabieni. W Polsce rozpoczęła się walka o władzę pomiędzy środowiskami skupionymi wokół Komitetu Narodowego Polskiego i Romana Dmowskiego oraz Radą Regencyjną, którą popierał Józef Piłsudski.

Polacy zaczęli przejmować władzę na okupowanych ziemiach. Już od 19 października 1918 roku w Cieszynie działała Rada Narodowa Księstwa Cieszyńskiego pod przewodnictwem księdza Józefa Londzina. 28 października 1918 r. w Krakowie polscy posłowie do parlamentu austriackiego powołali Polską Komisję Likwidacyjną, która dwa dni później przejęła

władzę w Galicji. Na jej czele stanął Wincenty Witos. W nocy z 6 na 7 listopada w Lublinie Ignacy Daszyński stanął na czele Tymczasowego Rządu Ludowego Republiki Polskiej.

10 listopada ok. godz. 7 rano, specjalnym pociągami z Berlina, wrócił do Warszawy zwolniony z więzienia w Magdeburgu Józef Piłsudski. Komendant I Brygady Legionów został powitany na Dworcu Głównym przez księcia Zdzisława Lubomirskiego, który reprezentował Radę Regencyjną, pełniącą funkcję tymczasowej polskiej władzy państwowej.

Na wieść o powrocie Piłsudskiego do Warszawy Tymczasowy Rząd Republiki Polskiej oddał mu się do dyspozycji.

11 listopada Rada Regencyjna powierzyła komendantowi władzę wojskową i naczelne dowództwo nad Polską Siłą Zbrojną, a 14 listopada – także władzę cywilną. Sama rozwiązała się i ustanowiła urząd Naczelnika Państwa...

16 listopada Piłsudski wysłał telegram do państw zachodnich, w którym zawiadamiał o powstaniu niepodległej Polski, obejmującej wszystkie wyzwolone ziemie. 18 listopada powołał pierwszy rząd Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej z premierem Jędrzejem Moraczewskim na czele, który tak pisał o pierwszych dniach niepodległości: 'Niepodobna oddać tego upojenia, tego szaleństwa radości, jaki ludność polską

w tym momencie ogarnął. Po 123 latach przysły kordony. Nie było już 'ich'. Nadeszła Wolność! Niepodległość! Zjednoczenie! Własne państwo! Na zawsze! 'Kto tych krótkich dni nie przeżył, kto nie szalał z radości w tym czasie wraz z całym narodem, ten nie dozna w swym życiu najwyższej radości' pisał J. Moraczewski.

22 listopada został zatwierdzony dekret o ustanowieniu najwyższej władzy reprezentacyjnej Republiki Polskiej do czasu zwołania Sejmu Ustawodawczego. Piłsudski został Tymczasowym Naczelnikiem Państwa. Wybory do Sejmu zarządzono na 26 stycznia 1919 roku. Powołany wtedy polski rząd, kierowany przez Ignacego Paderewskiego, został wreszcie uznany przez świat.

Budowa niepodległej Polski dopiero się zaczynała. Przed państwem, które po 123. latach niewoli znów pojawiło się na mapie, była jeszcze walka o przebieg granic i proces scalania ziem mających tworzyć II Rzeczpospolitą.

Prawie 20 lat później, w 1937 roku, Sejm II RP uznał, że Święto Niepodległości obchodzone będzie 11 listopada 'jako rocznica odzyskania przez naród polski niepodległego bytu państwowego i jako dzień po wsze czasy związany z wielkim imieniem Józefa Piłsudskiego, zwycięskiego wodza narodu w walkach o wolność ojczyzny...'

DEKALOG POLAKA

Jam jest Polską, Ojczyzną twoją, ziemią Ojców, z której wzrosłeś.
Wszystko, czymś jest, po Bogu mnie zawdzięczasz.

- 1 Nie będziesz miał ukochania ziemskiego nade mnie.
- 2 Nie będziesz wzywał imienia Polski dla własnej chwały, kariery albo nagrody.
- 3 Pamiętaj, abyś Polsce oddał bez wahania majątek, szczęście osobiste i życie.
- 4 Czcij Polskę, Ojczyznę twoją, jak matkę rodzoną.
- 5 Z wrogami Polski walcz wytrwale do ostatniego tchu, do ostatniej kropli krwi w żyłach twoich.
- 6 Walcz z własnym wygodnictwem i tchórzostwem. Pamiętaj, że tchórz nie może być Polakiem.
- 7 Bądź bez litości dla zdrajców imienia polskiego.
- 8 Zawsze i wszędzie śmiało stwierdzaj, że jesteś Polakiem.
- 9 Nie dopuść, by wątpiono w Polskę.
- 10 Nie pozwól, by ubliżano Polsce, ponizając Jej wielkość i Jej zasługi, Jej dorobek i Majestat.

Będziesz miłował Polskę pierwszą po Bogu miłością. Będziesz Ją miłował więcej niż siebie samego.

