

FROM THE PASTOR



As the global **Year of Mercy** was concluding last November, Pope Francis announced that as of this year, the Church would observe the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (that is, today) as the **World Day of Prayer for the Poor**.

Toward the end of St. Matthew's Gospel (in fact, *next Sunday's* Gospel), Jesus tells us that in the end we will be judged on how we treated Him when we met Him in those who were hungry, homeless, strangers, sick, ill-clothed and in prison. How blessed we are in Phoenixville to have so many ways to encounter Jesus in disguise, to welcome Him and to wash His feet in humble service. Visit www.crs.org for additional ways to encounter and to be encountered by the suffering Christ. See the Pastor's Portion of our parish homepage for some reflections related to poverty.

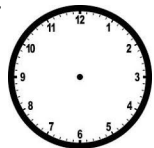


"THE PROPER OF TIME" – is a phrase I find haunting. In the Roman Missal, these words are found on an otherwise blank page that opens the entire Church Year. How is Time to be properly understood....received....spent....shared?



BACK TO THE FUTURE – Starting today and for the next two Sundays, we will be presented with readings and prayers directing our attention to the end of time and the Second Coming of Christ. Our liturgical celebrations will take us "back to the Future" or as the Irish phrase it lead us to "the back of Beyond."

TIME'S UP - *Time itself* is up—up for reflection, for review, for consideration and examination. Paraphrasing the psalmist who writes "In your light, O God, we see light" (Psalm 36:9) we might say, "in contemplating eternity, O God, we see time." I don't know who discovered water, but I'm pretty sure it wasn't a fish. How can we stand apart from that within which we are immersed, such as: Light? Oxygen? Culture? Time? One way is to pause and take a "Time Out" from time.



TELLING TIME - We need not be only passive recipients of time; we need not only "go with the flow" of time. To some degree we have the

power to step out of, to stand apart from, to shape, to "tell" time. We can do this by **naming** time.



NAMING – We can name or shape time according to our purposes (eg. the school year; the fiscal year; baseball season); according to nature (eg., the lunar year; the solar year; winter; blueberry season). We may arrange time according to our stories (eg, my year of living dangerously; my year of hibernation; the year our dog died). That said, we may also seek for **A Story** into which to insert and integrate all our individual and collective stories (eg. the Year 5778 for Jews; the Year 2017 A.D. for Christians).



YEAR OF THE LORD – Next Sunday will be the 34th and final Sunday of the Year. And just *what year* is that? **The Year of the Lord**. Seeing Christ as the Center of Time, we divide time into the years before Christ (B.C.) and the years after Christ (A.D. for *Anno Domini* = Year of the Lord).



CHURCH YEAR – Having named Christ as the center of time, our Tradition arranges our prayer life so as to allow us year by year by year to become more integrated into Him in whom "we live, and move, and have our being" (Acts 17:28), and to become more incorporated into the action of his once-for-all, living, dying and rising. (2 Corinthians 4:10-11). We call this the **Church Year**, or **Liturgical Year**, or Year of **Prayer** or....



"THE YEAR OF GRACE" - This is my favorite way of naming time. We need not simply cycle on the surface of the years allotted to us. Guided by grace, led by liturgical celebrations over time we need not "go in circles" but we can rather spiral or *bore down into* a deeper awareness of God and into a closer conformation with Christ. In Hebrew the name Ann means Grace, and the motto of Saint Ann Parish is "**To Grow in Grace through Jesus Christ**", which expresses succinctly what we as a community are aiming at. This is our aim, our purpose, our goal, our **END**.



FROM THE PASTOR, cont.

SEMINARIAN – Robert Bollinger, who is now studying for the priesthood in our own Archdiocese, will speak after Communion at our Masses today to promote the 2017 Seminary Collection.



ST. CHARLES SEMINARY

SPECIAL COLLECTION

During November our Archdiocese conducts the annual collection for the support of **Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary** where our future priests, deacons and lay leaders are formed for ministry. Each registered household in our parish should receive a direct solicitation in the mail and donations should be remitted directly to the Seminary. For more visit <https://www.stcharlesseminaryappeal.org>.

A LITURGICAL ADJUSTMENT – In two weeks, with start of the New Church Year, our Cantors will begin to lead us in the Gospel Acclamation from the lectern rather than from the Ambo (pulpit) and so bring us into a more complete union with the directives of our living Tradition. (Crucifix on the altar, facing the priest? Ciborium lids off altar?)



“GIVING HOPE TO ALL” – is the theme of the **2017 Catholic Charities Appeal**. This annual appeal is our main corporate effort as the Body of Christ in the five counties of the Archdiocese to serve hundreds of thousands of our neighbors in need of material and social assistance. For more visit <http://www.catholiccharitiesappeal.org>.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

- Sun:** Prv 31:10-13,19-20,30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6 / Mt 25:14-30
- Mon:** 1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-63/Lk 18:35-43
- Tues:** 2 Mc 6:18-31/Lk 19:1-10
- Wed:** 2 Mc 7:1,20-31/Lk 19:11-28
- Thu:** Sir 50:20-24/1 Cor 1:3-9/Lk 17:11-19
- Fri:** 1 Mc4:36-37,52-59/Lk 19:45-48
- Sat:** 1 Mc 6:1-13/Lk 20:27-40
- Next Sun:** Ez 34:11-12,15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26,28/ Mt 25:31-46



**Table Fellowship for the
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19
St. Peter's Church,
121 Church St.**

Lunch - Monday - Friday
Noon to 1:00 PM
Monday (November 20)
Dinner 5:00 - 6:00 PM Pantry 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Saturday (November 25)
Dinner at 5:00 PM



GIVING TREE – Please help the retired IHM Sisters living in Camilla Hall by donating personal care items, note cards and stamps, and/or gift cards. If you are able, please take a gift tag from the Giving Tree in Chapel and Sacred Heart the weekend of November 26 and December 3 and return your wrapped gift to Sacred Heart before the Vigil on December 16 and to Chapel by 11:30 AM Sunday, December 17.



HELP NEEDED - We will need additional people to serve as **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY** for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We will have experienced Ministers of Hospitality at each service to direct any extra one-time helpers. If you are able to help, please put your name and phone number on one of the sheets in the lobby of Chapel or near the St. Joseph statue, in Church or in Sacred Heart Church.

Holiday Wishlist

Wish Lists for a number of local human service agencies: Mom's House, St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter, Good Samaritan Shelter, PACS, The Clinic, The House, A Baby's Breath and Ann's Heart (Code Blue Ministry) will be posted on the bulletin boards in our worship sites and on our website. *In this week's and next week's bulletin there will be an insert with the above agencies' wish lists that you can take with you when you go shopping.*

**THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SUNDAY

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 AM Mass in Chapel
9:30 AM Mass in Chapel
9:30 AM Spanish Mass in Church
11:30 AM Mass in Chapel
6:00 PM Mass in Chapel

9:30 AM - Children's Liturgy (602)
9:30 AM - Sunday School (HFS Pre-School Room)
12:30 PM - Parish Registration (Parish Office)
12:30 PM - Lector Meeting (Chapel)

BAPTISMS - Within today's 1:00 PM Group Baptism, we will welcome Christopher Jeffrey Bowly, Audrey Claire Doland, and Hazel Rose Dragone into the Church and our parish community through the sacrament of Baptism.

7:15 PM - Jr. & Sr. High Youth Groups (Church Hall)

MONDAY

8:00 AM Mass in Church

12:00 PM - Prayer Shawl (Church Hall)
2:15 PM - HFS Prayer Service (Chapel)
7:30 PM - Legion of Mary (Church Hall)

TUESDAY



Presentation BVM - This Tuesday—forty days after having celebrated the birth of Mary—we will celebrate the Memorial of the **Presentation of Mary** in the Temple by her parents Saints **Ann and Joachim**.

It was on this date in 543 AD in Jerusalem that the Basilica of St. Mary the New was dedicated, and so this occasion will be a good day for us to re-dedicate ourselves to God as our center, as the One around Whom we revolve, as the One who is drawing all things to Himself.

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - Confessions (Church)
5:45 PM - Youth Choir (Chapel)
7:00 PM - Finance Council (Parish Office)
7:00 PM - Bible Study (Church Hall)
7:00 PM - Adult Choir (Chapel)
7:30 PM - RCIA (Parish Office 2)

WEDNESDAY

St. Cecilia

8:00 AM Mass in Church

8:30 AM - 6:30 PM - Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
6:30 PM - Women's Guild Christmas Dinner at Seven Stars

WEDNESDAY, cont.

Phoenixville Community Thanksgiving Eve Service will take place this Wednesday at 7:30 PM in St. Ann Chapel and the reflection will be offered by **Rabbi Jeff Sultar of B'nai Jacob Synagogue**. The collection will be given to the Phoenixville Area Clergy Association Emergency Fund. Following the Service there will be fellowship and light refreshments in St. Ann Church Hall.

**PARISH OFFICES
CLOSED**

**NOVEMBER
23RD & 24TH**



In the event of an emergency please phone the Office and the pastor will get back to you as he is able.

THURSDAY

*St. Clement I/St. Columban/
Blessed Miguel Augustin Pro*

Thanksgiving Day - We invite our members and guests to give thanks on Thanksgiving Day by participating in our **9:00 AM Mass** this Thursday in **St. Ann Chapel**. We'll be collecting **non-perishable food items for PACS** and the **collection** that day will be given to **St. Mary's Franciscan Shelter**. Please place your food donations on the front porch of 602 (the building next to Chapel). We will also be collecting food items for PACS over next weekend so that our members who cannot make Mass on Thanksgiving Day may still participate in this annual event.

Thanksgiving Dinner

Our parish will provide dinner on Thanksgiving Day in St. Ann Church Hall for anyone and everyone, but especially for folks who are alone or away from loved ones. Doors will open at 5:00 PM; dinner at 6:00 PM. Please RSVP 610-933-3732 by November 20. If you would like to volunteer as a cook, decorate the Church Hall, donate food or serve on this day, contact Graciela at 610-787-1840 or graciedrolet@gmail.com.

FRIDAY

St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

SATURDAY

St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study (Church Hall)

First Penance - We will gather in **St. Ann Church** this **Saturday at Noon** for the first of four celebrations of First Penance. Please keep our children in prayer as they encounter Jesus for the first time in this wonderful Sacrament of Mercy. See Page 4 of bulletin for names.

3:45 PM - Confessions (Sacred Heart Church)

Vigil of Christ the King

5:00 PM Mass in Sacred Heart Church

**First Penance – Please pray for the following children who will be making their
First Penance on Saturday, November 25**

Gianna Adelizzi
Alexis Barkman
Ella Billman
Michael Boyd
Ella Bradley
Evan Charnley
Ryan Fisher

Nola Godlewski
Lindsay Icep
Rosemary Icep
Maria Inger
Lillian Kovaleski
David Markle
Marco Mastrocola



Nicholas Michel
Jayden O'Malley
William Rost
Vincent Sabatino
Connor Wallace
Matthew Warman

UPCOMING EVENTS



FASHION / FAITH STATEMENT
We invite you to make a fashion / faith statement by wearing something **white** to Mass next weekend as we celebrate the **Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**, which will be the 34th and final Sunday of the Year of Grace 2017.

HEALING HEARTS GROUP will meet in the Church Hall on November 30 from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

PA REDISTRICTING REFORM A program titled "Make Your Vote Count: Understanding and Ending Gerrymandering in Pennsylvania" will be hosted by Congregation B'nai Jacob (Starr and Manavon Streets) on November 30 from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Please RSVP to the Synagogue Office admin@congbj.org or 610-933-5550. You can also RSVP and help spread the word through the Fair Districts PA Chester County Facebook Page.



GRIEF AND THE HOLIDAYS
"AWAITING THE HEALING TOUCH OF JESUS"

NOVEMBER 27, 2017

SPEAKER: Rev. John Lyons

ST. ANN CHURCH HALL
502 S. MAIN ST.
PHOENIXVILLE, PA

7:00 - 9:00 PM

Refreshments Provided



ST ANN'S CANA DATE NIGHT - Cana Ministry invites all married couples to join us in the Church Hall for a Potluck Dinner on December 2 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Fr. Newns will be speaking to us about the upcoming Advent Season. Childcare will be provided. For more information or to RSVP, contact: Joanna & Ryan Matty at joanna.angeloni@yahoo.com or Monica & David Ryan at monica.paddock@gmail.com.



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT on December 4 from 7:00 - 9:30 PM in St. Ann Griffin Hall is an evening of reflection for women. Tables are limited. RSVP to Judith Bonanno at 484-949-8920 or judithbonanno@gmail.com by November 27.

November schedule for PREP
Tuesday PREP - November 28



CASSEROLES FOR ST. JOHN'S HOSPICE - St. John's Hospice is located in Philadelphia and serves men who have no place to stay. The brothers provide them with a hot meal (the casserole), a bath and a bed.

Pans and recipes for an easy-to-make casserole are available at the Parish Office or on the shelf in Chapel. In order to be in compliance with Food Safety Regulations, put the date your casserole was prepared on the cover of each dish. **Drop your frozen casserole off at the back porch of the Parish Office on November 29 by 10:00 AM.**

ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER December is a busy month, yet it is the month in which we desire more than ever to prepare for Christ's coming. Fr. Jim McBurney, OSA will lead us in a day of prayer with material to reflect upon and to pray with. Mass will be celebrated as well. Join us on December 6 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at St. Raphaela Center, Haverford; as we begin this Advent season in peace and in prayer. Cost is \$40. If you would like to attend and carpool, contact Madelyn O'Hara at 484-302-5705 or stannadulter@gmail.com by November 27.



Prepare a way for the Lord



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS
DECEMBER 10
BAKE SALE
VISIT WITH SANTA
AND FAIR TRADE SALE**



The Women's Guild will host their annual Bake Sale & Visit with Santa on Sunday, December 10 from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM in 602 S. Main Street (the white house next to the Chapel). Also in 602 St. Ann Parish will host a Fair Trade/Serrv sale. Beautiful handmade scarves, baskets, jewelry, coffee, and chocolate, which were made by artisans and farmers around the world, will be available for purchase. For every purchase you make, Fair Trade/Serrv will donate a percentage of the sale to CRS Fair Trade Fund, which supports artisans and farmers overseas. Go to serrv.org for more information.

REMEMBER OUR SICK

Alicia Andrews, Gene Bernat, Chad Berish, Beth Booth, Carolyn Boring, Ashley Rose Bukay, Ed Cain, Eleanor and John Calvecchio, Leroy Campbell, Dave Cocci, Angeline Costello, John Daly, Al DeMola, Michael DiArcangelo, Lida Dickinson, Lucille Dickson, Loan Doan, Tom Fedick, Dan Fennell, Daniel Flores, Sally Freed, Ryan Gerhold, Joe Gibson, Gordon Gladden, Jennifer Pacifico Golaszewski, Christine Greger, Jim Havrilla, Jean Hoffman, Angela Hogan, Ann Hovanec, Michael Hudak, Jeanette Jelus, Ann Johnson, Maren Kaniewski, Irene King, Larry Kirk, Jack Klenk, Patrick Koch, Irene Layden, Denise Long, Ray Long, Claire Maestrale, Steve & Joanne Mardi, Marie Marosek, Thomas Mastrangelo, Heather McCann, John McKenzie, Michele Mellon, Ron Motzer, Tom Moyer, Karen Nesspor, Jacob Nichols, Georgene O'Donnell, Marcelo Opiela, Steve Pannella, Cindy Patton, Joan Pendergast, Glen Philips, Abigail Pilcicki, Dianne Litishin Ponzio, Ann Racey, Christine Radoiss, Katherine Raggazino, Jerry Ratchford, John Riegel, Kris Roberts, Kathryn Rocky, Pat Scott, Ken Shackleton, Keith Sheridan, Patrick Sheridan, Eustachia Shtohryn, Margaret Sim, James Smith, Renee Smith, Jennifer Spencer, Evelyn Spitz, Christine Kulp Springer, Bob Stancavage, Marc Stevenson, Sherri Stover, Julie Szewczak, Ethel Thomas, Glenn Thomas, Don Troncelliti, Helen Twargoski, Doris Valerio, Jeff Vance, Joe Vargo, Paul G. Weaver, Charles Wertz, Ann Wolff, Talan Wolstenholme, our homebound, parishioners in Nursing Homes, Hospitals & all serving in the Armed Forces.



AID FOR FRIENDS
FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you can assist by creating single-serving meals with leftovers for the homebound in our community, you can pick up empty trays and supplies and meals can be dropped off at 602 S. Main St.

Sunday 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM and 5:30 - 7:00 PM

For more information call Kate at 610-933-3814 or katecommiskey@msn.com.

NEED A RIDE - HOPE volunteers drive people in need to appointments or on essential errands, Monday - Friday, 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM. Schedule a ride 4 days in advance. If you call on a Friday the ride will not be scheduled until Tues. or Wed.

November 16 - 30: Sally Freed at 610-933-7660

December 1 - 15: Pat Solomon at 610-933-8693

Necesita un "RIDE" - Nuestro Ministerio HOPE tiene voluntaries disponibles para llevarlo a citas esenciales de lunes a liernes, de 7 AM a 4 PM. Para coordinar esta actividad por favor llame a Rosa Padilla al 484-302-6056 con 4 días de anticipación. Si llama un viernes el viaje no será programado hasta el martes o miércoles.

	11/12/17 20th Sunday in Fiscal Year	Sunday Donations Fiscal Year to Date 7/1/17 - 11/12/17
Budget:	\$15,900	\$314,400
Offering:		
Envelopes	\$9,556	\$213,150
Loose	1,120	19,379
Online Giving	1,851	34,809
Mail	910	28,235
Total	\$13,437	\$295,573
Shortage	-\$2,463	-\$18,827
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>		