

NOVEMBER 18 & 19, 2017

**Thirty-Third Sunday
of Ordinary Time**



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil	5:00 p.m.
Sunday	8:00 a.m.
	10:00 a.m.
	12:00 noon

Monday-Friday	7:30 a.m.
Saturday	8:30 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday	4:00 - 4:45 p.m.
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesday	6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
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**HOLY REDEEMER
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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CLERGY:

Rev. Mark Smith, Pastor
Rev. Matthew Fish, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Charles F. Smarsh
Rev. Michael Hall, OSB
Deacon Jim Doyle

PARISH STAFF:

Mrs. Marie Winterson
Parish Secretary
Virtus Child Protection Coordinator

Mrs. Kathie Bernitt
Bookkeeper

Mrs. Bethany Berard
Director of Religious Education
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Sacramental Preparation

Mrs. Maria Balducci
Director of Music

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HOLY REDEEMER SCHOOL

301-474-3993
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Mrs. Maria C. Bovich, Principal
Pre-Kindergarten through 8th Grade
Beforecare & Aftercare Available
Tuition Assistance Available

MATRIMONY

Please call the Parish Office at least six months in advance to speak with a priest and to schedule Pre-Cana Formation and a wedding date.

BAPTISM

Baptisms are typically held the fourth Sunday of the month at 1:00 p.m. Please call the parish office for information and to schedule Baptism Preparation Formation and a Baptism date.

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME



"But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money." This servant was scared. He didn't want to take any risks and just wanted to play everything safe. As he confesses to his master, **"Out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground."** And the master was not pleased. The other servants who invested the money he gave them were richly rewarded for their efforts to produce more. But this servant was punished for letting his fear rule the day.

What factors are keeping us from making a return on God's investment in us? He has given us all life, and each of us also has a special collection of **"talents"** to make use of. We have certain gifts, skills, experiences, resources, and abilities that (though we may not often think about it) come from God. He calls us to make the most of these things, not just to take them for granted or bury them in the ground, so to speak. Our gifts are meant not just for our own enjoyment, but to help others, to spread truth and goodness and beauty to the world around us.

Sometimes, however, we fail to really capitalize on our potential. Laziness, distraction, or self-pity can get in the way if we are unwilling to put in the hard work to improve our natural gifts, if we allow ourselves to zone out with entertainment or frivolous pastimes instead of making good use of the time entrusted to us, or if we wallow in negativity by focusing on what we don't have instead of embracing what we do.

Each moment is a gift from God. May we seize every opportunity to multiply the investment God has made in us so that we may be worthy to hear God tell us, **"Well done, my good and faithful servant."**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I was recently assigned by Cardinal Wuerl to be your permanent deacon, and I am very happy and excited to join the pastoral staff at Holy Redeemer. By way of introduction, I most recently served in Archdiocese of Chicago for five years. Because of job transfers, I have also served in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (my diocese of ordination), as well as the in Diocese of Arlington and San Jose. (Don't worry! I am not planning on moving again, for a while.) Over the past 10 years, my ministry has been rich and diverse. When I was ordained in 2007, I assumed I would spend my entire ministry in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, but God had other plans. My family has now moved four times, and each move



has brought new challenges and new opportunities. Perhaps most affirming has been my experience of the universal Church. Despite all the negative messages that emanate from our secular culture, in my personal experience serving in parishes on the east coast, west coast and in the Midwest, the Gospel message is alive and thrives wherever good people of faith gather in Christ's name. I have personally experienced God's presence in excellent ministry, liturgy, and music and, most importantly, in and among His people in each and every place we have lived. God is present in the daily lives of ordinary people of faith, in family life, in our schools, in our churches and in surrounding communities.

I have joined people from these parishes in ministry to the sick and homebound, people living with HIV/AIDS, St. Vincent de Paul ministry, prison ministry, social justice/community engagement, youth ministry, and as volunteer coordinator of my office's employee assistance program. I have also assisted with baptism preparation, distributed Holy Communion to those in hospital, ministered at the altar, and preached God's Word.

Over the past 25 years, however, my primary calling has been as a husband and father. My wife Cindy and I celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary in October. We have been blessed with three beautiful and intelligent daughters: Emily, in her second year at the US Naval Academy; Sara, a freshman at Loyola University in Baltimore; and, Catherine, a junior at Elizabeth Seton High School, in Bladensburg. In my secular job, I work in federal law enforcement and have for over 20 years. I am an attorney, and served as a US Marine Corps judge advocate for 4 years before going into civilian law enforcement. Along the way, I worked in a law firm and for Apple Inc, Global Security, for a couple years.

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I provide this full introduction for a reason: My life, in many ways, is probably much like yours. My wife Cindy and I work and are raising a family. Over the years, we have run our kids to soccer, basketball, and softball practices/games; cross country and track meets; music lessons and more. We have stayed-up with sick kids, run to the ER, and prayed through several surgeries. We have experienced the joys and heartaches of parenthood. We have argued, and we have made-up. We have experienced financial strains. We chose to send our daughters to Catholic elementary and high schools, and sacrificed to do so. And, through it all, we have steadfastly practiced our faith. We have personally experienced God's presence in our lives and in the lives of our children, friends, and fellow parishioners. So, when I minister at the altar, know that although I stand as an ordained minister of the Church, I also stand as an icon and symbol of your lives. And, when I preach at Mass, my stories and reflections come from the deep well of life experience — naming where God is saying and doing now (in our time and in our lives) what he said and did over 2000 years ago.

Although I was officially assigned to Holy Redeemer in October, I and my family have been around the parish since late August. In fact, my wife Cindy helped with the Fall Harvest Bazaar, and my daughter Catherine and I have been singing in the choir since September.

On behalf of my family, I would like to thank you for the warm welcome we have received. We feel blessed to have found Holy Redeemer, and are so happy that Fr. Mark invited me to serve as your permanent deacon. I look forward to getting to know you, ministering with you and to you at Holy Redeemer. God's love and providence has brought me to this place, to you, at this special time.

Fr. Mark has asked me to begin my assignment by assisting with youth ministry. I am excited to do so, especially having just come off working in youth ministry in the Archdiocese of Chicago. I look forward to meeting those of you who are already involved in this ministry, or who are interested in collaborating with us.

It is good to be here! May God continue to bless each of us as we journey towards His Kingdom, together!

Sincerely,
Deacon Jim Doyle



THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU...

...to the many, many members of our Holy Redeemer family who helped make our Annual Harvest Bazaar such a success! The preliminary figures are still coming in, but it looks like we raised amounts in excess of \$66,500!

On behalf of the parish, we extend a special, "**THANK YOU**" to **Lisa Smith**, who once again chaired the Harvest Bazaar for doing another **AWESOME** job and to the following people: **Nanette Mack** (Yard Sale Chair), **Alice Daly** (White Elephant Chair), **Carol Boettinger, John Mudd, & Carol Savard** (Dinners Chairs), **Joan Weisgerber** (Crafts Chair), **Mary Lou Milstead** (Quilt Chair), **Boy Scout Troop 740** (Chicken BBQ & Popcorn Stand), **Nick Zanin** (Plant Stand Chair), **Rita Thompson & Jill James** (Bakery Chairs), **Amanda Buchanan** (Pizza Chair), **Mike Winterson** (Beverage Stand Chair), **Joel & Kate Kaufman** (Coffee Bar Chairs), **The HR Young Adult Group** (Beer Garden), **Sue Wagner** (HS Bonfire Chair), **Sarah Nurse** (Mystery Gifts Chair), **Sarah Cutler** (Secret Santa Workshop Chair), **Josh Lattanzi** (Auctioneer), **Joe & Mary Katherine Theis** (Santa Pictures Chairs), **Carol Savard** (Publicity), **Hilary Beall** (Signage Artist), **Lisa Smith, Joe & Stephanie Brewer, Melanie Cantwell, & Mike Popil** (Auction Team), **Dave Issing** (DJ), and all of the Games Chairs: **Josh Lattanzi, Ginny Pasta, Amanda Krot, Rosemary Allender, Karen Jalloh, Lori Young, Barbara Asbury, Dawn Ramos, Lisa Parsons, & Cub Scout Pack 740** AND of course **ALL of their many Holy Redeemer volunteers!**

It was so great to welcome new friends and to catch up with old ones! The Holy Spirit is indeed alive and well at Holy Redeemer!!



SCHOOL OF RELIGION



School of Religion will be in session this Sunday, November 19th, but will not be in session next Sunday, November 26th due to Thanksgiving break.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Berard in the parish office or via e-mail at bberard@holy-redeemer.org.

BLESSING OF WINTER ATHLETES & COACHES



This weekend, there will be a special blessing of all athletes who play winter sports and their coaches on **Sunday, November 19th during the 10:00 a.m. Mass.**

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OFFERINGS FOR ALL SOULS DURING NOVEMBER



During November, the month of All Saints and All Souls, special Masses have been set aside to remember all of our beloved dead. Each week, we will offer 2 or 3 Masses for those deceased loved ones who are listed in the Book of Remembrance, which will be placed next to our Baptismal Font in the church.

If you would like to remember your loved ones, please fill out a special All Souls envelope found in the front entrance of the church and on the Mezzanine. Those who receive collection envelopes will also find them in your collection envelope packets.

FOOD DRIVE FOR THE ST. JOSEPH'S FOOD PANTRY



During the month of November, as we prepare for the Thanksgiving holiday, Holy Redeemer remembers the hungry in our community.

A Food Drive for the St. Joseph's Food Pantry in Beltsville will be held all month. Please drop off your non-perishable, unexpired, and unopened food donation at the front entrance of the church or on the Mezzanine before any Mass all month long. Thank you for your generosity!

THANKSGIVING MASS & OFFICE HOURS



Morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day will be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. instead of 7:30 a.m.

The Holy Redeemer Parish Office and the School will be closed from Wednesday, November 22nd through Friday, November 24th. We will reopen on Monday, November 27th at 8:00 a.m.

OPEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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We invite all members of the parish to join us on **Monday, November 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. on the Mezzanine** for this Open Parish Council Meeting. The agenda will be simple: to hear what you would like to see our parish address in the next three years.

Over these last three years, we set ourselves to listening to the needs of the parish, we set goals to address these needs, and we have checked off a long and challenging list. I am very proud of the work this Council has accomplished. Now, it is time again to reenter the planning phase for these next three years and we welcome your input. We need your help. Please pray about where the Holy Spirit might be leading our parish and share your thoughts at the meeting.

If you are unable to be present, it is still easy to have your concerns included and addressed. The easiest way is to speak to any of the current members either in person or by email. Addresses are on our website. Any one of our members would be happy to share your ideas and concerns at the meeting. By the way, this goes for any meeting. We include an **"Around the Table"** session at each meeting, providing each member a chance to share your concerns or raise new business of their own.

If you don't know any of these members, just address your thoughts/concerns/ideas to our Executive Committee. Currently, they are **Sean Ballantine, Ginger Thompson, and Rosemarie Tully**. These three meet with the pastor a week before each meeting to set the agenda for that upcoming meeting.

We are one body - The Body of Christ. I believe the Spirit works through each one of us so let your voice be heard.

Parish Council Meetings Schedule

Parish Council Meetings are held every other non-summer month. Our remaining ones for this year are: **November 20, 2017, January 22, 2018, March 19, 2018, and May 21, 2018**

Executive Committee Meetings where the Agenda is set, are held at least one week prior. Those days are: **November 13, 2017, January 15, 2018, March 12, 2018, and May 7, 2018**

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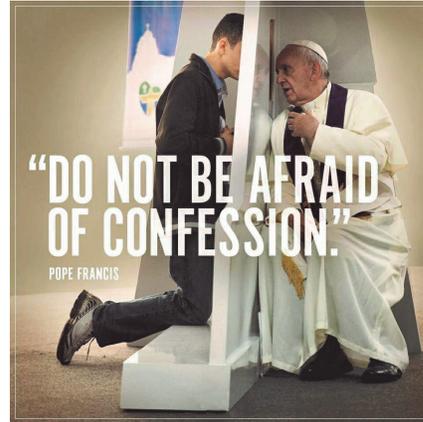
SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION



On **Saturday, December 2nd**, the First Reconciliation candidates will be receiving the Sacrament of First Reconciliation at **10:00 a.m. in the Church. Children and families are asked to arrive in the Church by 9:45 a.m.**

The following day, Sunday, December 3rd, the children will return for the 10:00 a.m. Mass in which the children will receive a special blessing as they begin their preparation for their First Eucharist. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be provided for all First Reconciliation families in the Four Seasons Room after Mass. Questions? Please contact Mrs. Berard in the parish office or via e-mail at bberard@holy-redeemer.org. Please keep these little ones in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation!

ADVENT CONFESSIONS



The Season of Advent begins on the **weekend of December 2nd & 3rd.**

Fr. Mark and Fr. Matt will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation following all Saturday Vigil and Sunday Masses during Advent and during Wednesday evening Eucharistic Adoration. Confessions will also be held at the usual time, Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:45 p.m., and by appointment.

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER TRAINING & REFRESHER FOR ALL CURRENT & FUTURE ALTAR SERVERS

There will be an Altar Server meeting and pizza lunch at Holy Redeemer on **Saturday, December 2nd from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

This is a mandatory meeting for all servers.

Be aware that you will not be scheduled for services in January unless you attend this meeting or make alternative arrangements. Please contact Mr. Limarzi (joelimarzi@gmail.com) or Fr. Matt (matthew.fish@holy-redeemer.org) if you can not attend.

Would you like to be an Altar Server? Please come to this Training Session and pick up more information! (Grades 4-12)

CALLING ALL CURRENT & FUTURE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS!

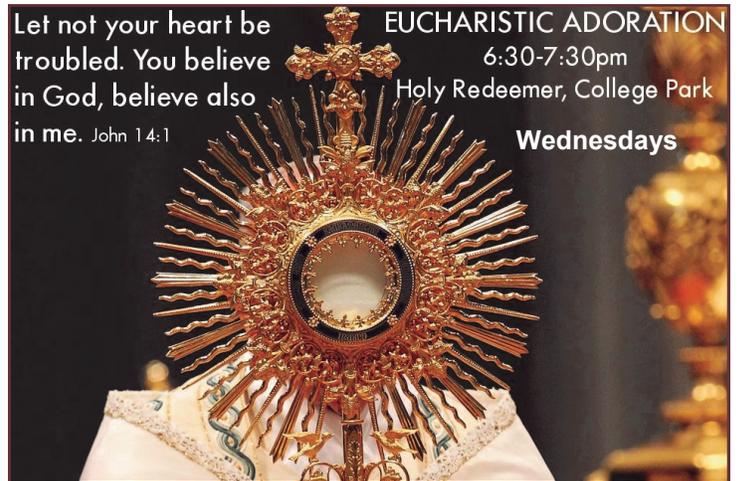
All current Eucharistic Ministers are asked to join us at **1:00 p.m. after Mass on Sunday, December 10th** in the church for a brief refresher meeting.

Would you like to be a Eucharistic Minister? Please come to this Refresher Meeting to meet Fr. Matt and pick up more information!

WEEKLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

Let not your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
6:30-7:30pm
Holy Redeemer, College Park
Wednesdays



Lectio Divina

Saturdays, 9 AM

- Grow in Knowledge and Appreciation of Sunday Readings
- Learn to Pray with the Bible
- Encouragement and Support of a Small Faith Group

A photograph of an open book, likely a Bible or a prayer book, resting on a wooden surface. The pages are white with black text. The book is open to a page titled "LECTIONARY FOR MASS".

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FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE

REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019



Registration for Holy Redeemer School opened on November 1st. The registration application is available on our website under 'Admissions' at <http://school.holy-redeemer.org/>

TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR 2018-2019

The Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program is available for all students applying to or currently enrolled in Catholic Schools within the Archdiocese of Washington. Applications are accepted until December 1st. All tuition assistance obtained through the archdiocese is based on financial need. Families must apply each year to receive assistance and need must be demonstrated each year to qualify. Applying for tuition aid has no bearing on whether a student is admitted to a school. To learn more, visit the Tuition and Financial Aid Tab of our school website at <https://school.holy-redeemer.org/tuition-financial-aid>.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21
Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28
Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44
Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40
Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

IN YOUR PRAYERS

PRAYERS FOR THE ILL & INFIRM

Patrick Duck

PRAYERS FOR OUR BELOVED DEAD

Milton Traegar, father-in-law of Dick Hageman

MASS INTENTIONS

FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19, 2017

Saturday, November 18, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. Myrtle Perrone, RIP
requested by Earl & Mary Armstrong
5:00 p.m. Eloi Paquet, RIP
requested by Marie-Claire Paquet

Sunday, November 19, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. All Deceased Members of the Sosing Family, RIP
requested by the Sosing Family
10:00 a.m. All Parishioners
12:00 noon Robert Hilliard, RIP
requested by the Holy Redeemer Choir

Monday, November 20, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. All Souls

Tuesday, November 21, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. James Scott Goodall, RIP
requested by the Goodall Family

Wednesday, November 22, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. John & Florence Bryan, RIP
requested by Roy & Anne Nelson

Thursday, November 23, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving to God for Our Blessings

Friday, November 24, 2017

- 7:30 a.m. All Souls

Saturday, November 25, 2017

- 8:30 a.m. Mary A. Bocker, RIP
requested by Ray Smith
5:00 p.m. Dick O'Connor, RIP
requested by the Hillery Family

Sunday, November 26, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. All Deceased Members of the Evangelista Family, RIP
requested by the Sosing Family
10:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the DeFranco & Williams Families
requested by Wayne & Ginny Williams
12:00 noon All Parishioners

STEWARDSHIP

COLLECTIONS

November 12, 2017

Poor Box \$51.76

Offertory Collected \$8,109.78

Budget Goal: \$9,000.00

Surplus/Deficit: (\$890.22)

Same Sunday 2016: \$8,742.98

THANK YOU!