

ST. PERPETUA CHURCH

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Eucharist

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am
(Chapel)

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am

Holy Days

8:30 am, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office for
Sacramental Preparation and
Baptismal date.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office
at least six months prior
to anticipated wedding date .

Homebound, ill or Infirm

Contact the Parish Office if you,
need to receive communion
or Anointing of the Sick
at home or in the hospital.

St. Perpetua School

Contact the school office for
enrollment (TK-8) and
After School Program.

Tours by appointment call
284-1640 or skoziel@csdo.org.

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NOVEMBER 11, 2018

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Thirty second Sunday in Ordinary Time

WIDOW'S MITE

Historically, widows have been at a financial disadvantage. When her husband died, a woman's source of income most likely went with him. That was why the generosity of a widow was striking in Biblical times.

Elijah met a poor widow who prepared to use the last of her flour to bake one more cake for herself and her son. Elijah started out by asking her for a drink of water, but quickly added his request for something to eat. She informed him of her situation, but Elijah promised that her store would not empty. With no more than Elijah's words, she trusted that God would provide for her. God's promise was good and she did not go hungry during the drought.

Another widow caught Jesus' eye in the reading from Mark. As she put her two small coins into the collection that supplied the treasury that helped those in need, Jesus taught the disciples a lesson about true giving from the heart. Unlike the officials who demonstratively gave their offerings, this woman quietly dropped the coins of her sustenance into the collection. The monetary value of her gift was far smaller than that of the officials, but her gift was far more valuable.

GIVING FROM THE HEART

Much of our giving is from our surplus. This is true not only of what we give financially, but also of our service. We are very busy people and generally when we offer our time, it is of direct benefit to us or someone we love. We may volunteer to help with a field trip at school, coach a soccer team, or help in a nursing home; but generally it is we or our family members who benefit from our generosity. We may find, however, that as it did for the widow of the first reading, our generosity may be greeted with more generosity. The prayer of St. Francis reminds us of this when we pray, "It is in giving that we receive."

*Today's Readings: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 146: 7-10; Hebrews 9:24-28;
Mark 12:38-44*

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Teens, this Sunday's readings at Mass are about trust. The poor widow gives two small coins—her whole livelihood! - while her rich neighbors only give of their excess wealth. The poor widow responds willingly and completely to Jesus' request that believers leave everything behind to follow him. Similarly, Elijah shares a story where he asks a woman to make him a little cake out of what ingredients she has left, even though she has a son to worry about. However, her faith is complete and total. She believes Elijah's prophesy that the Lord will provide. And provide he did! Our busy lives are filled with reasons to avoid sacrificing what we have for others. We feel good donating canned food that has been in our cupboard for months or clothing that is stained gets packed up for a charity. Giving our best items from our cupboards and closets challenges us to trust with our whole hearts and minds. In Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua we work together to discover the different ways to trust in response to the Gospel challenge to love one another.

In Youth Ministry at St. Perpetua, we have Youth Group and Confirmation gatherings where teens discern how best to manage themselves today in light of the Gospel message we all hear each Sunday. Look below for details of gatherings coming up this week:

- **Monday, November 12—Youth Group**—This evening teens gather to develop an understanding of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy, the call to recognize the needs of the world and the spirit to respond with justice and charity. We start at 7:30 pm and conclude at 8:45 in the RRC.

Questions?

Send Gary an e-mail at: gguerrero@stperpetua.org and I will respond to you promptly. As the week continues, go through your bedroom closet and look for good, quality clothing to donate this year (be sure to ask your parents' permission and explain to them why donating your clothing is important). You probably have more sweatshirts or pants than you can wear in a week. Part with some of the best and see how that feels. In this way, you will be trusting that the Lord will provide. In Youth Group we will learn about Catholic Charities and find out ways you and your friends can help the poor. See you all soon. *Gary*



Welcome into the Catholic Community

Congratulations! This weekend we welcome the following child into our parish community through the waters of Baptism:

Stella Wall

daughter of Nathan & Jessica Wall

May our community embrace Stella and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love for her. Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

October Food Collection

Al and Virginia LaFaille were happy to be able to deliver 37 very heavy bags of canned and dried beans (refried, pinto, black, kidney, pork & beans, baked) to the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Concord. Virginia said they were delighted with the donation and thanked the parishioners for their generous response. Thank you for your generosity in remembering to pick up that "extra" item or items for the monthly collection. It all adds up and goes right back out from the pantries. **The next collection is this weekend November 10/11, Masa Harina, Sugar, Flour (preferably 5 lb. bags) and vegetable oil.**

PEPPERMINT SHOPPE IS BACK ON DECEMBER 1st!

Peppermint Shoppe will be open for business on Saturday, December 1st, from 9:00 -11:00 am at St. Perpetua School. This is a sweet opportunity for children to shop for Christmas gifts for their parents, grandparents, siblings, friends, teachers and pets. All gifts are priced at \$2.00 each. Bring the kids and enjoy free hot cocoa, coffee and treats sponsored by the St. Perpetua School Parent Association. Watch for an early appearance by St. Nicholas! If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Damhesel at ndamhesel@gmail.com.

The Parish Office will be closed
Monday, November 12
in observance of Veteran's Day.

If you purchased a Silent Auction item at
Oktoberfest please come by the Parish Office and
pick it up at your earliest convenience.
Thank you.

The Story and You™



Sacred Conversations

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

I love hanging around people who give everything they have, just because that's where their joy is. I love watching grandparents with their adorable little ones, not caring that crawling around and lifting up babies sets off that bad back.

I like watching people doing jobs they love. Everyone I know who plays an instrument well would happily play all night. People who are great at hospitality, who know how to make strangers feel comfortable and friends feel welcomed, would do that every day if we would let them.

I would write this column twice a day if church bulletins were set up that way. My husband Ben would fix the muffler on our car every week of his life if it would just keep breaking. We love to pursue what makes us happy, and the saddest people, I suspect, are those who are deprived of that most basic of human rights.

I remember the great 90s sitcom *Mad About You*, and how well it captured the essence of the main characters. *But I don't need a haircut*, said the husband to his ultra-energetic wife. *I know*, she said, *but I really need to give you one*.

That's the thing we need to remember. Sometimes, 'tis truly better to receive than to give, because it means so much to the giver.

I wonder about that widow in the Temple. Yes, the scribes were a disgrace in comparison with her. But the people I know who give everything they have do so because, for them, nothing comes close to that kind of joy. I want to hope that's what was going on with her.

What do you love to do because it brings you joy?
Kathy McGovern ©2018 www.thestoryandyou.com

This Week at St. Perpetua November 11—November 18, 2018

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

The LORD keeps faith forever, secures justice for
the oppressed, gives food to the hungry.
— *Psalm 146:7*

Sunday

Rise & Shine Mass, 9:30 am

Family Bible Study, 10:30 am RRC/School

Monday—Veteran's Day Office & School Closed

Tuesday

First Eucharist Parent Meeting, 9:30 am, RRC

RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Office

Wednesday

School Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, School Library

Thursday

Construction Meeting, 9:15 am, RRC

Saturday

Silent Saturdays, 9:00 am, Chapel

Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word, 9:30 am Mass

Teen/Family/Youth Mass, 11:30 am, Church

Confirmation, 4:30 pm, Church

Mass Intentions

Saturday	5:00 pm	Teresa Rangel ☩
Sunday	8:00 am	Mass for the Community
	9:30 am	Robert Muench ☩
	11:30 am	Bryan Inderrieden, Sr. ☩
Saturday	5:00 pm	Bryan Inderrieden, Jr. ☩
Sunday	8:00 am	For the Community
	9:30 am	Martha Smith ☩
	11:30 am	Michael Gallacher ☩

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras,
Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, George Buonocore,
Charlotte Cairney, Judy Russell, Orlando Portillo, Alex
McLin, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida,
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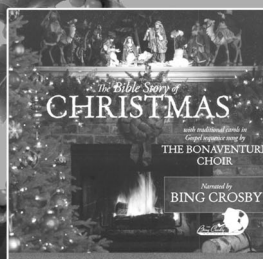


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