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NOVEMBER  
2020

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THIRTY-SECOND  
**SUNDAY**  
IN ORDINARY TIME

STAY AWAKE, FOR YOU KNOW  
NEITHER THE DAY NOR THE HOUR.

MATTHEW 25:13

Actions have consequences. As children, we were often told that if we would do something, then we would receive a present or a reward. If we didn't, it might result in a punishment. Geometry also uses the "If-Then Statement." That is what our scriptures are like this Sunday. In each reading, there is a suggested action on our part, which will result in a desired outcome. There is a feminine personification of God as Wisdom, Psalm 63 and the intimate thirsting for

God, the letter to the Thessalonians on believing in Christ, and Matthew's parable of the wise and foolish virgins. In the world of instant everything, we are not good about being patient, and our follow-through can be terrible. But each reading in its own way promises us that if we diligently seek God, we will be blessed and rewarded, and that it is worth the work and the wait!

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**32nd Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

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### Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 7, 2020 – 5:45pm**

**+Loretta Tulley req. by Paul & Mary Diehl**

**Sunday, November 8, 2020 – 9:00 am**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday – NO MASS**

**Friday, November 13, 2020 - 9:00 am**

**NO MASS – Adoration from 9am until 10am**

**Saturday, November 14 – 5:45pm**

**+Gloria Oliver req. by the Stauffenberg Family**

**Sunday, November 15 – 9:00 am**

**Parish Family of St. Patrick**

<b>SATURDAY, November 14, 2020 – 5:45pm</b>	<b>SUNDAY, November 15, 2020 – 9:00am</b>
USHER: Roberta Stauffenberg	USHER/GREATER: Dan & Tricia Knowles
LECTOR: Jerry Kinsella	LECTOR Grace Niemiec
	COUNTERS Mooi



**Our Two Week Candle is  
burning for  
Maria Gargol**

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

For the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, the weekly Sunday collection goal is  
\$2,090.37

**Sunday, October 25.....\$1,500.00**

**Thank you for your support of our Parish**

St. Patrick Parish depends on offertory donations for ongoing expenses. Please visit our parish website to set up online giving, if you have not already done so. Our parish website can be found at: [www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org](http://www.stpatrickwiltoncenter.org) – Online Giving is simple, convenient, and secure. Thank you



**2021 Offering Envelopes** – We are getting ready to process our boxed collection envelopes for 2021. Now would be a good time to consider On-Line Giving, if you are not doing so. On-Line Giving is quick, easy and secure. Just go to our website and follow the link. If you would still like the boxed sets they will be available, just call the parish office or drop a note in with your regular collection. Make sure we have your correct address, phone number and e-mail. The boxed sets will be available after December 15 and must be picked up in person.

Be a HERO for Life! St. Patrick Parish will be participating in a special campaign; the Waterleaf Virtual Baby Bottles for Life Team Challenge to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign support the life-affirming programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and their Aspire Education and Resource Center located in Aurora. Participation is as easy as 1...2...3

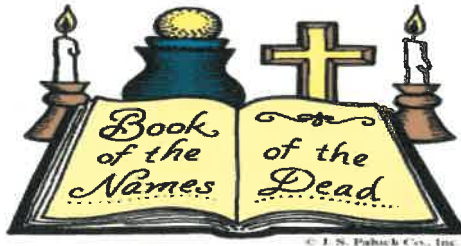


1. Visit [www.onechoiceonelife.org](http://www.onechoiceonelife.org)
  2. Click on the events tab and the virtual baby bottle link.
  3. Find our church/team virtual "baby bottle" and donate in support of Waterleaf. Our team page link is: <http://www.fundeasy.com/m/5001662/>
- **Our church goal is \$1,000!** To date St. Patrick has raised **\$250.00** Thank You

1 "bottle" holds \$30; 2 hold \$60; and 3 hold \$90.

How many "bottles" can you fill today?

**The Virtual Campaign runs through November 15, 2020.**



Anca Ryon  
Sylvester & Aurora  
Toepper  
Bill & Jane Toepper  
Jerry & Stella Ulman

Deceased Members of  
the Stromski Family  
Deceased Family and  
Friends of Niemiec  
Family



### EXPECTING THE UNEXPECTED

If it ever crossed your mind that Jesus was somewhat lacking in a sense of humor, today's Gospel should belie any such notion. Jesus' story of the five wise and five foolish bridesmaids is downright hilarious. The circumstances of the story were surely familiar to Jesus' listeners, just as they are – if we think about it – to us. Weddings never, ever start on time. There's always a delay. Buttons pop off at the last minute. Flowers wilt. Cars full of wedding guests get caught in traffic. Soloists contract laryngitis. Brides or grooms or priests show up late! So the only reasonable way to approach a wedding is with a sense of humor, to realize that something probably will go awry, and, when that happens, to smile about it. Jesus tells this funny story to encourage us to be watchful, yes; to be ready, yes. But he doesn't tell it to make us dour and somber. The heavy-hearted tremble, waver, lose sight of their place and purpose, and fall asleep. The lighthearted know that the unexpected will happen – is bound to happen – so they are awake in their place and ready in their purpose when it comes. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated at St. Rose in Wilmington  
Thursday, November 26 at 9:00am

If you would like to attend this Mass please sign up;  
the link can be found on St. Rose of Lima Face Book page or  
call the St. Rose Parish Office



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

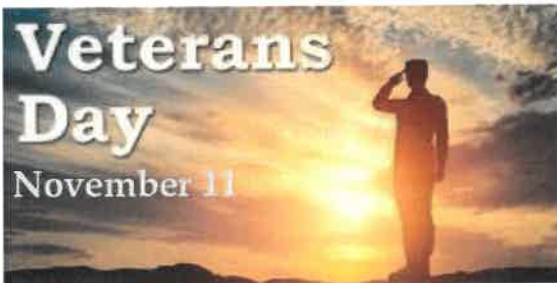
Marge Flint; Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernhard, Cecelia Mundt; Fr. Jim Lennon; Gary Ulman; Nicole Flint; Brett Burkhalter ; Cathy Engler; Grace Niemiec; Russ McClellon; Bob Johnson ; Noreen McAndrew; Mary Jo Moran; Lou Crabtree; Jan Sharp

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PUT ON THE PRAYER LIST.

## Intention of the Holy Father MONTH NOVEMBER

- We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

If you or a loved one would like to be put on the prayer list because of illness, rehab, or living at a health care center please let the office know. If there is an emergency and you need a priest, Fr. Sebastian will be available and can be reached at : 1(815) 478-3440 ex. 102 or 815-476-7491 and then press 1.



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK November 8, 2020



Monday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Tuesday: Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Ps 37:3-4, 18, 23, 27, 29; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Ti 3:1-7; Ps 23:1b-6; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Phlm 7-20; Ps 146:7-10; Lk 17:20-25

Friday: 2 Jn 4-9; Ps 119:1-2, 10-11, 17-18; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: 3 Jn 5-8; Ps 112:1-6; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday: 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]

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCE

Sunday: Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Tuesday: St. Leo the Great

Wednesday: St. Martin of Tours; Veterans Day

Thursday: St. Josaphat

Friday: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.  
— Matthew 25:13





## KEEP YOUR LAMPS

In the old spiritual, “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning” we hear the imperative to wait and be ready, and while there are many variations, it usually ends “The world is nearly done.” “The time is drawing near.” or “The day is dawning nigh.” The liturgical year is near its end, and we begin to feel that tension of “already but not yet” as the readings become more eschatological (about the end-times) in nature. We are called to wait patiently. Yet, like the wise and foolish virgins, we run the risk of falling asleep, and or running out of oil. Waiting for God, preparing for God, requires much hope, much preparation and discipline, and at times it is counter-intuitive. We must put aside impatience or the desire for immediate gratification and keep the end in sight. In running terms, it is not a sprint, but a marathon.

## TRIMMED AND BURNING

So how do we do this? Whether we are sitting in the pew or one of those involved more intimately in liturgical ministry, this is a call for spiritual self-maintenance. None of our scriptures today is passive. Seeking and waiting for God requires work. Presence and participation in the liturgy are among the easiest and most natural ways to provide fuel for our spiritual lamps. But like a car, we need to do more than just put in gasoline. There are other needs to attend to for upkeep. Just read the opportunities in this bulletin! Perhaps you may want to attend a parish scripture class or find a spiritual book to read. Sign up online to receive the daily readings or some sort of daily reflection. Find a spiritual podcast to listen to on your commute home from work or turn off the news and music and drive in morning silence. Share simple, regular prayer times as a family such as at meals and bedtime. Experience the sacrament of Reconciliation. Or maybe you do too much, and the call is to let go of something. Do not become burned out or lose heart. Take courage and remember, “The day is drawing nigh!” Amen.

Today's Readings: Wis 6:12–16; Ps 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8; 1 Thes 4:13–18 [13–14]; Mt 25:1–13

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