

NOVEMBER 11, 2018
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR
VETERANS DAY

This past spring, as I was flying to Italy as part of a pilgrimage group, I was seated next to a young serviceman from Fort Knox. He was not part of our group, but was traveling because of a job that he would be doing in Italy. I asked him about his service, and he had spent two tours of duty in Afghanistan and one tour in Iraq. At one point I expressed my gratitude to him for his service to our country. He accepted my thanks, but stated that he had not done anything special. He was just doing his job.

I was touched by the humility that he demonstrated. He had spent several of his young years in harm's way, fighting for his country, but did not think that he deserved any greater recognition than anyone else who is doing their job.

I beg to differ. Most of us who are doing our jobs are not uprooted from our homes and our families, taken to strange and dangerous places around the globe, forced to live in horrific conditions, while getting shot at, and with a high possibility that we will be wounded or killed. Our police officers would be the only exception to this and even they get to stay in their homes with their families. Those who have served our nation in our various military branches deserve all of the thanks that we can give them and all of the help and support that they need.

This Sunday, November 11, our nation celebrates Veterans Day, though the actual observance will be on Monday. We remember and honor all of the men and women who have been part of our military services and the sacrifices that they have made for our sake. This includes all of those who have served and those who have died as part of our nation's wars and conflicts, as well as those who have served in peacetime, or whose service took place outside of a war theater, but which supported those in battle.

Dear friends, we are truly grateful to you. For all of those veterans who have died, whether in war or by natural causes, we pray for your eternal peace. We pray that you, who faced the ugliness and violence of this world, will know the peace and beauty of the next. For those veterans who continue to carry the physical, the emotional and the spiritual wounds of your service, we pray that you will find the support and love that you need, and that you will find true and perfect healing from those wounds. And for all of you who have served our nation, and therefore have served us, in our nation's military, we pray blessings and peace and joy on all of you.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

This Thursday we will complete our study of the Gospel of Saint Luke. After taking two weeks off, we will resume on December 6, with a study of the Acts of the Apostles. Saint Luke is the writer of both the Gospel of Luke and the Acts of the Apostles. In fact, many biblical scholars look at these as two parts of one work, rather than two independent books.

The Acts of the Apostles is one of the great books of the Bible. It tells us of the first years of the Church, after the Ascension of Christ. Sometimes it is called the Book of the Holy Spirit, for it begins with the account of the sending of the Spirit at Pentecost and then we see how the Spirit guided and directed the Church, bringing the message of Christ to the whole world.

All are welcome to attend. We meet on Thursdays at 11 am and again at 6:30 pm in the church.

NEW PARISHIONERS BRUNCH

Over the past year many new families and individuals have made the decision to make Mother of God Church their spiritual home. We are blessed to have them as part of our community. Each year we have a special New Parishioners Brunch to officially welcome our new brothers and sisters. That takes place today at 10:30 a.m.

I want to thank Peggy Price and all of those who have helped prepare for this brunch. Their hard work is greatly appreciated.

MONTH OF PRAYER FOR THE DEAD

The Church begins the month of November with the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1) and the Feast of All Souls (November 2). But November is also a month in which we remember and pray for the dead in a special way. Here at Mother of God we have our Memorial Book in which are inscribed the names of those buried from our parish over the past year. All are invited to include the names of your own beloved dead who you wish to pray for throughout this month.

Prayer for the dead is one of the Spiritual Acts of Mercy. Praying for those who have died is the last thing that we can do for those whom we have loved. So it is important to continue to remember and pray for those who have died. Our prayers help those who are in Purgatory to complete their final period of purification.

DIOCESAN HOLY HOUR

Bishop Foy, in response to the sexual abuse crisis, has asked all priests to join with him in a special Holy Hour each month, on the third Thursday of the month, at 3 pm, at the Cathedral, to pray for victims of sexual abuse, and for the Church herself, that there will be a healing of the wounds that this crisis has brought upon all members of the Church and that this problem will be dealt with as

fully as possible. All are invited and encouraged to join us for this Holy Hour.

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

This Tuesday, November 13, the Church celebrates the feast of Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. She was born in Italy in 1850. As a young nun, she asked the Pope for permission to travel to China as a missionary. He suggested, instead, that she go to the United States and work with the many Italian immigrants who were coming there. She agreed to do so.

In her lifetime, she founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a number of schools, hospitals, and orphanages, primarily to assist, at first the Italian immigrants to the USA, and later those immigrants coming from other countries as well. Mother Cabrini, as she was known, died in 1917. She is the patron saint of immigrants.

How fitting, in a time when the issue of immigration is so much in the forefront of our national dialogue, to celebrate this brave and courageous woman who gave her life to serve those coming to our country.

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

On Saturday the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary. This is an important feast for the Diocese of Covington because the Catholic hospital that operates here is named after her—Saint Elizabeth Hospital. She was married at 14 and widowed at 20. After her husband passed away, she reclaimed her dowry and used the money to open a hospital where she herself served the sick. Saint Elizabeth died at 24 years old, but she had become a model of charity in her short life.

RCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? If so, we have begun the convert instruction classes, which are commonly known as the RCIA. They meet at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays in the Saint Aloysius Center. You can call the parish office to learn more or just show up at the class.

FORMED

Recently we began subscribing to a wonderful online program, entitled FORMED, that provides a wide range of Catholic materials. This is free for our parish members. It is easy to sign up for FORMED:

1. On your computer, phone or tablet, go to motherofgod119.formed.org.
2. Click register, and enter your name, email, zip code, and your preferred password.
3. You are now ready to access the many options provided by FORMED.

If you are having a problem, call Judy at the office, and she can give you a number for tech support.

PARISH NEWS

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TURKEYFOOT TROT

5K RUN/WALK: Gather friends and family for this enjoyable Fall healthy outing on Saturday, Nov.

17. Some of the proceeds raised by MOG participants will benefit our parish outreach ministry. The run starts at Thomas More College. Pre-registration forms are available on the rail of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Altar in the back of Church.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COAT DRIVE: Please save outgrown and no longer needed coats for the annual SVDP coat drive to benefit those in need NKY. Both children and adult coats are welcomed. Receptacles will be available in the back of church.

PARISH KITCHEN: Please help Parish Kitchen, a ministry of Catholic Charities, by providing warmth for the homeless this winter. NEW sleeping bags or NEW twin blankets may be delivered to:

Parish Kitchen M-F, 8 am–11 am

141 W. Pike Street (Pike & Russell) Covington, KY or Catholic Charities, M-F, 9 am–5 pm

3629 Church Street, Latonia, KY 41015

Questions Contact Maria Meyer at 859- 581-7745 or

mmeyer@covingtoncharities.org

VIRTUS: November bulletin posted November 4 and due December 4. Please stay current with the Virtus bulletins.

St. Joseph Sunday Missals: We are taking orders for the *paperback St. Joseph Sunday Missals* again this Sunday and will place the order early this coming week. You will find the order form at the card table by the Perpetual Help altar. We anticipate the cost to be \$2. They should be in shortly after we place the order. Thank you very much. Carole Lonneman

Forty Days for Life: The fall campaign for Forty Days for Life is coming to an end with thousands of babies being saved from an abortion. The campaign is held twice a year (spring and fall) and has resulted in many abortion facilities closing. Look for an announcement about the spring campaign.

Congratulations to Sr. Kathleen Ryan, OSB, as she celebrates 60 years as a religious sister. We thank her for her many years of service to Mother of God Parish.

Congratulations to the following parishioner students who made Honor Roll at Villa Madonna Academy. Ashley Willmott, Alexis Baker, and Hannah Willmott. Keep up the good work!

VILLA MADONNA ACADEMY High School/Junior High Open House, 2500 Amsterdam Rd. Villa Hills on Tuesday, November 13 from 7-8:30 pm. Meet the principal and teachers and discover our Villa values! For more information call 859-331-6333 ext. 314 or email aholtzman@villamadonna.net

We extend our sympathy to Rich Neal on the loss of his wife, Pam, and to their son and daughter, family and friends. You are in our thoughts and prayers. May she be held in the loving arms of God!

MOTHER OF GOD MEMORIAL TRUST FUND:

In your kindness, please consider making any bequests or financial donations to the Mother of God Memorial Trust Fund. These funds are used only for the preservation of the church.

HOMEBOUND? Do you have someone who needs to see a priest or needs Communion brought to them at home or in a nursing home? If so, please call the office at 291-2288 so Father can arrange a visit to them.

THE MESSENGER: If you are a registered parishioner at Mother of God Church and are NOT receiving the free Catholic newspaper, *The Messenger*, please call the office at 859-291-2288.

ARE YOU A PARISHIONER? Interested in becoming a parishioner of Mother of God? We're interested in you! We will have registration available after all Masses throughout the summer in the back of church. Please stop by our table to fill out a registration form and have any questions answered. We're glad you're here!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION is available at Mother of God Church every Thursday after the 12:05 pm Mass and concludes with Benediction at 5 pm. Would you be willing to spend time in prayer with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament? Please call our parish office at 859-291-2288 if we can count on you for a regular time each Thursday afternoon. Or just come in to spend time with our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAY COLLECTION	11-4-18
Envelopes	\$9,202.00
Loose	\$703.00
Online Giving	\$347.98
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$10,252.98

All Saints Day Collection: \$1,059.00

DIOCESAN NEWS

SEMINARIAN FUND COLLECTION: "May it be done to me according to Your word." (Luke 1:38)

Thank you to all who contributed to last week's special Collection for the Seminarian Education Fund. Our parish family generously donated \$1,780. These gifts will provide funds for tuition, room and board, books, health care and retreats for our seminarians. Your investment in our seminarians is a prayerful commitment to your Church and to your brothers and sisters in Christ. If you have not made your gift, please drop your envelope into the offertory basket today or next weekend. Please continue to pray for our seminarians, for members of our clergy and for vocations to the priesthood.

TODAY VETERANS DAY OBSERVANCE *Saluting Our Heroes:*

The community is invited to Northern Kentucky's observance of Veterans Day to honor all veterans, active duty personnel, reservists, and military families, at 2 pm, at Highland Cemetery, 2167 Dixie Hwy., Fort Mitchell, KY (rain or shine). Guest speaker is Mike McGriff, U.S. Marine Corps. Event sponsors are the James A. Ramage Civil War Museum and the City of Ft. Wright. For information contact Kathleen Romero at 859-331-2499 or kathleenromero391@gmail.com

YEAR OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

All are invited to attend the Closing Vespers for the Year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations on Sunday, November 25, the feast of Christ the King, at 3 pm, at the Cathedral. Bishop Foys opened the year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations last year on the Feast of Christ the King to encourage all the faithful of the diocese to actively pray for those men who are currently in formation for the priesthood and for those men whom the Lord is calling to the priesthood. Please consider joining Bishop Foys, and the priests, deacons and lay faithful as we give thanks for the grace of this past year and continue to pray for priestly vocations in our diocese. A reception will follow in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE:

Attention Youth (grades 9 – 12) and chaperones! Time is running out to register for the diocesan pilgrimage to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis, Indiana. The NCYC Pilgrimage will take place November 21-23, 2019, and will consist of a wide variety of opportunities for our young people to experience God and His Church. There are five general sessions presented by nationally known speakers, Mass on Saturday evening, one general session each morning and one each night until the conclusion of NCYC. In between the general sessions are workshops, an

interactive thematic park for hands-on experiences, and the opportunity to mingle with bishops, speakers and vendors, to take part in concerts, service projects, daily Mass, adoration, confessions, and have time to meet teens from all different walks of life. Space is limited, so register soon. The cost of \$534 per person includes transportation, accommodations, meals, conference registration fees and a T-shirt. A down payment of \$100 per person must be returned to the Department of Catechesis and Faith Formation by February 28, to reserve a place. For more information, please visit our website at <https://www.covdio.org/catechesis-formation/youth-and-young-adult/#youthcyc>, or contact the Diocesan Department of Catechesis and Faith Formation at 859-392-1500, ext. 1526 or email mspears@covdio.org.

PRAYER SERVICE: A "Service of the Longest Night" Prayer Service will be held on November 17, at 10 am, at St. Xavier Church, 611 Sycamore Street. The service and program is for all who are grieving a loss of any kind and are searching for healing and hope during the upcoming holiday season. The prayer service will be followed by light refreshments in the parish center and a program to assist people in *Getting Support for Grief and Loss During the Holidays*. The program will be facilitated by Sandy Keiser, LISW.

Divine Mercy Parish
dmsbcatholic.com
 Phone: 859-261-6172
 Fax: 859-261-0016

A NIGHT OF COMEDY AND ART: Join Holy Cross Parish for a night out on Saturday, November 17. A Night of Comedy and Art, starring Terry Foster from Holy Cross and Mark Theskan, a live speed artist. A delicious spaghetti and meatball dinner, including salad/bread, and dessert. Cash bar. Split the Pot, pull tabs, silent auction. Cost \$25. Limited seating for 300 (21 and over). For more information or reservations, call Nina at 859-360-0165 or the rectory at 859-431-0636. Doors open at 6:30 pm.

ADVENTURE TO GIVE: Sunday, December 9, from 1-3 pm, at SND Provincial Center, 1601 Dixie Highway. Bake cookies and prepare care packages for the Emergency Shelter in Covington, KY. Call Sr. Ruth Lubbers at 859-392-8118 or email rlubbers@sndky.org to register.

ST. ELIZABETH EDGEWOOD: Gift Shop volunteers wanted: St. Elizabeth Healthcare is seeking friendly, detail-oriented individuals that like the combination of assisting others while ensuring that the shelves are stocked and the cash drawer balances. Daytime, evening and weekend shifts available. If interested, please call

Volunteer Services at 859-301-2140 or email volunteer@stelizabeth.com. Many other options are also available.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 11
 10:30 am New Parishioners Brunch
Monday, November 12
 7:30 pm Knights of St. John Mtg. (Hall)
Tuesday, November 13
 6:30 pm RCIA (SAC)
Thursday, November 15
 11 am and 6:30 p.m. Bible Study
 12:30 pm Eucharistic Adoration
 4 pm Holy Hour Cathedral

MASS INTENTIONS

November 11	9:30 am	Thelma Foltz
	11:30 am	Angela Trenkamp
November 12	12:05 pm	Clarence & Margaret Wiehoff
November 13	12:05 pm	Paul Schroeder
November 14	12:05 pm	No Mass
November 15	12:05 pm	Theresa Hicks
November 16	12:05 pm	Louis Wiedeman
November 17	12:05 pm	Pam Neal Funeral
November 18	9:30 am	Pete Laber
	11:30 am	Joseph Schulte

SCRIPTURE FOR NOVEMBER 11, 2018: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 or 12:41-44.

HYMNS FOR 9:30 A.M. MASS

520	All Creatures of Our God and King
Response	Praise the Lord, my soul.
609	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
738	I Am the Bread of Life
763	American the Beautiful

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Les Miley	Hannah Donoghue
Tom Heidrich	Dan Lewin
Ralph Kunkemoeller	Margie Huesman
Shirley Hensley	Tom Donoghue
Fr. Ray Hartman	Jill Felix
Fr. Ralph Hartman	Greg Scanlon
Kelly Bowman	Nancy Salzer
Robert Shircliff	Connie Gillum
Ed Salzer	Christy Egan
Rachel Hub	Jack Kearns
Pat Wiedemann	Richard Kearns
Marie Braun	Mary Lou Wilson
Al Haven	Jim White
Sheryl Hodge	William Fredie
Bill Rice	Mary Darlene Horton
Sr. Kathleen Ryan	Special Intention