

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2017
32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FROM THE PASTOR

MORE SENSELESS AND HORRIFIC VIOLENCE

Last Sunday we saw the latest in a seemingly unending series of slaughters of innocent people. In just the past month we have seen 54 people killed and 564 people injured in the shooting in Las Vegas. A week and a half ago 8 people in New York were run down and killed by a man claiming alliance with ISIS. And now, 26 people have been murdered in a Baptist Church in Texas. With no reason to believe there is any end in sight, we have to wonder where the next attacks will take place.

It seems that some demonic force of violence has been unleashed on our world, and within our nation. I have no simple solutions. Actually, I believe that the solutions are anything but simple. Obviously, there is a need for a massive return to God, but even that is not simple. Many people believe in and worship a god of violence, and much of the killing we see in the US and around the world is being done in the name of God. **IT DOES MATTER WHAT GOD YOU SERVE!!!!** All gods are not the same. There is a need for a conversion to a God of peace, of forgiveness and reconciliation.

The family is the basic unit of society. Healthy societies come from healthy families. Healthy individuals come from healthy families. Unhealthy individuals come from unhealthy families. As the family goes, so goes society. As the family goes, so goes the individual. Can an unhealthy, violent person come from a healthy family? Absolutely!!! For the family is not the only influence on the individual. But they are usually the most important factor in the shaping of the individual. Restoration and healing of the family is an essential piece of the solution to this problem.

The culture of violence can also be attributed to greed, to the drug problem, to a coarsening of political debate, and the fracturing of those things that are supposed to unite us. As Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas recently noted, what do we as a nation have in common today? What binds us together?

The solutions will require a radical rethinking of our attitudes, our beliefs, and our values. And it will require a new explosion of God's grace. Let us pray for that new Pentecost that will enable us to build a new and better world.

YEAR OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Bishop Foys has declared a Year of Prayer for Vocations, beginning on the Feast of Corpus Christi, November 26. The Bishop will begin this special year at 3 pm with Solemn Vespers, at the Cathedral. All are invited and encouraged to take part.

We have been very blessed over the past 15 years that Bishop Foys has been our bishop, for he has made the recruitment and training and ordination of priests a high priority. I can recall just before he came, when we were ordaining one priest every three or four years. This was a real crisis, for it made the operation of our parishes and the providing of the Sacraments to the faithful an increasingly difficult prospect. I envisioned being 80 years old and being pastor of Kenton County.

Jesus tells us that the harvest is rich, but the harvesters are few. He goes on to say that we should ask the harvest master to send laborers into the field. Priests are, of course, not the only harvesters. That is a role for everyone within the community of faith. But without the Sacraments and without the preaching and teaching of the Word of God, the faithful will not be equipped to do the work that God has given them to do.

CCD MEETING

We will have an information meeting this Sunday at 10:30 am in the Saint Aloysius Center, regarding preparation for First Confession and First Communion. These sacraments are usually administered in the second grade. If you have a son or daughter in that class, or if they are older, and missed preparation for these sacraments, please attend this session.

BIBLE STUDY--CAIN AND ABEL

This week, as we make our way through the opening chapters of Genesis, we come to a very sad and disturbing story. Adam and Eve, having been cast out of the Garden of Eden because of their rebellion against God, begin to have a family—these two sons named Cain and Abel. We all know the story of Cain slaying his brother Abel, but we will explore the meaning behind these events. Why did God favor Abel's sacrifice, but not that of Cain? Am I my brother's keeper? What is the "mark of Cain"?

This story introduces us to what Pope John Paul II called the Culture of Death—killing to achieve certain ends. Cain is the father of the Culture of Death. We see in this tragic story, the proliferation of sin and its effects. Sin winds its way into the fabric of every aspect of human life, corrupting and twisting everything that we do. What is God's response to this?

The issue of capital punishment is raised by this story as well. Not only did God not take Cain's life for the murder of his brother, but he placed the mark on him to warn others that Cain was not to be killed. What does this, if anything, tell us about our attitudes towards capital punishment?

We will meet on Thursday at 11 am and again at 6:30 pm.

SAINT FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI

Although she was born in Austria, and was Italian, Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini (Mother Cabrini) is known as an

American saint. Frances joined the Daughters of the Sacred Heart, but was told that she was too frail to live their life. She then formed her own community called the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In 1877, Mother Cabrini asked the Pope to send her and her sisters to China to take part in the missionary efforts there. He asked her to go to the United States instead, to care for the Italian immigrants who were coming there in great numbers.

They travelled to New York City where they established Catholic schools, orphanages, religious education classes and more. In her lifetime, she established 67 institutions in New York, Chicago, Seattle, New Orleans, Denver, Los Angeles, and Philadelphia, as well as in South America and Europe. After her death, her sisters were finally able to send missionaries to China to fulfill her original desire.

In 1909, Mother Cabrini became a US citizen. She is the first US citizen to ever be canonized a saint by the Church. She is the patron saint of immigrants. Her feast day is this Monday, November 13.

SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY

Elizabeth was born in Hungary in 1207 and was the daughter of the King of Hungary, Andrew I. She was wed to a Hungarian prince named Ludwig, who is also canonized as a saint. She was known for her concern for the poor and for her own active ministry to them, bringing them food and alms to assist them.

Saint Elizabeth is important to us because Saint Elizabeth Hospitals and Medical Centers in Northern Kentucky are named after her. Her feast day is Friday, November 17.

DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SAINT PETER AND SAINT PAUL

Recently the Church celebrated the Dedication of Saint John Lateran, the mother church of the world, and one of the four major basilicas in Rome. This week (Saturday) we celebrate the dedication of two of the other three major Roman basilicas—the Basilicas of Saint Peter and Saint Paul.

We are most familiar with the Basilica of Saint Peter, for it is located in Vatican City and is the church most associated with the Pope, even though the official church of the Pope is Saint John Lateran. But it is from the balcony of Saint Peter's Basilica that a newly elected Pope emerges to greet the world. The Pope lives in the Vatican, and it is there that he conducts the majority of the major papal Masses. The piazza in front of Saint Peter's is built over the Circus of Caligula. It was in the center of that Circus that Saint Peter was crucified. He was buried nearby immediately under the Papal Altar of the Basilica.

The Basilica of Saint Peter Outside the Walls is called that because it is built outside the ancient walls of

the city of Rome itself. This name also distinguishes it from the Anglican Basilica of Saint Paul Inside the Walls. This basilica is built over the site where Saint Paul was beheaded and buried.

Saint Peter and Saint Paul are the two patron saints of Rome. Both came to Rome, and both died in Rome. They are also two major pillars of the early Church. Saint Peter is the first Pope and the Apostle to the Jews, while Paul is the great missionary and Apostle to the Gentiles. As we honor the dedication of these two basilicas, we recall these two great Apostles, and the Church itself that they represent.

PARISH NEWS

THANKSGIVING DAY COLLECTION: You are invited to contribute staple foods and non-perishable items for the needy in our area to be distributed through Welcome House, Be Concerned and Our Savior Pantry. The monetary donations will be given to the Parish Kitchen. Please bring your donations forward in the Procession of Gifts for the Altar at our **Mass on Thanksgiving Day, November 23, at 10 am.** Thank you for your generosity to our sisters and brothers in need.

TODAY: 3 pm in the Church Hall, "CALLED TO SERVE" Presentation on Abraham Lincoln, Sarah Worthington King Peter, and Henrietta Cleveland by Paul A. Tenkotte, PhD, professor of History and director of the Center for Public History at Northern Kentucky University.

EMERGENCY SHELTER OF NORTHERN KENTUCKY: A Board member from the Emergency Shelter will give a brief status update at the 9:30 and 11:30 Masses today. The Shelter, located at 634 Scott, has had great support from the Mother of God community. Steve Wilde and Kelly Kremer are on the board of the shelter. The shelter has just finished its summer "Life Changing" program and has opened for the winter "Life Saving" program. During the summer program, 50 men were helped with budget planning, employment opportunities, and finding a permanent place to stay. As the weather turns colder, about 70 men and women use the shelter every night.

Wanted: a personal attendant for a disabled woman. Four hours during the day at \$12.87 per hour. Night 10 pm to 8 am at \$10 per hour. Background check required. Contact Maria Braun at 859-261-3106

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ANNUAL COAT DRIVE:

Containers are available in the back of church on the right (rectory) side.

1. Coats should be clean and in good repair.
2. Volunteers are needed the evening before the event to sort and organize the coats and to help distribute on the day of the drive.
3. Students seeking opportunities for volunteer service hours can count hours sorting and distributing the coats toward their requirements.
4. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Victoria.peterson@svdpnky.org.
5. If you know of anyone in need please let them know about the drive. All adults must show some form of ID. All people receiving coats must be present at the drive. Exceptions to this rule are only made if proof of guardianship can be shown ie: medical cards, SS # cards, birth certificates or other court docs.
6. Locations for the drives:
 - Dec. 2 – John G. Carlisle Elementary, 910 Holman Ave., Covington, 9 am-noon
 - Dec. 2 – St. Henry Elementary, 3825 Dixie Hwy, Erlanger, 9 am-noon
 - Dec. 2 – Newport Primary School, 1102 York St., Newport, 9 am-noon
 - Jan. 6 – Life Learning Center, 20 West 18th St., Covington, 9 am-noon

PRINCE OF PEACE BAKE SALE: Support Prince of Peace by stopping by our bake sale after Mass on November 19. Proceeds assist the school's Odyssey of the Mind teams. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Covington Latin is proud to announce that Audrey Woodward from Mother of God Parish achieved First Honors for the second quarter. Congratulations, Audrey!

Congratulations to our newly married: Christopher and Kelly (Bakken) Todd. We wish you much happiness and God's blessings.

We extend our sincere sympathy to the family and friends of Marlene Hellmann, who passed away recently. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

SUNDAY COLLECTION	NOVEMBER 5, 2017
Envelopes	\$8,273.00
Loose	\$ 669.00
Online Giving	\$ 374.35
TOTAL COLLECTION	\$9,316/35

ALL SAINTS DAY COLLECTION **\$1,014.00**
SEMINARY COLLECTION **\$2,430.00**

DIOCESAN NEWS

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

COLLECTION: Thank you to all who contributed to last week's special Collection for the Seminarian Education Fund. Our parish family generously donated \$2,430. These gifts will provide funds for tuition, room and board, books, healthcare 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.

YEAR OF PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY

VOCATIONS: Bishop Foys encourages all the faithful to join him and the priests and deacons of the diocese for Solemn Vespers to open the year of Prayer for Priestly Vocations in our diocese in the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption on Sunday, November 26. Sacrament will begin following the 10 am Mass and conclude with Benediction following Vespers. Confessions will also be heard after the 10 am Mass and through the celebration of Vespers.

PRO-LIFE NEWS:

2018 MARCH FOR LIFE IN WASHINGTON, DC.

The Pro-Life Office has finalized plans for their annual pilgrimage to Washington, DC, in January, commemorating the 45th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision of Roe vs. Wade.

An adult/family bus will depart Erlanger on Thursday, January 18 and return during the afternoon of January 20. The rates include bus transportation and two nights stay at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center.

Rates are as follows:

\$320 per person dbl occupancy

\$265 per person triple occupancy

\$235 per person quad occupancy

Monthly payment plan can be made, and scholarships are also available. For information and reservations, please contact the Pro-Life Office at 859-392-1500 or email ppiccola@covdio.org

CHRIS RICE MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP:

Many high school students each year are unable to attend the March for Life due to the cost of the trip. The Chris Rice Memorial Fund, named in memory of a young man who was dedicated to pro-life causes, enables those students who cannot afford the pilgrimage to Washington the opportunity to go. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated. Please send donations to: Diocese of Covington, Pro-Life Office, 1125 Madison Ave, Covington, KY 41011-3115.

PARISH KITCHEN a ministry of Catholic Charities is in need of homemade desserts to serve their guests. Parish Kitchen serves a lunchtime hot meal 365 days a year. You can drop off the desserts, from 8 am-2 pm, every day at Parish Kitchen, 141 W Pike Street, Covington KY 41011 or from 9 am-4 pm, at Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Covington Ky 41015. If you have questions, contact Maria Meyer at 581-8974 or mmeyer@covingtoncharities.org.

TODAY CHRISTMAS CRAFT BAZAAR: St. Cecilia Church, 5313 Madison Pike, Independence from 9 am-3 pm in the church undercroft, featuring 48 craft tables, homemade breakfast casseroles, sandwiches, soup, and baked goods. We will also have refreshments, door prizes and raffles on a money tree, lottery tree, and quilt.

TOY BINGO: St. Augustine's Annual Toy Bingo will be Friday, November 24! Play for great toys, 32" flat screen TV and \$500 gift card tree. Silent auction, Split the Pot, raffles, bankers and more. Doors open at 6 pm, games start at 7 pm. Admission \$5 for two cards and door prize ticket. Adults only and non-smoking event. For more information, call 859-261-5564.

HOLY CROSS SPAGHETTI DINNER AND COMEDY SHOW:

Saturday, November 18th. Dinner and show is a fundraising event for the church. We will have a comedy show. "Two Chicks and a Chuck" featuring Terry Foster from Holy Cross and Chick Halloran and Shelly Iker. The food will be provided by Pompilio's catering from Newport, KY. The menu will consist of Italian spaghetti and meatballs, bread, salad and dessert. There will be a cash bar selling, beer, wine mixed drinks and soft drinks. Water will be provided by the parish. Cost is \$20 presale/\$25 at the door. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:15 p.m. and show at 8:00 p.m. Activities will include dinner, dessert, and cash bar. Pull tabs and split the pot as well as door prizes. Table sponsorship available for \$50. Questions? Call Nina Bullock at 360-0434 or church rectory at 431-0636.

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 12

3 pm "Called to Serve" Presentation
Dr. Paul Tenkotte (Hall)

Monday, November 13

7:30 pm Knights of St. John (Hall)

Tuesday, November 14

6:30 pm RCIA (SAC)

Thursday, November 15

11 am Bible Study (Church)

12:45 – 5 pm Eucharistic Adoration

6:30 pm Bible Study (Church)

Sunday, November 19

Prince of Peace bake sale (Hall)

MASS INTENTIONS

Nov. 12	9:30 am	Marie & George Bitter
	11:30 am	Lueke Family
Nov. 13	12:05 pm	Elizabeth Schambach
Nov. 14	12:05 pm	Thomas E. Kennedy
Nov. 15	12:05 pm	No Mass
Nov. 16	12:05 pm	Eric Brown
Nov. 17	12:05 pm	Mary Ann Britt
Nov. 18	12:05 pm	Madelyn Lehr
Nov. 19	9:30 am	Jeff Bowling
	11:30 am	Angela Trenkamp

HYMNS FOR 9:30 AM MASS

520	All Creatures of Our God and King
Response	"My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God"
600	What Wondrous Love is This
733	At That First Eucharist
541	O God Beyond All Praising

SCRIPTURE FOR NOVEMBER 12, 2017:

Wisdom 6: 12-16; Psalm 63; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25: 1-13.

LET US PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Les Miley	Hannah Donoghue
Tom Heidrich	Dan Ries
Pam Neal	Beth Redwine
Robert Gander	Trudy Koehling
Shirley Hensley	Ralph Kunkemoeller
Fr. Ralph Hartman	Margie Huesman
Mary Jo Schwartz	Greg Scanlon
Pat Ruttle	Makayla Borg
Greg Dahlenberg	Fr. Ray Hartmen
Baby Eli	Bob Schroeder
Becky MacIntyre	Rosa Maria Santos
Mary Estelle Roesel	Joe Lawler
Clarence Dickman	Jill Feliz
Peggy Beckman	Phyllis Garten
Christopher & Clifford Browne	Kelly Bowman