

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, November 17** Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings:** Mal 3:19-20a 2 Thes 3:7-12 Lk 21:5-19

8:00 A.M. Lana Galagna  
 9:30 A.M. Josefa Matos  
 11:00 A.M. Trentini & Pace Family  
 12:30 P.M. Giuseppe Ruffini Rosalia Licata  
 Fred Stile Philipo & Giuseppina Volpe  
 Antonio & Gaetano Bruno Angelina Cannavo

**MONDAY, November 18**

**Readings:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Lk 18:35-43

7:00 A.M.  
 9:00 A.M. Donna Mongitore

**TUESDAY, November 19**

**Readings:** 2 Mc 6:18-31 Lk 19:1-10

7:00 A.M. Madeline Jill Rendich  
 9:00 A.M. Joseph Bajada

**WEDNESDAY, November 20**

**Readings:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31 Lk 19:11-28

7:00 A.M. Marcelino Martinez  
 9:00 A.M. Bianca Borini

**THURSDAY, November 21** Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**Readings:** 1 Mc 2:15-29 Lk 19:41-44

7:00 A.M.  
 9:00 A.M. Victor Salamone

**FRIDAY, November 22**

**Readings:** 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59 Lk 19:45-48

7:00 A.M. Joseph Xuereb  
 9:00 A.M. Michael Wildes

**SATURDAY, November 23**

**Readings:** 1 Mc 6:1-13 Lk 20:27-40

9:00 A.M. Purgatorial Society  
 Vincent S. Voci  
 Sean Moloney  
 5:00 P.M. Hans Maag

**SUNDAY, November 24** Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Readings:** 2 Sm 5:1-3 Col 1:12-20 Lk 23:35-43

8:00 A.M. Tony Rea  
 9:30 A.M. Ricardo Navarro  
 11:00 A.M. Steve DaCorta  
 12:30 P.M. Giuseppina & Salvatore LoPiccolo  
 Franca & Tommaso Tola  
 Fred Stile  
 Ida Calzolaio  
 Tita Bordenca  
 Antonio & Gaetano Bruno

From the Pastors Desk



My Dear Parishioners,

People accomplish goals because their focus in life is firm. Their attention, thoughts, and actions are geared toward reaching their goals. You can usually see their determination in their eyes and hear it in their voices when they speak about their goals or talk about their plans to reach them. For the goal minded person, persistence and endurance become a way of life.

Lest we think the path to reaching one's goal is without problems, it is not! Obstacles are always lurking about. Personal limitations, resistance from others, setbacks, mistakes, and failures await anyone attempting to reach a goal; but it is a driving spirit, firmly set on reaching one's objective that will prevail. This quality also is seen in athletes, business people, married couples, teachers, and students. In addition this quality is seen in the thoughts and actions of Christians who will fulfill their life's goal; *salvation and eternal life*.

It is Jesus who revealed to us the goal of salvation and eternal life. He ushered in the kingdom of God. He offered his life for our salvation. He fixed our minds and hearts on the value of the kingdom and he showed us the way to achieve this goal through his teachings of truth and his example of love. He extended a call to his disciples to commit themselves to his way of living if they were to share in the kingdom.

Lest a person think the path to salvation is easy, Jesus makes it very clear that it will be filled with challenges and hardships. In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks of what we can expect as we pursue the goal of salvation. We will come up against false prophets who will try to lead us astray. We will be persecuted and mistreated, even put on trial for the sake of the name of Christ. Our own inner peace will be challenged by what we see happening in the world. Despite all this, Jesus assures us that he will be with us. It is precisely in the midst of these difficult times that we must endure in faith by remaining firm in the way of the Lord.

We can take heart that we are not alone in pursuing the goal of salvation and eternal life. We walk with a host of holy people from today and yesterday. They are models of faith who have firmly set their lives in the direction of reaching this same goal. They worked hard and endured much. St. Paul is a great example. He calls his audience to imitate his way of life which was one of sacrifice and hardship, but still an example of enduring faith for us.

Goals, simple and great, are a part of life. Take heart in pursuing your eternal goal, Christ walks with you. With God on your side, you will arrive at your destination and live forever in the company of the saints.

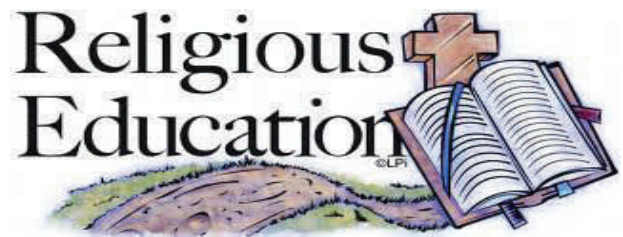
*God Bless, Msgr. Maresca*



We thank our parents, friends, and business owners for their generous donations to our Grocery Bingo that took place this past Friday. We also want to thank everyone who donated his or her time to help out with this major event. Anyone who attends the Grocery Bingo can see that it takes an exorbitant amount of preparation and hard work to make this night a successful and enjoyable one. As always, there were many, many wonderful baskets that people won and food and refreshments were available during the evening.

This Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> is Pasta Friday at lunch time. Thanks once again to Mr. and Mrs. Ragusa and all their helpers for cooking and serving the students.

Once again, we will be collecting donations of food items and toiletries for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Some of the sisters will join us at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on November 27<sup>th</sup> and following Mass, they will take the donations that were collected.



**There will be Religious Education Classes  
Today Sunday, November 17th  
10:40 am to 12 noon in the School.**

### **You can still register!**



You can still register your child in any grade from Kindergarten on up to 7<sup>th</sup> grade by calling the Religious Education Office Monday through Thursday (718-278-0259), email [dre@sfaschool.org](mailto:dre@sfaschool.org) or speaking to Richard Pipchinski, the DRE.

If you have a child beginning first grade in public school, it is time to register for Religious Education. Diocesan guidelines require *two years* of instructions prior to the reception of a Sacrament. If your child is already in the first grade and missed this year, call the Office of Religious Education to set up an appointment to discuss the options.

**Have you thought of helping deepen the faith of the children of the parish? Volunteer to work in the Religious Education Program call the rectory (718-728-7801) and speak to Richard Pipchinski. Besides your faith, all the necessary training and books is provided.**

### **Signs & Symbols of "The Popes"**

Tuesday, November 19th at 9:30 AM, 3:00 PM and 7:30 PM our next sessions of Signs & Symbols will be held in the Religious Education Room in the Rectory Basement. All are welcome. Coffee will be served!



**2013 ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC  
APPEAL  
RENEWING OUR  
FAITH THROUGH  
ACTS OF CHARITY**

**THANK YOU!** We have gone over our goal of \$44,615 in *PLEDGES*. Thus far \$49,344.00 has been pledged and 42,826.50 has been received.

This support comes from 191 donors.

Please continue to pay off your pledges in order that all monies will be received so that our goal will be achieved. I appreciate the tremendous sacrifices all of you have made in supporting our parish. As in the past, anything over goal comes back to our parish 100%. Also, please check to see if your company would match your donation to the appeal.

**2014 Mass book is  
opened for anyone who  
wishes to schedule masses  
for next year.**

*Fall Festival 2013*

THANK YOU to all those who worked and supported our Fall Festival. The day was beautiful and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The total income for the festival was \$45,931.25. Our expenses this year were \$16,295.64. Our profit was \$29,635.61. The school and parish split the profits and it will be put to good use. Thanks again!

**PRAYER AFTER AN ELECTION**

God of all nations, Father of the human family,  
We give you thanks for the freedom we exercise  
And the many blessings of democracy we enjoy  
in these United States of America.

We ask for your protection and guidance for all  
who devote themselves to the common good,  
working for justice and peace at home and  
around the world.

We lift up all our duly elected leaders and  
public servants, those who will serve us as  
president, as legislators and judges, those in the  
military and law enforcement.

Heal us from our differences and unite us, O  
Lord, with a common purpose, dedication, and  
commitment to achieve liberty and justice in the  
years ahead for all people, and especially those  
who are most vulnerable in our midst. Amen.



There will be a *2nd Collection*  
next weekend for Campaign  
For Human Development.

Catholic Campaign for  
Human Development  
needs your support. CCHD was founded  
to end the cycle of poverty in America by  
funding organizations that help individu-  
als help themselves. With the tradition of  
improving education, housing situations,  
and economic development, CCHD con-  
tinues to make a positive impact in com-  
munities nationwide. Fight poverty in  
America. Defend human dignity.

Please be as generous as your means  
allow. Thank You.

# Altar Server Schedule – November 2013

Sat. Nov. 16 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Samantha Dee, Lauren Staats, Jady Lopez
Sun. Nov. 17 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Andrew Soltesz, Rei Sato, Nicole Pereira
	9:30am	Rocco Marchesona, Valentina Cracolici, Nikki McNamara
	11am	Kayley & Maya Burns, Leandra Rodriguez
	12:30pm	Caterina Gioino, Francesco DiMarco, Joseph Todaro
Sat. Nov. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	5pm	Samantha Dee, Isabella & Sophia Ortiz
Sun. Nov. 24 <sup>th</sup>	8am	Andrew Soltesz, Anthony Ronacher, Leandra Rodriguez
	9:30am	Jose & Adrian Hernandez-Yopez, Joseph Todaro
	11am	Jady Lopez, Nicole Pereira, Valentina Cracolici
	12:30pm	Caterina Gioino, Francesco DiMarco
Sat. Nov. 30 <sup>th</sup>	5pm	Samantha Dee, Kayley & Maya Burns
Sun. Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	8am	Nikki McNamara, Valentina Cracolici, Joseph Todaro
	9:30am	Isabella & Sophia Ortiz, Rei Sato
	11am	Rocco Marchesona, Lauren Staats, Theresa Christmas
	12:30pm	Caterina Gioino, Francesco DiMarco

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SIGN IN FOR YOUR MASSES.  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE 15 MINUTES EARLY.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER IF YOU ARE NOT ABLE TO SERVE YOUR MASS TRY TO CHANGE WITH  
SOMEONE OR GET A REPLACEMENT.**

**THANK YOU! Msgr. Maresca**



The sun of justice will arise with healing in its wings.  
**Malachi 3:20**

**While I know there is a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection next weekend for Catholic Campaign for Human Development, those envelopes can be put in any collection. However, in order to help the victims in the Philippines affected by Typhoon Halyan, we will take up a Special Collection in order to send them support in their time of dire need.**

**Let us continue to pray for all those who died, all those who lost their homes, and those who have survived and are living in deployable conditions.**

**May God watch over them and give them hope in the face of their challenges.**

St. Francis of Assisi Parish Finances

Thank you for your weekly contributions which pays our bills. Your sacrifice and generosity is much appreciated.

The Collection/Donation for the weekend:

November 9/10     \$ 6478.00  
Military Chaplain     \$ 1212.00

Just a reminder to our envelope users to please mark the amount on the outside of the envelope. It is a great help to our counters. Also, if you are not using the envelope system and would like to please call the rectory. School parents are strongly encouraged to use the envelopes.



Remember in your prayers all those in our parish who are sick, that they may find health and comfort:

James Nunez, Vincent Wytak,  
Carol Ross, Rolondo Larrondo,  
Jeffrey Hyans, Josephine Costanza,  
Jessica St. Preux, Al Ciani, Alesha Moses, Elizabeth  
Quartuccia, Stephanie Stetz, Dorothy  
Leonard, Anthony Criscuolo, Kathleen Newton,  
Samantha Fabrizi, Nancy McCaffrey, Christopher  
Wojtalik, Marie Guerriero, Theresa Pacheco,  
William Goss, John Ross.

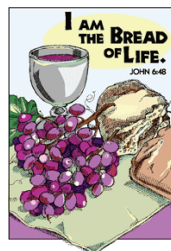
Also remember in your prayers all the deceased of the Parish especially  
Dominick Portolano.

Please remember to continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, diaconate, and married life.

 **LECTORS**

The 2014 Lector Workbooks are available and can be picked up in the sacristy.

## Memorials for the Week of November 17, 2013



### ALTAR BREAD

For this week is donated in loving memory of  
*Enzo Valentini*  
Requested by  
*Vincent Palmina Ponzio*



### ALTAR WINE

For this week is offered for  
*Pasquale DeIure*  
Requested by  
*Maria Biancaniello*



### SANCTUARY LAMP

Is burning for  
*Nicola Zulli*  
Requested by  
*Sarchese Family*

The Parish of Our Lady of Fatima Church proudly Presents: "Singing Police Officer" Daniel Rodriguez in Concert.

**Sunday, November 24th @ 3:00 PM**

Our Lady of Fatima Church  
25-02 80th St., E. Elmhurst, NY 11370  
Tickets are \$ 25—General Admission  
Parking Available—Wheelchair accessible  
More Info call (718) 899-2801

**PLEASE REMEMBER To silence or shut off all cell phones during mass.  
Thank You!**

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## THIS WEEK

November 17 - November 23

### Sunday, November 17

#### *2nd Collection Parish Reserves*

9:30 A.M. Pre-Communion Banner Mass  
10:40-12 Noon Faith Formation - School  
10:45-11:45 A.M. RCIA - School

### Monday, November 18

12:00 Noon Golden Age 42nd Anniversary Mass  
1:00 P.M. Golden Age - MCH  
2:50-3:45 P.M. Children's Choir - Church  
2:30-4:00 P.M. Daisies - MMC  
7:00 P.M. Adult Choir - Church

### Tuesday, November 19

9:30 A.M., 3:00 P.M. 7:30 P.M.  
Signs & Symbols History of the Popes - RER  
6:30 P.M. AA - R/B

### Wednesday, November 20

7:15-9:15 P.M. Pastoral Institute - RER

### Thursday, November 21

7:00 P.M. I.A.C.A. - R/B  
4:00-5:30 P.M. Legion of Mary - R/B  
7:30 P.M. Scripture Study - RER

### Friday, November 22

2:30-6:00 P.M. Girl Scouts - MMC

### Saturday, November 23

6-7:30 P.M. Youth Group - MCH

## NEXT WEEK

November 24 - November 30

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR VICTIMS AFFECTED BY TYPHOON  
HALYAN IN THE PHILIPPINES

### Sunday, November 24

#### *2nd Collection Catholic Campaign for Human Development*

9:30 A.M. Children's Liturgy - MCH  
10:40-12 Noon Faith Formation - School  
10:40-12 Noon Confirmation Class - School  
10:45-11:45 A.M. RCIA - School  
1:30 P.M. Baptisms - Church

### Monday, November 25

1:00 P.M. Golden Age - MCH  
2:50-3:45 P.M. Children's Choir - Church  
2:30-4:00 P.M. Daisies - MMC  
7:00 P.M. Adult Choir - Church

### Tuesday, November 26

6:30 P.M. AA - R/B  
7:00-9:00 P.M. Holy Name Executive Mtg - Rectory

### Wednesday, November 27

7:30 P.M. Thanksgiving Day Mass

### Thursday, November 28

THANKSGIVING DAY - RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

### Friday, November 29

RECTORY OFFICE CLOSED

### Saturday, November 30

RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM - 2 PM

Our Parish Calendar will be published weekly. Please submit changes or updates to [swoods@stfrancisofassisiastoria.org](mailto:swoods@stfrancisofassisiastoria.org)  
Thank you for keeping our Parish up to date!