



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time * November 19, 2017

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them." In today's Gospel parable, this man represents God, and the servants represent us. The story makes a clear point about the importance of putting the gifts God has given us to good use. Unlike the first two servants, the third servant chose not to make a return on his "talent." Thus we can understand the frustration of the master. He trusted this servant, and the fellow let him down. Remember, this all began with an act of trust when the master handed over care of his things. The fact is that the third servant did not take good care of what he was given.

What have we been given? Some gifts from God we all share in common: life and salvation. But others differ from person to person. We each have our own set of "talents": our personal skills, our material blessings, our education, family background, and so on. Some have more, and some have fewer. But the point is that we are called to make the most of what we have, whatever that may be.

Perhaps the starting point for making a return on God's investment in us is to recognize that what we have is really his! In a sense, our gifts and skills, even our lives, are all "on loan" from God. He is generous in sharing his life and his blessings with us. And, like the parable's master, he is quick to praise and reward our efforts. But when we choose to be "wicked, lazy" servants, taking everything for granted and not using our gifts for God's glory, then "even what [we have] will be taken away." What we bury underground is as good as gone. So let's bring our gifts into the light of day by sharing them with others and making the best possible use of all we've received.

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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 6:00 p.m. (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule: Refer to bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Daily: 9:00 a.m.

Saturday: 12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism is celebrated any Sunday at 12:15 p.m. Parents are required to attend a Preparation Class prior to the Baptism.

Sick Calls: Notify the Rectory for hospital visits or Communion to the sick or shut-ins.

Bulletin deadline: Monday at Noon

Child Abuse Line: 1-888-808-1235



A Family Perspective - As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has entrusted our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

In Honor of Fr. Boyle's Retirement, a reception will be held today Sunday, November 19th, from 12:00 noon - 2:00 pm. This will give everyone an opportunity to wish Father well and to celebrate his new walk of life. Father will be retiring to St. John Vianney Manor in the near future. Come and join us as we celebrate and honor Father Boyle.

Retirement Fund for Religious is the second collection this weekend, November 18/19 to support elderly religious. Please be generous.

Our Christmas Giving Tree begins today. Ornaments have been placed on the Christmas tree in the Church. Each Ornament includes an anonymous description of the person (adult or child, age, size, etc.) If you would like to purchase a gift for one of these persons, simply take an Ornament from the tree and bring the **wrapped** gift back the weekend of December 2/3 with the Ornament as the name tag. Questions, 724-348-7145. Please return gifts to Finley Hall.

Thanksgiving Lottery tickets must be turned in this morning. Today, Sunday, November 19th is the first day of the \$500.00 midday and evening Pick Three. (No Bonus Draws) Stop at the table, there may still be a few left.

Good Luck!

Finleyville Interfaith Thanksgiving Service is tonight (Sunday) November 19th at 7:00 p.m., Mingo Presbyterian Church on Route 88. All are welcome.

Advent Choir Celebration - St. Francis Choir and Brass Ensemble of "Too Many Tubas" will present an Advent Program welcoming Christmas with music and Scripture. Admission free, everyone welcome on Sunday, December 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Refreshments will be served in Finley Hall after the program.

Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 23rd at 12:00 noon sharp. If you're alone or need company on Thanksgiving, come to Finley Hall. The Finleyville Interfaith Council sponsors the meal. Thank your pastor next Sunday. Please don't come late. The preparers need to go home and prepare another dinner for their families and guests.

A PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

*O God of all creation, Giver of all good gifts,
You bless our lives with your generous love,
By giving us once more the fruit of the fields, our
family and friends, our faith, our work, and our
lives together. We thank you for these gifts, and ask
that you help us to imitate your goodness to share
our blessings with those who are in need.
Amen.*

Christmas Seals will be distributed next weekend November 25/26 after masses by the Knights of Columbus. Benefit: McGuire Home and St. Anthony School for Exceptional Children. Please use the self addressed envelope included with the Seals to send your donation.

Knights of Columbus is collecting shoes for their project. They need 2,500 pairs of shoes. Proceeds from this project benefit Madonna Catholic Regional School and the Bishop's project for children with disabilities. Drop your shoes in the box provided in Finley Hall.

Safe Environment Procedure - If you volunteer in our parish, you are required to have clearances to comply with our Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. The following people need to be compliant and have clearances. Adult Servers, Lectors, Ushers, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Choir members, Bingo workers, CCD teacher, parish picnic workers, anyone who comes in contact with children. This includes our Ladies Guild, Ladies of Charity, Columbiettes and Knights of Columbus, who have find raisers that children are present. Please contact our Safe Environment Coordinator at your earliest convenience so she can help you with the paperwork. Mary Jane 724-344-2444.

Men's Retreat December 1st - 3rd at St. Paul of the Cross Retreat Center (Pittsburgh Southside). If you need a break and are searching for answers, consider attending this retreat. You may call Chris Cippillone at 724-705-3765 to register.

**Ministry Schedule
Thanksgiving Day - November 23rd**

Thanksgiving Day

Ministers: Schirra, Yesioneck, Hamilton
Lector: J. Mansmann

November 25/26

6:00 p.m. Saturday

Ministers: Foster, Thropp, D. & B. Lewis, Brucker,
Checque, DeLuliis

Lector: K. Lewis
Servers: T., T., & T. Smida

8:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Drahnak, Parish, F. & R. Funtal, Fox,
H. & M. A. Lassige

Lector: L. Obringer
Servers: M. Miller, D. Drahnak, R. Funtal

11:00 a.m. Sunday

Ministers: Bublak, Kims, A. & S. Parker, Greco,
Pitzer, Folz

Lector: J. Mansmann
Servers: Z. & Z. Bublak, G. Mucci



Today, November 19, Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-5/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) Adam Checque - Mom & Dad
8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish
11:00 a.m. 46th Wedding Anniversary of Mike & Jackie Inks

Monday, November 20, Weekday Mass

1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

8:30 a.m. Chuck Jaki - Blaskovich Family

Tuesday, November 21, The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-7/Lk 19:1-10

8:30 a.m. Judy Kovscek & Evelyn Jozefkowicz - Janet Nyga

Wednesday, November 22, St. Cecilia

2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b, 15/Lk 19:11-28

8:30 a.m. Susan Marchewka - Sophie Racunas

Thursday, November 23, Weekday Mass/ Thanksgiving Day

1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

8:30 a.m. Ruth Sarsfield - Chip & Marian Essey
Deceased Members of the Owens & Kreiger Families

Friday, November 24, St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd-12/Lk 19:45-48

8:30 a.m. Rich Kriston - Bill & Nancy Lang

Saturday, November 25, Weekday Mass

1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19/Lk 20:27-40

8:30 a.m. Larry & Gloria Withum - Family

Confessions after 8:30 a.m. Mass daily

Sunday, November 26, Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-3, 5-6/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

6:00 p.m. (Sat.) James Jesensky - Irene & Cindi Fidago

8:00 a.m. Angela Giacomantonio - Rick & Mary Jane Jurofcik

11:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

The Sanctuary Candle will burn this week **“In Memory of Leonard Checque”** requested by Don & Mary Ann Kims.

“TO THE GLORY OF GOD”

The Flowers on our Altar today are presented

“In Loving Memory of John E. Coleman, Sr.”

requested by the Family.



“In Loving Memory of Joe Fidago”

requested by Daughter, Cindi.



LUNCH WITH SANTA
Saturday, December 2, 2017
12:30 - 2:30 p.m. in Finley Hall
Reservations **must** be made by
Tuesday, November 28th.
Call Mary at 724-348-5962 or 724-348-7145.
\$4.00 per person.
No tickets will be sold at the door.

Bingo - Join us Tuesday for Bingo in Finley Hall. Jack-pot, Magic Number. All ‘Nighter’, Door Prizes, Special Games. Early Birds begin at 7:15 p.m., regular games at 7:30 p.m.

Marriage Moments - “When one finds a worthy wife [husband] their value is far beyond pearls [money].” (Proverbs 31:10) Although this scripture traditionally refers to wives, it works equally well for husbands. Pause for a moment and ponder the worth of your beloved.

Parenting Pointers - Even with natural talent, it takes work to develop it. Help your child identify one talent this week, and one way they can improve it. Often this includes the “P” word - Practice. (Mt 25: 14-30)

Financial Overview	
Needed/week.....	\$8,687.65
Last week	\$6,178.50
Deficit/Surplus.....	(\$2,509.15)