

MINISTRY SCHEDULE—

Sunday, November 11, 2018 at 11:15 AM

Lector: Toby Steff

Eucharistic: Dennis, Laura, Mary Jo

Server: Lilly

Bring up Gifts: Open

CATHOLIC CEMETERY MOMENT

The first Sunday in November has traditionally been designated as “Cemetery Sunday.” This special day reminds all of us of the importance of continued prayer for our beloved dead and to also remember those faithful departed who may have no one pray for them. They can best be remembered by visiting a Catholic Cemetery, one of our most sacred places.

MARRIAGE MOMENT

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with your entire mind, and with all your strength.” (Mark 12:31) Yes, this is true. In addition to wholehearted love of God, can you also say this about your beloved spouse since God lives in him or her also?

PARENTING PERSPECTIVE

How well do your children know their deceased relatives? Why not help them remember by praying for each by name today. Go back as far as you can remember and perhaps reminisce about their best qualities.

ST. ALOYSIUS REGIONAL SCHOOL 52ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

St. Al's Regional School will host their 52nd Annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, NOVEMBER 17th from 10 AM—4 PM with lunch available, and Sunday, NOVEMBER 18th from 11:30 AM—4 PM with a Chicken BBQ available at the Parish Hall, 186 Franklin Street, Springville, NY. Handcrafted items, baked goods, wreaths, theme basket raffle, craft vendors, \$1000 money raffle and more! Basket drawings begin at 2 PM on Sunday.

FAITH MOMENT REFLECTION

We see a direct correlation between the first reading and the Gospel today. In the Gospel, Jesus is tested by a scribe who asks, “What is the first of all the commandments?” Jesus answers with the same words we hear in Deuteronomy – love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. Then Jesus adds, “The second is this – You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Again, God gives us the directive to love – to love God and to love like God, imitating His ever-present love as a child might imitate a devoted parent. The scribe is impressed with Jesus and understands that loving God and one another is more important than rituals and offerings. To love is to care, to help, to lift up. Love in action is the very purpose of our lives.

Today's Faith Moment was provided by Christ the King Seminary. You can listen to Faith Moments on WBEN radio 930 AM, WLOF 101.7 FM, or at www.faithmomentsonline.org.

CRAFTING AND FUN GROUP

The Crafting and Fun Group will meet again on Saturday, December 1st from 9 AM—12 PM, for our next crafting and fun gathering! All are welcome, bring friends!

Remember that if a St. Mary's parishioner attends a mass at St. Joseph's, their envelopes will be returned to St. Mary's where they will receive credit for their contribution.

Please notify Father Joe at St. Joe's Rectory of anyone having surgery or who is sick and hospitalized at (716) 532-5100 (day or night).

MINISTRY FOR THE HOMEBOUND

If you have a loved one, or know of someone who is unable to attend Mass. Please contact Norma Kazmark at (716) 799-5416 to make arrangements for receiving the Eucharist.

2018 NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK 11/4—11/10/18 NEEDED: MEN OF HEROIC VIRTUE

Real men rise to challenges. And the Church needs brave men to answer the call to the priesthood. Being a priest should never be a vocation of last resort for men who could not marry or “make it” in the world. It is a vocation for strong men who love Jesus, who are striving for virtue and purity, and who are willing to lay down their lives for His Bride, the Church. Thankfully, despite the very grave failings of too many clergy, the Church in America has some 40,000 priests, the vast majority of who serve their people faithfully. During Vocation Awareness Week, let's pray for our faithful priests—and encourage promising young men in our parishes to seriously consider the priesthood.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom you call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will.

Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER PRACTICES OF FUTURE PRIESTS

Figuring out one's vocation is rarely easy. The most essential element of discernment is forming a loving relationship with God through *prayer*. Thus it's no surprise that a 2017 survey of recently ordained priests revealed a rich and diverse prayer life before they entered seminary.

80% - Eucharistic Adoration	72% - Rosary
46% - Prayer Group/Bible Study	40% - High School Retreats
31% - College Retreats	29% - Lectio Divina

This prayer life intensifies when men enter the seminary. They attend daily Mass and pray together the Liturgy of the Hours, and many seminaries now have community Holy Hours as well. All seminarians have a spiritual director who “coaches” them in their prayer life and spiritual formation.

“WHERE SIN ABOUND'S GRACE ABOUND'S ALL THE MORE”

“Keep watch over yourselves and over the whole flock...I know that after my departure savage wolves will come among you, and they will not spare the flock. And from your own group, men will come forward perverting the truth to draw the disciples away after them. So be vigilant. Remember that for three years, night and day, I unceasingly admonished each of you with tears.” ~Acts 20:28-32

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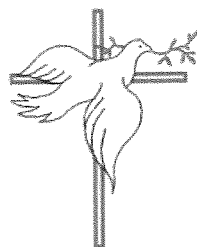
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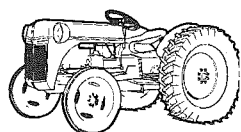
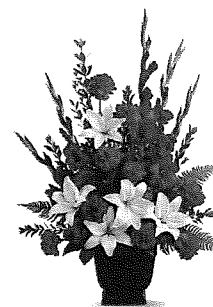
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