

## THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

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The "Shema Yisrael" is the prayer that serves as the center of morning and evening prayer services for Jews since the time of Moses:

***Hear O Israel! The Lord is our God,  
the Lord alone. Therefore, you  
Shall love the Lord, your God, with all  
your heart, and with all your  
Soul, and with all your strength.***

In Jewish tradition, there were two tendencies in regard to the Law. In one, the law was expanded limitlessly into hundreds and thousands of rules and regulations. With the other inclination, scholars persisted in trying to condense the law into as few general principles as possible. The Schema is one of the condensed versions. The scribe who approached Jesus was part of that tradition.

Moses had received 613 precepts on Mt. Sinai. David reduced that number to 11 in Psalm 15. Isaiah brought that tally to 6. Michah compressed the precepts to 3. Isaiah later tried again and went to 2.  
***Keep Justice! Do righteousness!***

Habakuk came up with one tenet: ***The righteous shall live by his faith.*** In the works of St. Augustine, in the Christian era, we see the same system at work: compressing all the laws into the essentials. Augustine said: ***Love God – and do what you like.***

In today's gospel, the scribe is pleased for two reasons. First, Jesus did not come to eliminate the revelation and relationship God had maintained for centuries. Jesus came to fulfill the Law. Jesus Christ embodies absolute love of God – whole heart, whole soul, whole strength. Jesus came to preach what had been previously revealed: ***Love God! Love God! Love God!***

Secondly, Jesus came to expand the meaning of the word "neighbor". No longer was the neighbor simply a member of one race, but all races, all peoples, all times, even an enemy. All of Salvation History insists that each one of us lives in a loving relationship with God. When we do, ***we are not far from the Kingdom of God.***

### **FROM THE DESK OF FR. RICARDO:**

#### **"LET THE LIGHT SHINE"**

Our church has become young again with the help of the vibrant light shining through our rejuvenated stained-glass windows. We truly appreciate the wisdom of our parish ancestors who understood the importance of beauty in creating an atmosphere of reverence and harmony. Our window restoration brought the bonus of extra warmth, now that the seals have been restored. It was a joy to see so many worshippers remove their jackets at last Sunday's liturgies,

knowing that the lack of chill was simply good insulation and no expenditure of fuel. Please take some time to look around and enjoy the depictions of Our Lady and her love for us.

Last week, the first steps were taken in upgrading the electrical system and lighting. As we dispel darkness from our place of worship, we can prepare more easily for the great feast of light, Christmas! Thank you for bringing in the light with your generosity.

### **THE BISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL**

#### **Here I am, Lord**

Please know that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports many causes; our Catholic Charities agencies, education, our urban elementary school and our Priests' extraordinary healthcare needs. In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to the parish directly for its own needs. Thank you for your support.

### **COPING WITH GRIEF**

On Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, St. Francis De Sales Church will be hosting a seminar on "Coping with Grief during the Holiday season." If interested, please RSVP your attendance by calling 973-383-0115

### **PILGRIM STATUE**

The Our Lady of Fatima Pilgrim Statue is once again available for a week. There will be a sign-up sheet in the church hall. Please leave name and phone number, and a member of the Legion of Mary will make contact.

### **CONGRATULATIONS**

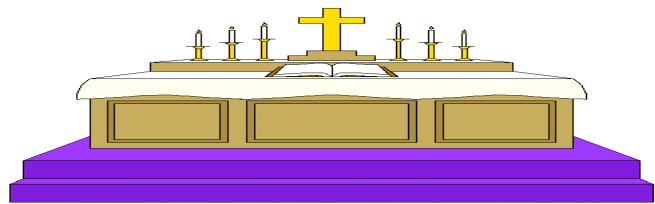
Congratulations to Joseph Travis Critchley and Jaryda Aileen Gonzalez, who were married here in our Church on Friday, November 2, 2018. Blessings to them as they journey together.

### **BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**

The next Baptism instructional meeting for Parents and Godparents will be held on November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018, at 8 pm. This instruction is required before making final arrangements for your child's Baptism

### **THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATIONS**

Thanksgiving Basket Donations are requested to help families in our community who would not otherwise be able to enjoy this special holiday. Please put your donation in a plain white envelope marked "Thanksgiving Donation" in the collection basket, either November 11<sup>th</sup> or November 18<sup>th</sup>. Gift cards will be purchased on November 20<sup>th</sup> and given to the families with their Turkey Dinner on Tuesday November 20<sup>st</sup>. As always, thank you for your continued generosity.



**PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR ALL THE SICK OF OUR PARISH**

Aidan Alvarez, Larry Ambrosino, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, John Apgar, Madeline Beirne, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Jerry Calcagno, Artie & Cathy Cohan, Tina Contento, Teresa Contento, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Doug Crum, Nathanael Davenport, Alice DeLorenzo, Katie Drago, Roseann Dundonm, Jim Ecker, Jim Franco, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, Mike Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Bob Hojer, Joanna Horn, Gail Morton, Dave Jansson, Jean Jones, Melissa Klimaszewski, Julianna Klinger, Carly Kosen, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, Patty McDermott, Robert McDermott, Kathy Nestico, Lisa O'Hanlon, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O'Neill, Eleanor O'Marra, John Orso, Lou Pra Sisto, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Father Patrick Sullivan, Alexander Truong, Mary Van Dyke, Don Ventriglia, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz.

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4**  
 8:00am +Margaret & Richard Murphy and Cathy Dignan req. by Family  
 9:30am +Pat & Paul Corbutt req. by Cathy & Jim Kenny  
 11:00am +Douglas Lybolt req. by Fran & Larry Marsh  
 1:00pm **POLISH MASS**

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 5**  
 8:45am +Antoinette Miserere req. by James & Elizabeth Miserere

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6**  
 8:45am + Departed Souls of the Legion of Mary req. by Legion of Mary – AM&PM

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 7**  
 8:45am +Angelo Ferlauto req. by Family

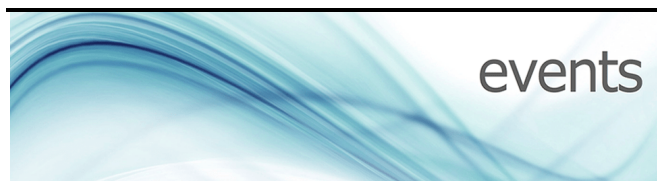
**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 8**  
 8:45am + Joseph Mastrangelo req. by Wife

**FRIDAY NOVEMBER 9**  
 8:45am +Father Thomas Gavigan req. by Murphy family

**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 10**  
 8:45am +Deceased Member of the Hoffman Family req. By John Pacifico  
 5:00pm +Joseph Rogers req. by Karen Murphy

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 11**  
 8:00am +Beatrice & James Grimaldi req. by Mary and Bruce Petnel  
 9:30am +Pat & Paul Corbutt req. by Tom & Laura Mulcahy  
 11:00am +Willman Garcia req. by Bill and Eileen Aquino  
 1:00pm **SPANISH MASS**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD AND PRAY FOR THOSE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE.**



*The Gifts of Bread and Wine are being offered For Max Allen requested by Franco Family*

Sunday, November 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Rosary Sunday - Coffee after Masses  
 11am - 2 pm - Mass and CCD - Confirmation II

Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup>  
 7-8:30pm - CCD - Grade 8 - Hall

Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>  
 6:30 pm - Rosary  
 7- 8 pm - Holy Hour

Wednesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>  
 7-8 pm - Choir Practice

Thursday, November 8<sup>st</sup>  
 10:00 am - Legion of Mary  
 6:30 pm - Legion of Mary



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. MAY THE LORD REWARD YOU FOR YOUR GOODNESS.**

Collection for October 28 3437.00  
 Maintenance 1556.00