

## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 18, 2018

Jesus Always Speaks from a Point of Love.

Some scholars & critics don't like this Sunday Gospel. Some even try to argue that passages like this were later additions to the Gospels, because Jesus was way too gentle and forgiving to say such harsh things. But in fact, Jesus did say these things, and he said them precisely because of his deep love for us. Remember in righteous anger how he cleansed the Temple? Christ knows that the battle between good and evil will continue throughout human history. But he also knows that this *ongoing* battle will provide the opportunity for his grace to spread throughout the world. And once that expansion has reached its fulfillment, he will come again to establish the definitive and everlasting victory of his Kingdom. These are facts, key elements of "God's Plan" for our lives.

We profess our belief in these truths every Sunday, when we say, "*he will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his Kingdom will have no end.*" Since this is the way things are, it would have been cruel and heartless for Jesus not to tell us about it. Telling us about it gives us a chance to organize our lives accordingly, to build our lives on the everlasting rock of Christ our Savior: "*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*" Jesus doesn't speak about these events in order to scare us, but in order to motivate us. It is so easy to fall into a purely natural outlook on life, getting so wrapped up in our daily to-do lists that we forget the big picture, and we neglect our friendship with Christ. Jesus knows that nothing could be worse for our happiness, now and forever – and that is what interests him most. Even his predictions of the end of the world, then, are a reminder of his Endless Love.

**Father Blake Evans, Pastor**

# November

**Parish Social – Community Sunday, November 18**, after the 10:00 am mass at the Lounge.

**Thanksgiving Mass, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**, at 10 am. **\*\*SGDC – Saint Gabriel Parish, 26 Grant Circle, Washington, DC 20011**



**Ralph Hale and Cathy Borris-Hale** on their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married at Nativity on Nov 6th, 1993. May God continue blessing your marriage.

To Puerto Rican-born **Bishop-Elect Juan Miguel de Bentacort**, 48, who the Pope has named as the new Bishop for Hartford Conn. Father Bentacort has been teaching full time and serving as a Pastor of a parish in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn. for many years.



To all who donated and volunteer their efforts for our Youth Day Camp. The participants had a safe and fun day at Nativity. Next event: Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.

To our ushers, **Tracie and George** for a nice work done removing leaves and cleaning the boiler room



**World War One - peace Centennial.** This month marks the 100<sup>th</sup>. Anniv. of the end of WW1. A plaque honoring our own Nativity fallen soldiers from that era is on display in the Church. It will be mounted in the Lounge next spring near Memorial Day, thanks to the

Knights of Columbus Keane Council for their idea! (The plaque was once in the school but was removed during renovations and changes). Let there be Peace on Earth, and may they rest in peace. 4 million American families sent their sons & daughters to serve in uniform during "the Great War." 116,516 U.S. soldiers died from combat and disease. Another 200,000 were wounded, far greater than in World War 2. Over 350,000 African Americans served in the U.S. military, as did Native Americans, Hispanics & members of other minority groups. And, for the 1st time in history, women joined the ranks of the U.S. armed forces.

# Mass Intentions for the Week

## November 17 - 24, 2018

Sat. 11/17	8:00 am	+Rosaelle Colon
	4:30pm	People of the Parish
Sun. 11/18	8:00am	+Andrew Jackson
	10:00am	Souls in Purgatory
	1:00 pm	Souls in Purgatory
Mon. 11/19	12:00	Souls in Purgatory
Tue 11/20	12:00	+ Aramenta Hamilton
Wed. 11/21	12:00	+Paciencia Velasco
Thu. 11/22	10:00 am	Thanksgiving Mass at Saint Gabriel Church
Fri. 11/23	12:00	NO MASS
Sat. 11/24	8:00 am	Natividad Satuito (birthday)
	4:30pm	+Lucia Colon Fortis

### Please pray for the sick of our Parish:

\*Alice R. Allen, \*Amina Anderson-Pringle, \*Ann Butler, \*William Cammack, \*Lukas Pastier, \*Carmen Dolores Campos, \*Carla Andrea Catacora, \*Shawn Coleman, \*William Corbel, \*Maria Cruz, \*Maurice & Flora Detiege \*Kevin Fagan, \*Isel Fitzgerald, \*Dion A. Fortune, \*Linda Foster, \*Charlie Gick, \*John Green, Sr., \*Janet Henery, \*Blanca Hernandez, \*Lawrence C. Hill, \*Lee Hobbs, \*Sydney Horge, \*Francis Howard, \*Elaine Hunt, \*Helen Hurd, \*Larry Ivy, \*Irene Jimenez, \*Geraldine Jones, \*Charles Johnson, \*Odile Kalla, \*Michael Kelly, \*Busara Keneddy, \*Claude Kolthoff, \*Betty Lawton, \*Yavonna Lewis, \*Sandra Lucas, \*Eric Malcolm, \*Edwin & Regina Mbanude, \*Theresa McNair, \*Edith Mebane, \*Maria Magdalena Medrano, \*Agnes Moore, \*Clarence Morris, \*Gina Myers, \*Iris Newman, \*Sheryl Newman, \*Amelie Ongbehalal, \*D. Cynhia Peters, \*James Pope, \*Dorothy Richburg, \*Auristela Roman, \*Rosa Maria Santos, \*Bonafacio Selayo \*Delores Sloan, \*Adrian Smith, \*Alice Smith, \*Bernadette Smith, \*Theresa Smith, \*Louise Sweatt, \*Suzie Thompson, \*Emily Towles, \*Dominic Valentine, \*Dorothy Waring, \*Paul Williams, \*Florentina Zoretta



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS®

Keane Council #353

**Annual Thanksgiving Fried Turkey** – Raffle tickets will be on sale after all masses. Winners will be announced after 10am mass on **November 18<sup>th</sup>**.

**"LIVING WITH YOUR BAGS PACKED!"** Another three-part education presentation on estate planning and administration. The final presentation, on Incapacity Planning, will be on **Tuesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>**. Presentation will begin at 7pm and be held in the Lounge. Refreshments will be served.

### ATTENDANCE REPORT

11/11/18

**Attendance: 485 souls**  
Offerings & Tithes: \$8284  
Spanish Mass: \$483  
Utility fund: \$143



Youth choir. Malaika Campbell and Patrick Edwards are working with our kids on a new Youth Choir. Please sign up! All children are welcome. We

practice on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of the month and minister on Youth Sunday every month. For more information please contact Malaika Campbell at [myangel\\_mdc@comcast.net](mailto:myangel_mdc@comcast.net) or (202) 491-3019.

We are looking for volunteers to help one Sunday a month for 30 minutes during Mass. Contact Malaika Campbell at (202) 491-3019 or at [myangel\\_mdc@comcast.net](mailto:myangel_mdc@comcast.net)



## Aid to the Church in Need

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In solidarity with the persecuted Church, please join **Aid to the Church in Need** for a **Night of Witness**, part of a *worldwide* effort to honor present day martyrs and suffering Christian brothers and sisters. The *Night of Witness Vespers* service takes place on **November 28, 2018** from 6:30-8:00 PM at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. It will be followed by a reception. If you plan to attend, please visit <https://www.churchinneed.org/courage-in-red/> and click on the Yes, I will Attend button to RSVP.



**Immaculate Conception** is Dec. 8th - A special Marian Youth Day/Advent theme for our youth