



ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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November 18, 2018

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Dear Friends,

As I said last week during the 11:15 Sunday Mass, we were holding on to our 10% annual donation of total yearly income for 2017 to help Harvey Hurricane victims. However, thanks to your generosity and some outstanding donations from many others up and down the country, we did not have to touch our 10% annual gift to assist our Harvey outreach ministry. As a result, the Finance Council and the Harvey Outreach Committee decided to assist people in the Carolinas who were affected by Hurricane Florence. As many of you were affected by Hurricane Harvey know all too well, it is nice to know that people care. Our assistance targeted some of the areas in the greatest need. Please read some of the heart-warming responses we have received to date.

MASS TIMES

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:00 PM
Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:15 AM

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday - Friday, 12:15 PM

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4:00 - 4:30 PM

OFFICE HOURS

Monday -
10:00 AM



Friday -
4:00 PM

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“Prayers of Care and Hope from the Heart”

When Hurricane Harvey knocked us down last fall, we were helped back up through the generosity of so many. Among the numerous financial gifts we received was one from a parish in New Jersey. They had been through Hurricane Sandy previously and knew exactly what we were facing.

One year later, different name, different location, same devastation. This time it is Hurricane Florence, and it strikes the Carolinas. We knew it was time to pay it forward.

As Fr. Niall mentioned last week, this year our parish's gift of 10% of our annual income, approximately \$86,000.00, was distributed to four parishes in North Carolina – St. Paul, St. Mildred, St. Egbert, and Infant of Prague – in New Bern, Swansboro, Morehead City, and Jacksonville, respectively.

“Prayers of care and hope from the heart” is how one recipient describes your generosity. Others send the following notes of thanksgiving:

“This is an unbelievable gift and blessing! It is impossible to find words that could possibly express the appreciation for this much needed “boost” for our displaced families.”

“Your gift arrived at the perfect time! Wish you could have seen the faces of humble, grateful people. “

“Your kindness touched many hearts, God is alive and well through people like yourself!”

“Your amazing and generous gift just arrived. Thank you so much! Be assured of special prayers.

On behalf of all who will benefit, we sincerely thank you! We are overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness! “

“Thank you. I look forward to sharing your generosity among the too many here who are out of home and normalcy. “

“Our prayers of Thanksgiving go especially for your prayers of care. One lady here said with tears in her eyes, “Thank you Father. You are leading us with hope from the heart.” I truly sense the power of y'all's prayers empowering and enabling me to lead in the Lord.”

On behalf of the Disaster Relief Ministry Team and the Finance Committee, thank you for making this possible.

Betty Vitek - Chair of Disaster Relief Ministry Team

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Happy Thanksgiving!

Happy Thanksgiving to one and all this coming week. Enjoy your family and friends, and safe travels to all who will be on the roads or in the air.

I will be across the pond catching up with my family and introducing them to a version of "Thanksgiving" in honor of all my American friends over here. Rest assured that they will, I am sure, try to undo any strange colloquialisms I may have acquired and/or any other strange foreign habits!

The parish office will be closed Thursday and Friday (11/22 and 11/23) for the holiday. There is also no daily Mass next week because, as I have said, "I will be across the pond."

Fr. Richard Wahl, who you all probably know by now, will be your celebrant at all the Masses next weekend (11/24 & 25).

Have a great Thanksgiving and be safe.

Fr. Diell

November Club 55+ Bus Trip

Our next bus trip is to the world-class **Round Top Festival Institute**. We will depart on **Tuesday, November 27**, from the church at 8:45 am to take a tour of the campus grounds, Festival Concert Hall, the David W. Guion and Anders and Josephine Oxehufwud Museum Rooms, the Edythe Bates Old Chapel and the Menke House parlors. We will stay at the institute for a buffet lunch at the Menke House. After lunch, we will stop by the **Chappell Hill Lavender Farm** for a short visit and should return by about 4:00 pm. The cost is **\$27** per person which does include lunch.

Please mail your checks payable to Diane Goyette, 5607 Summer Snow Drive, Houston, TX 77041 as soon as possible to reserve your spot for the Round Top trip. Contact Diane at diane@goyette.info or 713-540-7884, or Henry at 281-684-7030. As always, the bus trip is open to everyone age 50 and over.

PARISH WEBSITE

stcatherine-houston.org

PARISH CALENDAR

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SAT 17** Second Collection-Campaign for Human Development
5:00 PM Vigil Mass
†Thurston Clark
- SUN 18** **8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
11:15 AM Sunday Mass
- MON 19** **No Daily Mass**
OFFICE HOURS: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- TUES 20** **No Daily Mass**
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- WED 21** **No Daily Mass**
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- THURS 22** **No Daily Mass**
Thanksgiving - Office Closed
- FRI 23** **No Daily Mass**
Office Closed

Thirty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- SAT 24** **5:00 PM Vigil Mass**
†Rebecca Mosman
- SUN 25** **8:30 AM Sunday Mass**
11:15 AM Sunday Mass

Retreat for Men of St. Catherine's Parish

The annual men's retreat is scheduled for January 4-6, 2019, at Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center, 430 Bunker Hill Road. The theme is "At the Name of Jesus: A Holy Name Retreat." Registration can be made online at www.holynameretreatcenter.com or by using the form found in the brochures located on our bulletin board. Please call Charles Hrachovy at 713-468-0259 for more information.