

"For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away"

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – "A"
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November 12, 2023
100th year of service

Events for the week:

Sun., 11/19/23 – XXXIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:00AM – Holy Mass with the reading of the Memorial List, intention: for all Parishioners.

7:00PM – Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service at **First United Methodist Church.**

Tue., 11/21/23 – Solemnity – Presentation of the BVM.

8:40AM – Holy Mass

Wed., 11/22/23 – Commemoration of St. Cecilia

8:40AM – Holy Mass

Next Sunday, November 26: Solemnity – Christ the King - XXXIV Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's readings are all about the graces that God offers us every day. Each moment God is at work in us and in the world. Our task is to be aware of the opportunities offered and to respond.

I Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

II Reading: I Thessalonians 5:1-6

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to His disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on

10:00AM – Holy Mass *with the reading of the Memorial List*, intention for: +Bernard Halaburda Jr.

Next Sunday's Mass intentions: Nov. 26: +Bernard Halaburda Jr., Dec. 3: +August & Anna Elsave; Dec. 10: +James Dean; Dec. 17: +John David's family.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday best wishes are extended to: November 20 – Julian Bednarek.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK – especially for - James Panco – Jean Keim – Betty Brazausky - Marjorie Dean – Elaine Antalosky – Josephine Hause - Shawn Matz – Ronald Stabinsky. *H & R Center Tremont*: Dolores Halaburda. *Luther Ridge Pottsville, PA* – Marie Demnitski. *Rehab. & Nursing Center Pottsville, PA* – Thomas Justen.

my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special **Thanks** go out to: Organist, Mrs. Janina for cleaning and decorating the church, lector, collector, and the Sunday greeters.

Upcoming events:

- December 3 – **First Sunday of Advent** Cycle “B” begins.
- December 8 – **Solemnity – Conception of the BVM.**
- Sunday, December 17 – **Advent Penitential Service** before the Mass.
- Sunday, December 24 – 4th Sunday of Advent, and Christmas Eve; Holy Masses: **10:00AM, Christmas Vigil Mass – 4:00PM; Mass of Shepherds – 10:00PM.**
- December 25 – Christmas Day Mass at **11:00AM.**



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2023 – is scheduled for **Sunday, December 17, 2023 at 12:00Noon** in Fountain Springs Country Inn at 52 Country Club Rd., Ashland, PA. *Everyone will order from a menu and pay for an own dinner.* Everyone are welcome! Deadline to sign names is **December 10.**

‘KOLEDA – BLESSING OF HOMES 2024 – Visit of the priest at your home for a blessing and prayer is not only a gesture of keeping alive our ethnic and spiritual heritage but also an expression of faith and a manifestation of the family's unity with the Church and with our parish in particular. During the year, in every household there are moments of crisis, pain and sorrow. The best healing comes through prayer, blessing and an act of faith through Jesus Christ. Please don't neglect this very special opportunity during this special time of the year. A visitation begins after **January 6.** If anyone would like your home to be blessed, please contact the Pastor personally ASAP; deadline is **DECEMBER 1, 2023.**

A properly-prepared home displays a white linen cloth, upon which is placed a crucifix, a blessed candle, holy water and chalk.

"Fear of the Lord prolongs life, but the years of the wicked are cut short.
The hope of the just brings joy, but the expectation of the wicked
perishes". (*Proverbs 10:27-28*)

HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING !