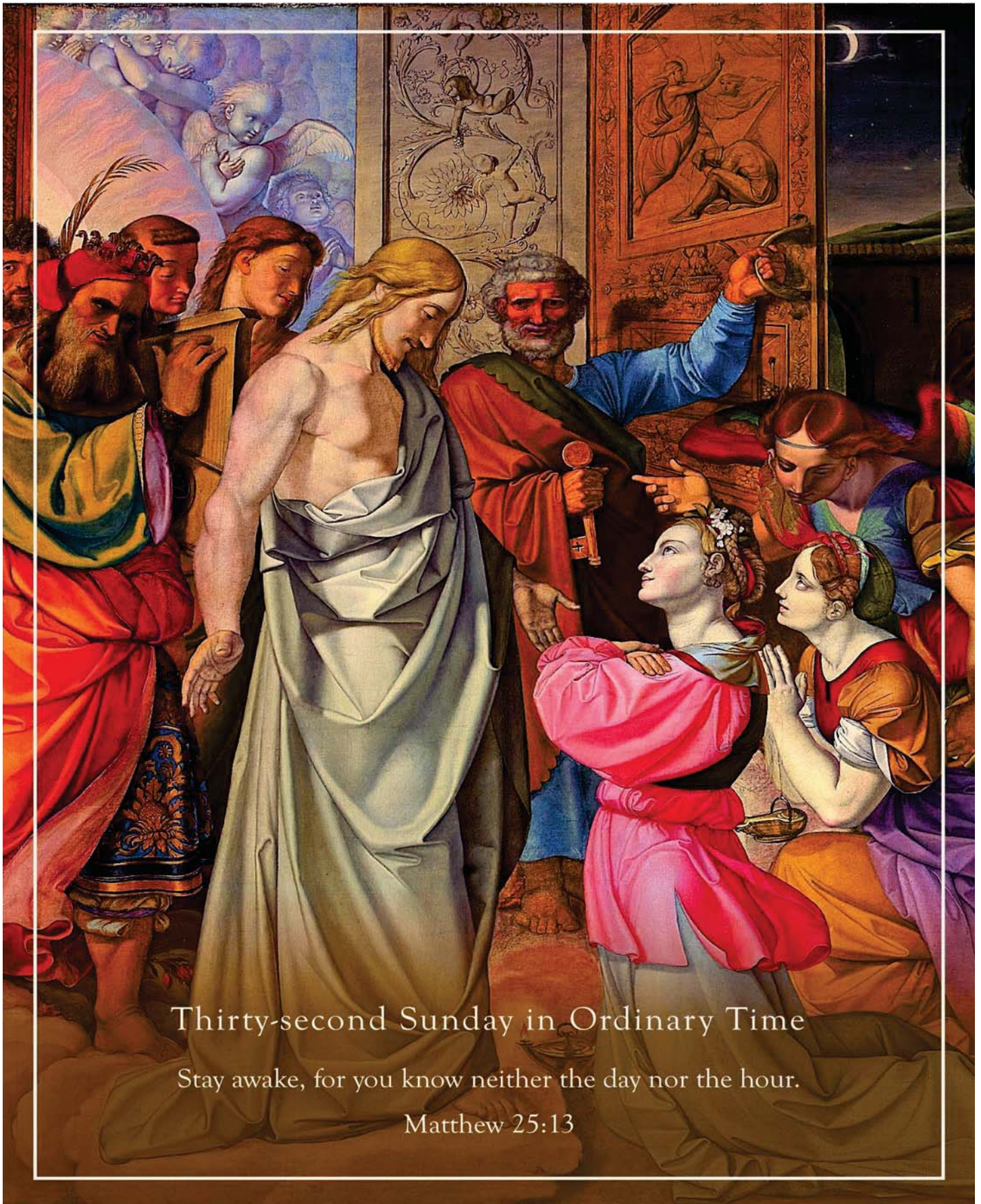


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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Matthew 25:13

Veterans Day originated as Armistice Day, marking the day and hour World War I ended - 11/11/1918. On this day we honor all the veterans who served our great country in all branches of the military.

At 11am, in our nation's capital, a wreath is laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery. Then a parade of colors by various veterans organizations take place, with various dignitaries giving speeches.

In one ceremony, President Ronald Reagan quoted President Calvin Coolidge. "A nation which forgets its defenders will be itself forgotten." He went on to say, "Nothing is more important to the soul of America than remembering and honoring those who gave of themselves so that we might enjoy the fruits of peace and liberty."

I think it is appropriate that this commemoration falls in the same month as All Saints Day. The day we set aside to honor all our Christian soldiers who fought the good fight and attained the glories of Heaven.

One of those Christian soldiers is the Austrian, Blessed Franz Jagerstatter. Franz's father died during WWI, Franz was adopted and eventually became a farmer. He married his wife Franziska and together they had three daughters.

When Germany annexed Austria in 1938, Franz publicly opposed it. He was drafted into the army but received a deferment. He was drafted and deferred two more times and was urged by his pastor and other priests, and the bishop not to refuse to serve if drafted again. Franz was called up and refused to take the oath of loyalty to Hitler. For that, Franz was imprisoned. He volunteered to serve as a medic, but that was brushed over.

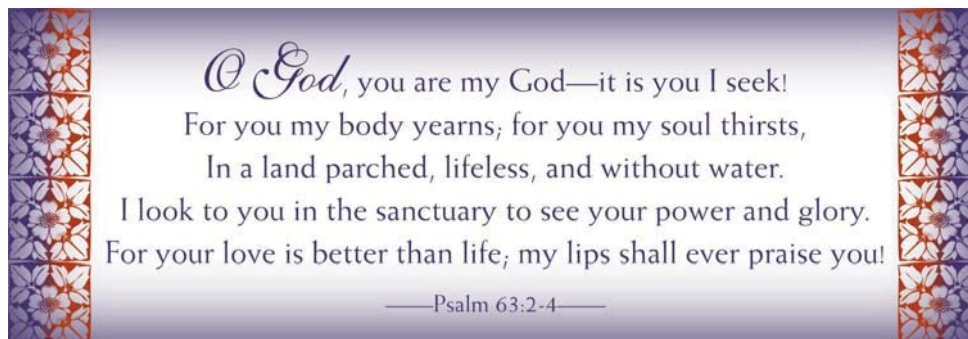
During Holy Week 1943, Franz wrote to his wife. "Easter is coming and, if it should be God's will that we can never again celebrate Easter together in our intimate family circle, we can still look ahead in the happy confidence, that when the eternal Easter morning dawns, no one in our family circle shall be missing - so we can then be permitted to rejoice together forever."

His bishop, his priest, his lawyer urged him to relent. He was an outcast in his village, but Franz had a well-formed conscience. He refused to compromise his faith, or side with the hypocrites. Or follow along with the masses. Franz had "one master, the Christ." He wrote, "I know that, if I do what I think God wants me to do, He will take care of my family."

Franz lived his life with quiet conviction.

On August 9, 1943, Franz was beheaded and cremated. He died as a soldier of Christ. The movie, "A Hidden Life," recounts the story of a man dedicated to his country, devoted to his family and in love with God.

In this month of November, may we prove our love for "the one Father in Heaven" by calling upon our friends, the saints and our Mother Mary to help us honor those veterans who gave of themselves, and with our prayers and penances remember all the holy souls in purgatory.



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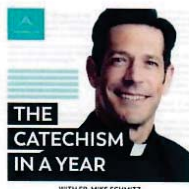
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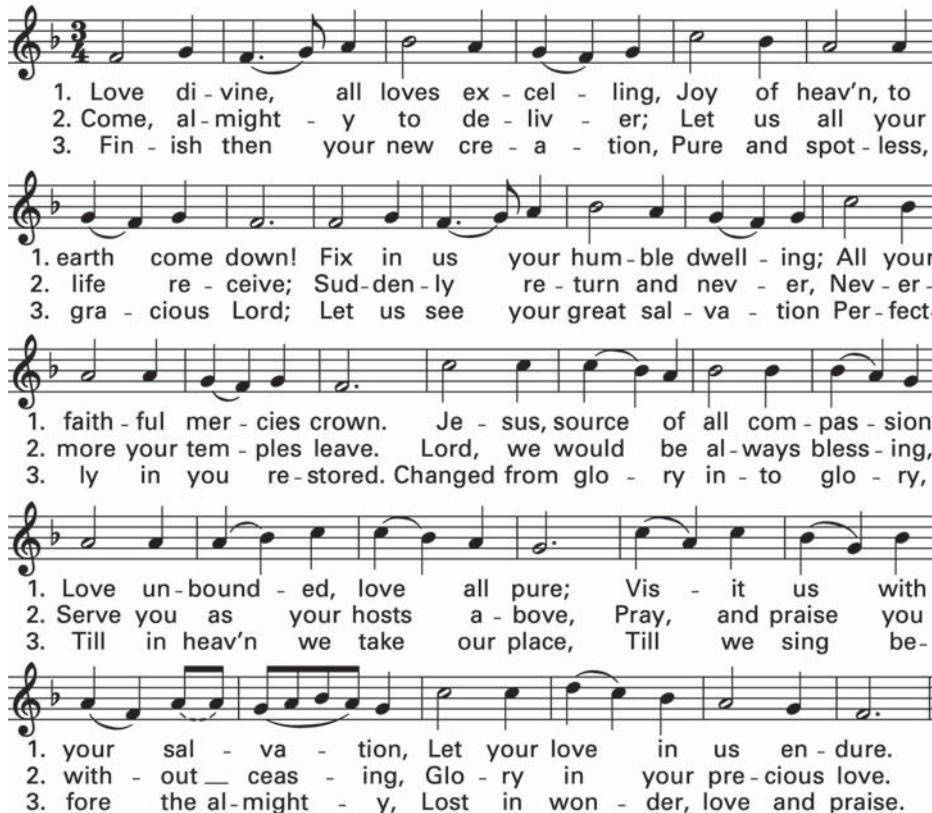
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON*Ps 88 (87): 3*

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

ENTRANCE HYMN*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*


1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er; Let us all your
3. Fin - ish then your new cre - a - tion, Pure and spot - less,

1. earth come down! Fix in us your hum - ble dwell - ing; All your
2. life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn and nev - er, Nev - er -
3. gra - cious Lord; Let us see your great sal - va - tion Per - fect -

1. faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, source of all com - pas - sion,
2. more your tem - ples leave. Lord, we would be al - ways bless - ing,
3. ly in you re - stored. Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

1. Love un - bound - ed, love all pure; Vis - it us with
2. Serve you as your hosts a - bove, Pray, and praise you
3. Till in heav'n we take our place, Till we sing be -

1. your sal - va - tion, Let your love in us en - dure.
2. with - out - ceas - ing, Glo - ry in your pre - cious love.
3. fore the al - might - y, Lost in won - der, love and praise.

PENITENTIAL ACT - GLORIA*Refer to Pew Card*FIRST READING*Wis 6: 12-16*

Resplendent and unfading is wisdom, and she is readily perceived by those who love her, and found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known in anticipation of their desire; Whoever watches for her at dawn shall not be disappointed, for he shall find her sitting by his gate. For taking thought of wisdom is the perfection of prudence, and whoever for her sake keeps vigil shall quickly be free from care; because she makes her own rounds, seeking those worthy of her, and graciously appears to them in the ways, and meets them with all solicitude.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM*Ps 63 (62): 2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8*


R. My soul is thirst - ing for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek;
for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory,
For your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name.
As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you.

I will remember you upon my couch, and through the night-watches I will meditate on you:
You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

SECOND READING*1 Thes 4: 13-18*

We do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, about those who have fallen asleep, so that you may not grieve like the rest, who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose, so too will God, through Jesus, bring with him those who have fallen asleep. Indeed, we tell you this, on the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will surely not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself, with a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God, will come down from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. Thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore, console one another with these words.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION*Mt 24: 42a, 44*

☞ Stay awake and be ready!
For you do not know on what day your Lord will come.

GOSPEL*Mt 25: 1-13*

Jesus told his disciples this parable: “The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, ‘Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise ones replied, ‘No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.’ While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’ But he said in reply, ‘Amen. I say to you, I do not know you.’ therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

CREED*Refer to Pew Card*COMMUNION ANTIPHON*Ps 23 (22): 1-2*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



COMMUNION HYMN*What Wondrous Love Is This*

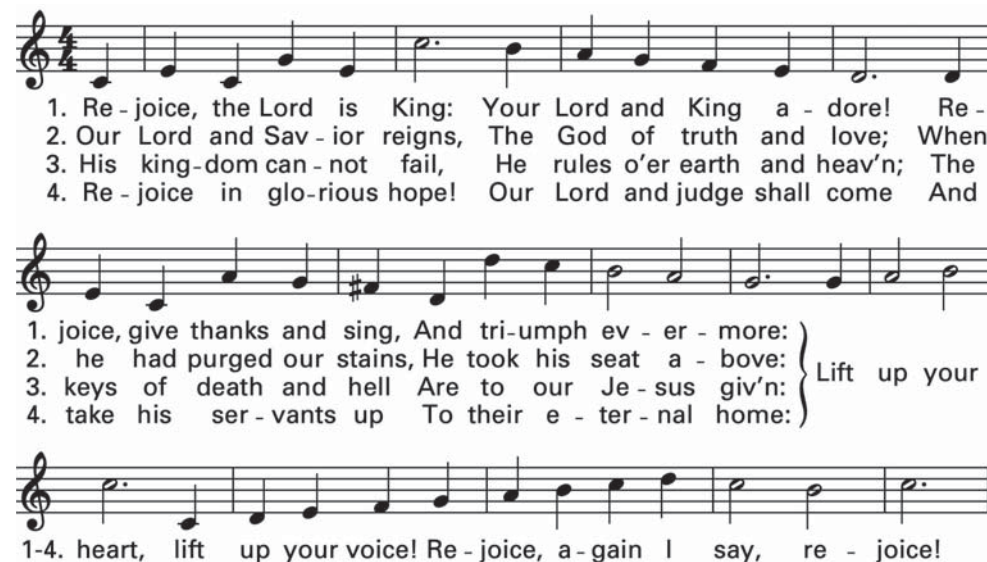

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my
 2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will
 3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing

1. soul? What won-drous love is this, O my soul? What
 2. sing; To God and to the Lamb, I will sing; To
 3. on; And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; And

1. won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of
 2. God and to the Lamb, who is the great I
 3. when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful

1. bliss To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul, for my
 2. AM, While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing, I will
 3. be, And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing

1. soul, To bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 2. sing; While mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.
 3. on! And through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on.

POSTLUDE AT ST. MONICA*Mr. Bush*RECESSIONAL HYMN*Rejoice, The Lord Is King*


1. Re-joyce, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Our Lord and Sav - ior reigns, The God of truth and love; When
 3. His king-dom can - not fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n; The
 4. Re - joyce in glo-rious hope! Our Lord and judge shall come And

1. joyce, give thanks and sing, And tri-umph ev - er - more:)
 2. he had purged our stains, He took his seat a - bove:) Lift up your
 3. keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus giv'n:)
 4. take his ser - vants up To their e - ter - nal home:)

1-4. heart, lift up your voice! Re - joyce, a - gain I say, re - joyce!

ST. MONICA PARISH

Saturday, November 11

9:00am VETERANS DAY MASS
 4:00pm For the Parishioners of St. Monica & St. Lucy Parishes

Sunday, November 12

9:00am Basil Arasi
 Anthony D'Iorio
 Betty Pollard
 Richy Gallagher
 Paul Delli Colli
 12:00pm Aline Duncan
 Valorie Duncan
 Mr. & Mrs. Mecleor Raza

Saturday, November 18

9:00am Joseph Lavigne
 Yvette Moran
 Mike Milnes
 4:00pm Charles & Helen Dobeck

Sunday, November 19

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 12:00pm Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

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Tues	11/14/23	Fr. David Michael	Diego Pena
Wed	11/15/23	Fr. Paul Aveni	Aaron Sanz
Thurs	11/16/23	Fr. Kevin Sepe	Deacon Giovanni Infante
Fri	11/17/23	Fr. Mark Riley	Vincenzo Caruso
Sat	11/18/23	Msgr. William Fay	Deacon Marcelo Ferrari

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Saturday, November 11

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Sunday, November 12

10:30am Deceased Members of Sons of Italy
 Barbara Sheehan
 Patricia Jankowski
 Harsh Amin
 Bill Chaisson
 Luz Puentes

Monday, November 13

9:00am Deceased Members of the Collins, Morley & Stanavich Families

Tuesday, November 14

9:00am Joan Jackson
 Tim Jackson

Thursday, November 16

9:00am LIVING INTENTIONS
 Phyllis Thomas
 Laura Torla

Friday, November 17

9:00am Colette Lebel

Saturday, November 18

4:00pm James Jessick

Sunday, November 19

10:30am William Ward
 Domenic & Guiseppi Rotonelli
 Carol Arkley
 Deceased Members of the Hamil Family
 Raymond A. Latulippe
 John J. Raineri
 Concetta D. Bella



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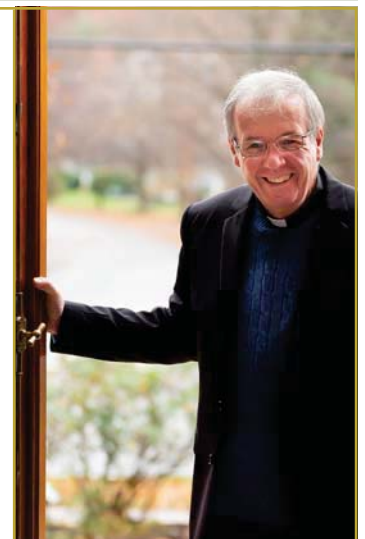


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