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CLERGY MASS SCHEDULE

All Mass Times 4:00 PM unless otherwise noted

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| November 4, 2018: 31 st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Bishop Carl |
| November 11, 2018: 32 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Fr. Bill |
| November 18, 2018: 33 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Fr. Tom |
| November 25, 2018: Solemnity of Christ the King | Bishop Robert |

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Prayer Intentions

If you would like us to remember a special intention for you at Mass, please contact one of our priests.

If you or someone you know is in need of spiritual assistance (prayers, Sacrament of the Sick, etc.), please contact one of our priests.

Inquiries regarding the administration of Sacraments or services (Baptisms, First Communion, Marriages, and Funerals) are welcomed.

Gospel Reflections

November 2018

Fr. Bill LaGrand, M.A.

November 4, 2018 – 31st Sunday on Ordinary Time: Jesus' answer to the scribe combines two laws as stated in Deuteronomy 6:4-5 and Leviticus 19:18. The stress is on interiority rather than external ritual observance. (Mark 12: 28-34)

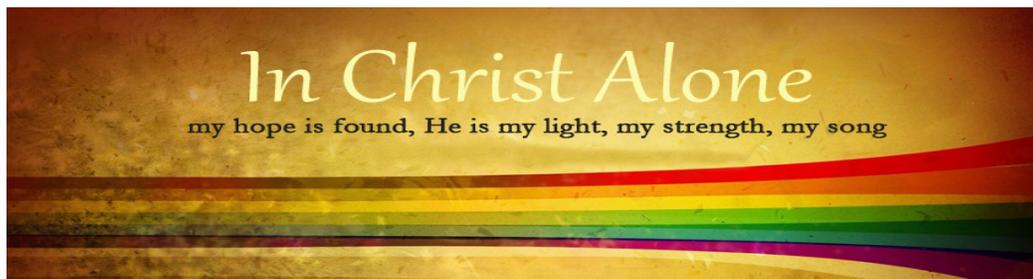
November 11, 2018 – 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: The story of the two widows teaches us that God loves us where we are and in the way he finds us. He also loves us enough to not leave us there. (Mark 12: 38-44)

November 18, 2018 – 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: The readings can be fearful and misunderstood. However they also offer us a fearless challenge calling us beyond the distress of our times and to forgive to the point that there will no longer be a need for an offering of sin. (Hebrews 10:18)

November 25, 2018 – Solemnity of Christ the King: We are assured that God has the ultimate supremacy over the earth. The voices of chaos and hatred will be over and the Word of God that spoke life into us will be the final word.

From the Presiding Bishop's Desk

+Fr. Robert A. Catlett, Jr., M.Div., Presiding Bishop



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Once again, God's people have been senselessly attacked while participating in a worship service.

As you have heard by now, on Saturday, October 27, 2018, a lone gunman entered the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and opened fire on those attending a bris ceremony (the Jewish circumcision service and naming ceremony for a male in his eighth day of life), killing eleven (11) people and wounding six (6), four (4) of whom were Pittsburgh Police Officers who responded to the scene. I heard from one of my FBI Academy Classmates, who commands the Homicide Unit for the Pittsburgh Police Department, who told me his officers will survive their injuries, although one of them was seriously wounded and it was "touch and go" for that officer for the first several hours at the hospital. He added they are grateful they have some of the best trauma hospitals in the country in Pittsburgh and that God was watching over the surgical teams treating the officers. They appreciate the thoughts and prayers being sent their way for their recovery.

Let us remember all victims of violence, especially the victims and their families of this tragedy in Pittsburgh, and pray for an end to these senseless acts of destruction perpetrated by those who seek to diminish our quest for peace in this world. Let us also pray for the first responders (Police, Fire, EMS) who rushed to the scene to render aid in the victims' times of need.

To the People of Pittsburgh, our brothers and sisters of the Jewish Faith, and all victims of violence, we stand and pray with you and for you during this difficult time.

Lord, we pray that you make us instruments of your peace.

On a happier note...

Our Church's 18th Annual Synod, just completed a week or so ago, was a big success in accomplishing our synod goals of prayer, education, and fellowship. Our presenters (Bishops Tom Coover and David Kocka and Father Bill LaGrand) provided an excellent presentation on church history and our "breathing with two lungs" – a study of Eastern and Western Churches.

A special thanks to Bishop David Kocka and his parishioners of Sacred Cross Oratory in Floyds Knobs, Indiana, for their hospitality and great food!

We had the honor and privilege of ordaining Fr. Luis Gutierrez, M.A., M.Div., from the Chicago, Illinois area, to the Sacred Order of Priesthood.

And by the way, mark your calendars, our 2019 Synod will be held the weekend of October 18-20, 2019, at Mercy Center in St. Louis, Missouri.

+Robert

From the Pastor's Desk

+Fr. Bob Catlett, M.Div.

Congratulations to our parishioners who have reasons to celebrate this month:

Birthdays:

Cindy Catlett: 11/1

Joan Schmid: 11/23

Anniversaries:

None this month!

2018 Synod: I would like to thank our parishioners, Barbara Butchart, Erlaine Eltomi, and Rosann Swaringim, who participated in this year's Synod at Sacred Cross Oratory in Floyds Knobs, Indiana. Your presence means so much to our clergy. The Council of Bishops also appreciates your participation at our Annual Synods.