

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, November 10: St. Leo the Great

4:30 Richard & Mary Murray, Constance Nelson †

### 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 11

8:30 For the parishioners of Assumption parish

10:30 Anne & Jim Mandeville †

5:30 Special Intention



### Monday, November 12: St. Josaphat

8:00 Paul & Doris McNamara † (Remembrance)

### Tuesday, November 13: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00 Kristin Vetelino † (Birthday Remembrance)

### Wednesday, November 14

8:00 Robert Jones – Special Intentions

### Thursday, November 15

8:00 Fr. Michael Greaney † (Birthday remembrance)  
& Antonina Orvidas † (Birthday Remembrance)

### Friday, November 16: St. Margaret, St. Gertrude

8:00 Kevin T. Tully †

### Saturday, November 17: St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 Kate Berrio – Birthday Intentions

4:30 Charles & Elizabeth McColough †

### 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, November 18

8:30 Georgina, David & Harry Hunter †

10:30 Andy Dean † (8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance)

5:30 Beth Sayers † (Remembrance)

## Welcome through the **WATERS of BAPTISM...**

Francesca Marie Hopkins

Adelina Wren Coppenrath-Hopkins

Anthony Wes Hopkins

Hunter Frederick Coppenrath

Sophia Marie Vardaro

Rosalie May Kelley

Jackson James Lannon



I baptize you in the name  
of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit



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### *All Ministries Meeting*

**Monday, November 19, 2018, 7:00pm**

Annual Meeting for: Eucharistic Ministers,  
Counters, Collectors, Art and Environment,  
Choir, Cantors, Musicians.

CORI forms will be collected, as well as  
(new) The Code of Conduct for volunteers.

Please let us know you are coming by calling or  
by email to the Church Office.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom  
of God.



Offertory Collection week ending November 4, 2018.  
\$6482. Budgeted \$5790. + \$692.

*Thank you for your generous response!*

Grand Annual: + \$1150... ...to date \$39,096.

**Next Weekend...** A second collection will be taken up for **Retired Religious Sisters**. Since 1988, the collection has provided needed financial support for religious communities who have served the Archdiocese of Boston as educators and health care and social service providers. Please give generously in recognition of the Sisters' years of dedicated service.

### **Gospel Reflection: Mark 12:41-44**

In Jesus' time a widow would have been very poor, and in this passage, a widow gave a pittance compared to the hefty donations of the others. However, Jesus wanted his disciples to understand that the widow's gift was far greater in value because despite her poverty she still gave selflessly. Such self-sacrifice is at the heart of true love; indeed, it is the heart of the Gospel.

From this story, we see that what matters in God's sight is not what a person has, but the devotion that causes him or her to give, even at great personal cost. The poorest of the poor can be "rich" in faith.

Reflect on this passage each time you make decisions about money this week. How does this passage challenge you? How does it challenge the values of our modern society?

Selfless giving isn't limited to money, it can be observed in relationships among family members, classmates, teammates, and friends. This week, find a way to give selflessly of yourself: your time, your talent, or your treasure.

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The **Daughters of St. Paul** (Jamaica Plain) will hold a **Benefit Christmas Concert** on Saturday, Dec.

1<sup>st</sup> at 7pm and on Sunday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm

at **Fontbonne Academy** (Milton). Tickets are \$20 (Children under 12 FREE). Group rates available. For information & tickets: call 617-522-8911 or go

online [pauline.org/bosconcert](http://pauline.org/bosconcert)



**FORMED – PICK OF THE WEEK**  
**Symbolon Series: Who is Jesus?**

Have you ever thought about your happiness or perhaps why you can't seem to find happiness? Watching this week's FORMED video will help you realize the source of true happiness! You will learn the impact that Jesus has had not only on the world, but also to each and every one of our lives. Please take a moment to watch session 5," Who is Jesus?" in the *Symbolon* series *Knowing Your Faith*.

To access the site, go to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org).  
Click on the register now button and add the parish code of **FT6KVZ** and your email.

**Marshfield Food Pantry** needs donations of food, pasta, soup and canned vegetables. Also needed are personal care items such as soap, shampoo, deodorants, detergents, diapers, razors, and shaving cream. You may bring your donations to the Food Pantry at their new location at Library Plaza on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10-12noon. Also, baskets will be set up in the entrances of the church for your donations. Monetary donations may be sent to PO Box 1097, Marshfield, Ma. 02050. Thank you!



**Sowing Seeds** welcomes donations of newer warm jackets, sweater and clothing for men, women and children in all sizes. Always needed are personal care items, diapers for babies and toddlers and baby wipes.

The Clothing Bank, located on the corner of Route 139 and School St., is open on Thursday and Saturday mornings from 10am to 12noon to distribute and receive donations. Thank you for your help.

Drivers are also needed to drive patients to medical appointments both locally and in Boston. If you can help, please call Sowing Seeds at 781-837-3337.

**Get Ready...Singo is coming back to OLA**

**SINGO = Bingo with songs instead of numbers.**

**We provide snacks, great music, and great prizes! You may BYOB and BYOfriend. Fun, inexpensive "date night" or night out with friends.**

**Come join the fun!**  
**Saturday, November 17, @ 7pm**



**TRUE MINISTRY**



What do you think it means to serve the Lord? We know this is something commanded in the Bible, but at times we're just not sure what to do. Often, we don't think we are adequate for the task. Or perhaps we're so busy with all our other duties and responsibilities that finding the time or energy to serve God seems impossible.

Instead of looking at ministry through the lens of obstacles blocking our path, let's see what God says about it. True service is not something we do for the Lord, but something He does through us. This pattern was set for us by Jesus Christ Himself, who said, "The Father abiding in Me does His works." (John 14:10). The apostles' lives also show this is what God had in Mind. When Jesus gave them the command to be His witnesses, He said to wait until they were "clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

By regarding service as God's work through us, we can have confidence – not in ourselves and our abilities, but in God, who makes us adequate for whatever He gives us to do. This perspective also keeps us from taking any credit for what we accomplish. Without the Lord's directive and the Spirit's empowerment, our service is worthless in God's eyes, no matter how productive it looks from a human standpoint.

What makes an effective servant of Christ is not natural abilities, creativity, or human initiative, but total dependence on Him for both direction and adequacy. God uses those who are weak, humble, submissive, and obedient so that He alone gets the glory. C.Stanley

*"If you want to be light  
You have to let go."*



**Faith, Religion and Science #23**

Religion furnishes the conceptual framework in which science can flourish. Modern science is the child of European civilization. This is due to the unique contribution of the Christian faith to Western culture. Science writer Loren Eiseley states: "It is the Christian world which finally gave birth in a clear, articulate fashion, to the experimental method of science itself." In contrast to pantheistic or animistic religions, Christianity does not view the world as divine or as indwelt by spirits, but rather as the natural product of a transcendent Creator who designed and brought it into being. Thus, the world is a rational place which is open to scientific and mathematical exploration and discovery.



*Keep Your Eyes On Jesus.*



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## Thinking about The Unthinkable

November 2018

I must confess, I never dreamed I would be writing about this. I have tried to live in denial for some time now, but after hearing of the fifth church shooting (during worship) since 2015 on October 27, only to be followed by an incident in Marshfield that involved a swat team on October 28, which happened to be a month after a Shelter-in-place order in Marshfield on September 24, it is time that I face the sad reality. Our hearts broke for the good people at the Tree of Life Synagogue when they experienced the unthinkable act of hate and violence at their Synagogue on Saturday October 27, as they gathered for the sabbath a tradition of God's faithful people that spans over four thousand years, the very foundation of our worship. In addition to being an admitted heinous act of hate and violence against that worshipping community and against Jewish people, The Tree of Life shooting has heightened the awareness in all of us and the potential threat to all religious gatherings, therefore we have no choice but be concerned. We continue to mourn with our Jewish brothers and sisters as we lift them in prayer.

Since 2002 the Catholic church has been working diligently to protect our people from the threats from within our church, particularly those who minister to our youth including our clergy and religious. While staying vigilant in those efforts, we now need to turn some attention to security of our buildings, potential threats from outside of our communities, and general safety for those who gather for worship. Our staff has been talking about this for some months now, and Fr.

Hennessey attended a meeting in the spring offered by the town of Marshfield, regarding public forums and security.

In speaking with someone who works in the area of public and national security this week, we spoke of the struggle with being safe while remaining welcoming. Our discussion led to the need to offer some appropriate and effective steps that we can take to increase our awareness of safety, not only in the case of an intruder, but of general safety to respond to medical emergencies, fire, need to evacuate, or shelter in place, and general good practices to provide for the safety of all.

**See something say something:** If you are here for Mass, Confession, Faith Formation or any other event, and you see something concerning, say something or act on it. Tell the priests, tell the deacon, for serious matters don't be afraid to interrupt the Mass. Whether it is a person having a low-sugar reaction or a person who is acting in a way that is concerning both inside and outside of the church. If the person is in distress, ask the person or whoever is with them what their medical condition is or if they know anything about what might be happening. Call 911 or pull a fire alarm in case of emergency, the fire alarms will alert the fire department, police and paramedics of an emergency situation.

● For those who are medical professional or familiar with emergency medical situations offer whatever assistance you can if a person needs medical attention. In the case of a need for medical attention, give the medical professionals and family and friends who are with the person in distress the space and privacy they need. There is a general first aid kit in the tables at the rear of the chapel, main church and in the choir area.

**Safety of Children and Adults:** We continue to make the safety of our children a top priority in all areas, inside and outside. Be attentive to children in the parking lot. Our restrooms are not in the best locations where some are located in concealed areas. I ask that a parent or older sibling accompany their child to the restroom when possible. If that is not always possible please be attentive to the period of time that they are away from you.

**Physical concerns with the building or property:** Do you smell gas? Is there plumbing problem? Are the walkways slippery? Do you smell something burning? Is there a door ajar that should be locked? Is there a fire? Make someone aware of it, proceed cautiously, or if there is an immediate threat pull the fire alarm. The fire alarm will alert the fire department immediately which will bring police and first responders to the scene.

- Be attentive in the parking lot to children, and those who have mobility problems, especially as people are entering and exiting. Knowing that our parking spaces are limited, please avoid parking at the ends of our two entrances, as not to obstruct visibility. If the walkways are ice, inform the priest or other volunteer. If you are able to assist, ice melt is at all entrances of our church — you don't need to seek permission to use it.

**Be prepared, be aware:** Do you know where the closest exit is? Fire and safety professionals say that most of us tend to automatically go to leave a place the same way we came in, particularly from the exit we came in, even if it is not the exit closest to us. When you enter the church or any public building for that matter, plan your exit route in case of emergency. (There are six exit doors at the main entrance of the church, two on the side of the lobby; there is an exit on the right near the organ, and the two leading from the chapel) Know where the fire alarms are located. (there are red pull boxes at each door of the church, and one outside of the door near the organ.) Is there a person outside of the building or in a car the parking lot who concerns you? Has someone come into the church at an odd time? Is there someone or something present that causes concern? Again, tell the priests, tell the deacon, for serious matters don't be afraid to interrupt the Mass or when appropriate, call 911 or pull the fire alarm.

- For those who work in law enforcement and public safety, when you come to Mass take a moment or two to look around and assess the atmosphere of the building and assembled faithful. In the case of an emergency, follow the instructions given by these professionals or first responders.

**What to do if there is an intruder who wants to harm someone, or randomly harm us all?** None of us want to think about this, but we need to be aware. The universal response to a shooter or bomber, is "**Flee, Hide and Fight!**" If you are able to safely escape, "get out of there!" and get to a safe place. Call 911 if possible and alert them of the situation. Pull the fire alarm, the sound of the alarm could confuse the person, and botch their plan. If you cannot get away safely, your next best option is to hide: under the pews, in a closet or bathroom, under or behind furniture. If in a room, turn off lights, if possible, lock and barricade the door, stay still and quiet. If you can, call 911, call even if you don't say anything. If things seem to settle down, do not move! Stay where you are and follow the instructions of first responders. Fight: As a last resort only! If there is an immediate threat to you, try to stop the person before they stop you, by whatever means you have.

Last year, I would have said, this can't happen in Marshfield and most likely it won't. The good people of the Tree of Life Synagogue, or Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston SC may have thought the same thing. But as I mentioned, overall safety for every situation is something to be aware of. In the past four plus years I have experienced a faithfulness in the people of Our Lady of the Assumption that is edifying, and we cannot let people with bad intentions intimidate us from the practice of our faith. I personally think that we are more likely to encounter a low sugar reaction from a diabetic, someone experiencing chest pains, the smell of gas or smoke and those are also serious in their own right. I have experienced 5 or so medical emergencies during Mass here in time as Administrator, and they were handled well, thanks to people in our parish community who knew what to do.

Unlike Cain's distorted justification after killing his brother Abel in the book of Genesis, we are the keepers of our brothers and sister, that defines who we are as Christians. Yes, I never dreamed of writing an article like this, and I had hoped that I wouldn't have to, but I am the keeper of all of you - my brothers and sisters in Christ, therefore I could do nothing less.

With Love,



