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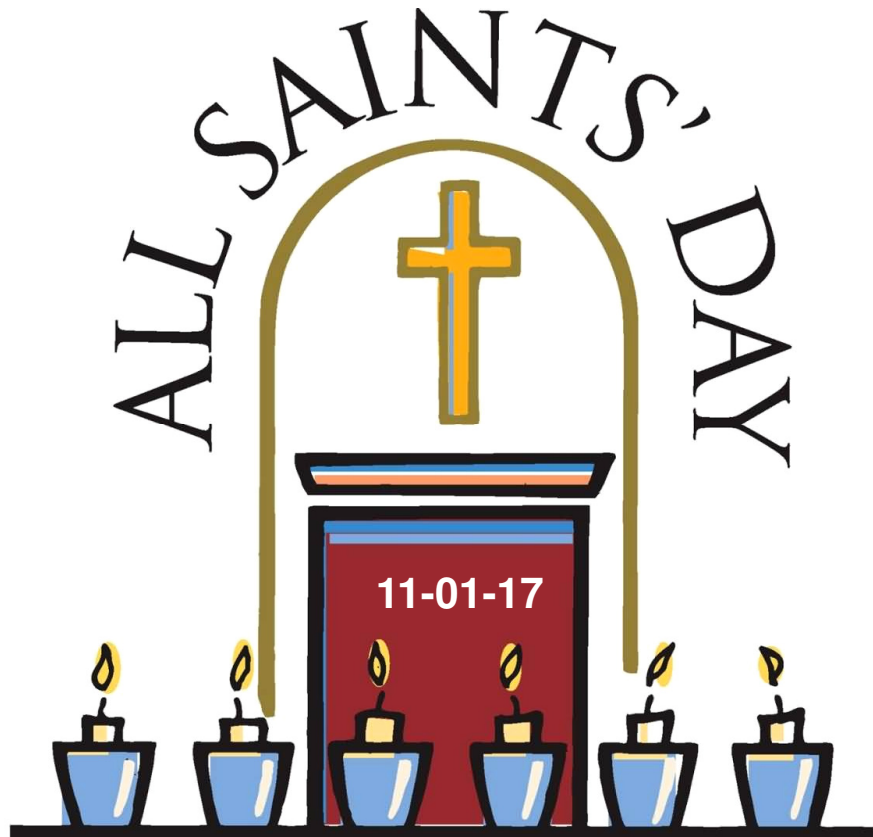
**30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SAINT BENEDICT

**OCTOBER 29, 2017**

SAINT SCHOLASTICA

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St. Scholastica Parish  
17320 Rosemont  
Detroit, Michigan 48219  
[www.stscholasticachurch.org](http://www.stscholasticachurch.org)  
Fr. James Lowe, CC , Pastor

### MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	8:00 a.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.
Sunday	10:00 a.m.
Holydays	8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

### MARRIAGE

Parish priest must be contacted six months prior to date of intended marriage.

### BAPTISMS

Contact Fr. James Lowe, CC

### CONFESSIONS

Tuesday - Saturday Mornings: Immediately Following Mass  
Saturday Evening Mass: 3:45 p.m. until 4:15 p.m.  
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.  
All other times - Call Parish Office For Appointment

### ROSARY

Sunday 9:30 a.m. in the Chapel

### PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office .....(313) 531-0140  
Fax .....(313) 531-0739

**FR. JAMES W. LOWE, CC**

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*Dearly Beloved Parishioners,*

**GOD IS LOVE!** These are the first three words of the first Encyclical letter written by Pope Benedict XVI. The truth....not only is God LOVE....God **loves YOU personally!** As Fr. Michael Scherrey always says, "**Jesus loves you**". These are not just empty words or a catchy phrase. Jesus showed how much He loves you by dying for you on the cross! **No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. (John 15:13)** So powerful are these words that I chose John 15:13 as the scripture to put on my ordination card and as the foundation of my priesthood.

This is a powerful truth. **God loved you first.** It ought to be a natural response to want to love him in return! Jesus tells us in the Gospel that the two greatest commandments are to love God and love neighbor. This ought to be easy to do. It ought to be easy to love God and to love neighbor. We shouldn't think of loving God and loving our neighbor as a "commandment". Yet God had to give us a commandment to love him and to love our neighbor. Why? Because in order to love, I have to first **know that I am loved!** Not just an intellectual knowledge in the mind. I have to have an **experience of love** in the heart before I can know how to show love from the heart to God and others.

The problem....often times we forget our first love. We begin to turn our gaze upon other people and other things. We forget how much God loves us. When we turn our gaze away from God's expression of love towards us, we lose our ability to love God in return and to share God's love with our neighbor. This is sin. Sin separates us from the love and mercy of God. He never stops offering himself to us, we turn our backs to Him.

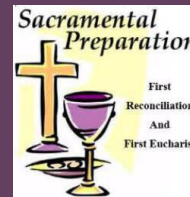
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The solution....Jesus! The Cross! **"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."** (John 3:16) We return our gaze from people and things of the world to the cross of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! He reconciles us to the love and mercy of the Father.

Today, take some time to gaze upon a crucifix and think about how much God really loves you. If necessary, ask for forgiveness for not making Him your first love. Ask Jesus to help you to respond to His love for you by loving Him and loving your neighbors...not with a human love, but with the very love and mercy of God himself who loved you first! My beloved brothers and sisters, I love each and every one of you because God loved me first!

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. Jim Lowe, CC

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION HAS BEGUN !**

We are blessed to have participants for First Communion, Reconciliation, Confirmation and RCIA in this year's Sacramental Preparation Program. We will be meeting in the Convent on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month at 10:00 A.M. You may still register for these classes.

If you or anyone that you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, please come and invite them to attend our adult RCIA Classes.

We are accepting children ages 6.5 to 14 years old for First Communion, Reconciliation and Confirmation.

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Tuesday, October 31, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

8:00 a. m.

Thursday, November 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. † Marcella Neaton by Fermon and Cheryl Sanders

Friday, November 3, 2017

8:00 a.m.

Saturday, November 4, 2017

8:00 a.m

4:30 p. m The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Vito and Josephine Caruso by the Family

Sunday, November 5, 2017

10:00 a.m. For Parishioners

### MASS ASSIGNMENTS

Saturday, November 4, 2017

4:30 p.m. Lectors: Doris Dudley  
Helen Burton

Blood of Christ: Gubbie Bey

Eucharistic Ministers



Sunday, November 5, 2017

10:00 a. m. Lectors: Belinda Hernandez  
Jonathan Jackson

Blood of Christ: Gloria Pernelle  
Blood of Christ: Robert Pavlik



We continue to pray for our sick and homebound parish members, Bruce Henderson, Elma Thorpe, Annie Laurie Shannan, Courtney Atlas, Eileen Clark, Sandra Moulton, Christopher Staff, Mary Madigan, Margaret Porath, Drew Lund, Roland Martin, Marian Hubbard, Madelyn Smith, Willie Beale, Jean Geran, Betty Kell, Gloria Seacord, Fermon Sanders, Diverna Stephenson, E. Napoleon Burton, William Walker, Albert Jackson, Daisy Allen. Victoria Crowe, Gertrude Strale, Mary Christian, Matthew Onwudingo, Irma Gisstennar, Justin Doucette, Ellen Casey, and Denise Goodine.

## Parish Calendar:

### PRAY THE ROSARY DURING OCTOBER

November 1, 2017

Acts Bible Study (Day) —12:00 p.m.

November 2, 2017

Acts Bible Study— 6:30 p.m.

November 3, 2017

First Friday Mass—8:00 a.m.

Litany of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Become the Fire —6:30 p.m.

November 4, 2017

Men's Group—6:30 a.m.—Chapel

Mass—8:00 a.m. Followed by Adoration and Blessing of Property

Mass—4:30 p. m.

November 5, 2017

Rosary—9:30 a.m.

Memorial Mass—10:00 a.m. Church Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick



That November 1st is All Saints Day and a Holy Day of Obligation?

That November 2nd is All Souls Day? That November is the month that we pray for the deceased?

That our annual Memorial Mass will be held at the 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 5th?

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## SUNDAY COLLECTION

September, 2017

**Collected: \$4,587.17**

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**BLACK CATHOLIC MINISTRIES**

The Black Catholic Ministries Office is presenting “My Soul Says Yes!” — a gospel experience featuring the Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir — at St. John Vianney Church next Sunday, November 5.

The Black Catholic Ministries Gospel Choir was formed in the 1980s to share the gospel message to all communities through the African culture. The choir is committed to the transforming power in songs of prayer and praise.

Gifts to the Catholic Services Appeal help the Archdiocese of Detroit minister to our African-American community. The Office of Black Catholic Ministries focuses on evangelization and the certification of lay ministers; provides worship, education, and community services; and also serves as a resource for archdiocesan offices. For more information about CSA-funded ministries, programs, and services, please go to [www.AOD.org](http://www.AOD.org).

**Christmas Donation Request for CCSEM Programs and Services**

During the next few months, prior to Advent and Christmas 2017, the ministries at Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan (CCSEM) are collecting donations to serve the needy. “The Christmas season is an especially important time for us to gather donations,” said Dave Bartek, CCSEM Chief Executive Officer. “People are especially inclined to give during the holidays, but the need for the individuals and families we serve extends throughout the year. That is why we hope to fill our shelves this Christmas to meet those needs for the upcoming year.” Items being collected include infant clothing, baby food and formula, diapers, baby and adult hygiene items, coats and clothing for school-age children and teens, household items, and gift cards for department stores, grocery stores and gasoline. For more information and a complete list of items needed, contact Kelly Luttinen at CCSEM at 248-548-4044 ext. 3621 or [luttinenk@ccsem.org](mailto:luttinenk@ccsem.org).



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IN THIS SPACE ARE THE HYMN SELECTIONS FOR THE DAY. PLEASE LIFT YOUR VOICES AND JOIN IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE MASS.

**THIS WEEK’S HYMNS ARE FOUND IN THE  
“WE CELEBRATE HYMNAL”**

<b>OPENING HYMN:</b> “All Are Welcome”	911
<b>OFFERTORY:</b> “ At the Table of the World”	684
<b>COMMUNION:</b> “A New Commandment”	853
<b>CLOSING HYMN:</b> “For the Fruits of All Creation”	988