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**THIRTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

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# THE VIRTUE OF HUMILITY (31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A)

Many observers of nature and indeed of human nature note how there is an order and a hierarchy in things, whether this is something like the food chain or how any organization works. People often speak about the “natural order” of things. Thinking about this further, people also like to be recognized and acknowledged and concerns about one’s status or standing in a community can be very important indeed. A loss of status, or the experience of being ignored or snubbed, can be very difficult to bear.

In the Gospel for this weekend, Jesus speaks about such matters. But, he is critical of those who seek status, or those who have the expectation that they should be constantly acknowledged as important people. So, why is he so critical of what might, at first glance, seem to be something natural: part of that natural order? Perhaps it is because this approach to life can so easily lead to an inflated sense of self-importance and to the sort of ambition that tramples down others to feed that ambition. Jesus mentions “tying up burdens” on others, for example. Worse still, all this focus on status and importance can lead to a super ego and a lack of awareness or sensitivity to others. In extreme cases, people can see themselves as exceptions to every social convention, or even as above the law. I am sure that many of us have seen how such an attitude in a person sadly leads to the break-up of relationships and to many trials and difficulties.

Instead, our Lord teaches us about a virtue that can be the antidote to this. It is not perhaps a very popular virtue in our present culture and yet it is essential for human and spiritual growth. It is, of course, the virtue of *humility*. However, we need to be clear what this means. It is not a sort of weak or simpering attitude, or of having a very low self-esteem. Nor is it going around saying how terrible we are. Ironically, this can be a sort of pride; for when we pull ourselves down, then we can really be waiting for others to say how great we are!

So, what is this virtue of humility? If we look at the root of the word, we can easily grasp something of what humility might be. Our English word “humility” comes from the Latin word *humus* which means “of the earth” or “earthed”. Humility, then, means being earthed: that is being grounded or realistic and honest about who we are. It means having a deep knowledge and understanding of both our gifts and our strengths,

but also of our faults and failings. Humility also helps us to recognize that we are not self-made: we rely on others and above all on God! Once we are grounded like this, two great things can take place.

First, we can use our gifts and talents happily and in service of others. We are no longer looking over our shoulder to see who might be competing with us, or whether doing something will gain us more points and increase our status. Instead, it helps us to be generous to others and also thoughtful of others. We are still ambitious in a way; but this ambition is for using well the gifts that God has given to us. We understand that they are not our gifts in service of our ego, but rather that God has given us these gifts to be used in his service.

Secondly, it also means that we can make spiritual progress. With God’s help, we can build up our strengths, but also work on our weaknesses. Humility teaches us that we are not perfect and that we need to develop ways to overcome them and that we rely totally on God’s help to do all this. Sometimes too, we may feel that we have so many faults and failings. True humility will stop us being discouraged or giving up. Instead, it helps us to seek out God’s help and to know that God loves us and is with us. A great way to grow in humility is to take a minute or two at the end of each day and to make an *examination of conscience*. We can simply review the day and look at how we have used our gifts well and where we have fallen down (and then resolve to do better the next day). The examination always includes asking for God’s help in this project. Furthermore, we have what we might call the sacrament of humility: reconciliation or confession. It is a wonderful way to heal our faults and failings that in all humility we can see and then to be filled with God’s love and strength to try again to grow in goodness and in love.

*K. Smith*



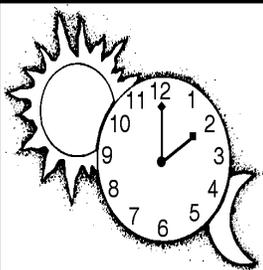
**CELEBRATE WITH FATHER GERKEN  
60th Anniversary of Ordination  
to the Priesthood**

November 5, 2017  
1:30 p.m.  
Pegasus Restaurant, Route 9W, Coxsackie

Reservations due by October 27, 2017  
\$30 per person  
(Includes meal, gratuity and gift)

**Avon Fundraiser - Reminder**

Orders will be distributed beginning Nov. 4th and 5th. Many thanks for supporting this fundraiser!



**Daylight Saving  
Time Ends**

**Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5.** We return to Eastern Standard Time. So on the night of Saturday, November 4, clocks are to be set back one hour.

**Dining Out For Others**

Help Catholic Charities fight hunger by "Dining Out For Others" every Wednesday in November at local partner restaurants. Go to [www.catholiccharitiescg.org](http://www.catholiccharitiescg.org) for a list of participating restaurants and dates.



**PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC  
ADORATION**

A preliminary plan to create a perpetual adoration chapel serving Columbia and Greene counties was presented at the September 12 Vicariate meeting. There are many details remaining to be worked out, and this is intended to be a collaborative effort involving area parishes. There will be an informational meeting at St. Mary's Academy on November 9 at 7:00p.m. for those interested in possibly serving in some capacity.



**Operation Pilgrim**

Beginning the weekend of October 28 and 29 we would appreciate donations of non-perishable foods for the Thanksgiving baskets that we put together for the less fortunate in our communities. This food drive will continue right up until Thanksgiving. Last year the Germantown Community Cupboard in conjunction with all the local churches put together 45 baskets for Thanksgiving. And Catholic Charities in Hudson assisted another 100 families.

Each week bring to Mass at least one item for a Thanksgiving dinner. **Hams or frozen turkeys are greatly appreciated.** In November all the groceries collected will be presented to our local food pantries. Last year over one hundred families were helped; so please help continue to respond to these needs.

**CASH:** We also accept monetary donations, just specify that it is for either Operation Pilgrim, Hudson, Operation Pilgrim, Germantown, or the Germantown Food Pantry.

To arrange to drop off turkeys, hams, or frozen goods in **Germantown**, call Arlene Liepshutz at 828-1334. To drop off items in **Hudson**, call Catholic Charities at 828-8660

**Thank you for caring**

**Annual Thanksgiving Dinner**

**Pies or other Desserts Needed**

Every year, for the past 30 years, Holy Trinity has helped the First Presbyterian Church offer a free Thanksgiving dinner for all by supplying pies or other desserts. Homemade items are a treat, but store bought are perfectly acceptable!

We need at least 30 pies. **Please.. drop your contribution off Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 12 noon,** at the *Christ Episcopal Church Hall* (located at 431 Union St.)

Thank you so much for your help in this wonderful service! If you have any questions, please call

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

**by Bud Ozar**

In today's gospel Jesus describes the vocation of parents: "The greatest among you will be your servant." Children take our blood, genes, strength, name, patience and resources. A parent's servitude begins at the moment of conception. The Lord is present in each of our acts of selfless service

# THE WEEK AHEAD

**TUESDAY, November 7**

## Vote on Election Day

This coming Tuesday is Election Day. Be sure to exercise your privilege and responsibility as a citizen by voting.

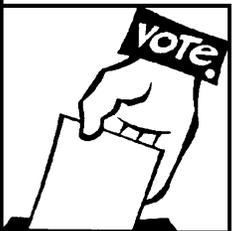
**THURSDAY, November 9**

- Bible Study - 7 p.m., St. Mary's Academy
- Adoration Chapel Committee Meeting - 7 p.m., St. Mary's Academy

**FRIDAY, November 10**

- Veterans Day observed - Office closed

## Election Day



On the ballot regarding the Convention on the Constitution, there will be a number of important matters. Of particular note are items relating to life and life issues (abortion, euthanasia, etc.)

Please spread the word that one needs to give thought to these important issues before voting.

For further information you may go to the Diocesan website: [www.RCDA.org](http://www.RCDA.org). On the menu click on OFFICES, go to the Respect Life Ministry. On the right side of the screen click on TAKE ACTION-LEGISLATION and this will bring you to the STATE-NYSCC for information regarding NYS Constitutional Convention.

## PATIENCE

with others is LOVE  
with self is HOPE  
with God is FAITH



## Advent Giving Tree

This weekend we have out our Advent Giving Trees decorated with name tags of residents of our local nursing homes and health care facilities.

We invite parishioners to take a name tag and get some kind of token gift for that person. Then **bring it in**, (and leave it in one of the Church vestibules) attractively wrapped, — with the name tag easily visible on the package — **around the weekend of December 8<sup>th</sup>**. The Christian Service Committee will then bring the gifts to the various facilities. If you have any questions, please call Arlene in Germantown at 518-537-6136, or Ann Drew in Hudson at 518-828-3242.

Here are some suggestions for what to get:

### WOMEN

### MEN

- Caress body wash
- Aftershave
- Dove Body Wash
- White socks
- Cologne, body mist
- Lotions
- Hand creams, lotions
- Shaving mirrors
- Knee Hi's & Thigh Hi's
- stands
- Scarf
- Ball caps

### GENERAL SUGGESTIONS

- Battery operated wall clocks
- Hand mirrors
- Mirrors with stands
- Dove soap

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others remains, and is immortal. — *Albert Pike*

### HUDSON

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| Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Oct. 29)..... | \$ |
| 5456.00                                       |    |
| Utilities.....                                | \$ |
| 318.00  |    |
| Seminarian Support.....                       |    |
| \$ 442.00                                     |    |

### GERMANTOWN

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| Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Oct. 29)..... | \$1,526.00 |
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# SACRAMENTS

*The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.*

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

**RECONCILIATION:** Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

**VOCATIONS:** If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

## READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 240 Opening Hymn: # 461 Closing: # 528

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### MONDAY: Weekday (Nov. 6)

7:15 AM Michael & Son Nathaniel Keyser - Barbara Ellsworth  
Janet Carley Towner - Dick & Frieda Van Deusen

### TUESDAY: Weekday (Nov. 7)

7:15 AM Rose Leach - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue  
Jolanda (Julia) Owens - Elaine Erickson

### WEDNESDAY: Weekday (Nov. 8)

7:15 AM Michael & Son Nathaniel Keyser - Dick & Frieda

Van Deusen

Wanda Walls - Charles & Mary Ann Vieni

### THURSDAY: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Nov. 9)

7:15 AM Rose Leach - Antoinette Stalker  
Michael & Son Nathaniel Keyser - Niesen Family

### FRIDAY: St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church (Nov. 10)

7:15 AM Michael and Son Nathaniel Keyser - Hoffman, Cox &

Peduzzi Families

Julia Owens - Ray and Carol Ann Paul

9:00 AM Frank Jurkowski - Wife & Family

(G'TWN) Ponzini Family - Maria Barbini

## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (Nov. 11)

4:00 PM Frank Havlik - Wife & Children  
(HUD) Thomas C. Quigley & Marylou Bujanow - Family  
Linda DeRuzzio - Pat & Dick Nobes

5:30 PM Carmela & Philip Manuli - Phyllis Manuli

(G'TWN) Evahelen Egan - Teresa Lane, Dorothy, Anthony &

Tom Scrodin

Living & Deceased of the Parish

### SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (Nov 12)

9:00 AM Stanley & Veronica Jezuit - Rita & Harry Koeppl  
(HUD) Edward Konow III - Tom & Carol Fucito  
Mary Jane Fisher - Kevin & Sharon McHale

## Readings for the Week of November 5

Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/

Mt 23:1-12

Monday: [Rom](#) 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde-3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1  
Cor 3:9c-11,

16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2-8/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/

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