



# Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 26, 2014

“You shall love the Lord, your God,  
with all your heart,  
with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.”  
— *Matthew 22:37*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26**

7:30 AM People of the Parish  
9:30 AM Patrick O'Malley

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 27**

9:00 AM Ann Marie Thomas

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28**

9:00 AM Angelo Buffone

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29**

9:00 AM Paula Robsock

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30**

9:00 AM Rebecca "Betty" Lurowist

### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31**

9:00 AM Michael & Alveria DeLuca

### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

9:00:AM People of the Parish  
4:30 PM All Souls Day Intentions

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

7:30 AM All Souls Day Intentions  
9:30 AM All Souls Day Intentions

\*\*\*\*\*

**THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS DAY** on Saturday November 1 is **NOT** a day of obligation. First Saturday Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

**SANCTUARY CANDLE THIS WEEK:** In memory of William McCloskey requested by Mary Ann Steele.

**PEACE CANDLE:** In memory of John J. Zeek requested by the Johnson Family.

**RESURRECTION CANDLE:** In memory of Johanna Wormer requested by Joselle Kinney.

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE:** In memory of Jane W. Heeson requested by Sab & Ellen Monatesti.

**THE ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE** in memory of Quentin & Bridget Belford given by their family.

**WE WELCOME** Adeline Johansen Lutz who was baptized here last weekend. God's blessing on this little one.

\*\*\*\*\*

## **BORN TO LOVE**

We were born to love, we live to love, and we will die to love still more.

—Joseph Cafasso

## **PARISH SUPPORT**

**October 19 Offering**

**DUE TO DEADLINES October 19 offerings will be reported next week**

Thank you for your generosity!

**ALL SOULS DAY:** In your offertory packet you will find an envelope for All Souls Day. On this envelope please write the names of your loved ones for whom you want Masses offered. The Mass on All Souls Day and five other Masses during the month of November will be offered for the persons whose names are listed on the envelope.

## PARISH DATEBOOK

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 27

**BIBLE STUDY/SHARING:** 1:30 PM in the meeting room.

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL:** 3:45 PM in the church.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29

**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA** in the church at 7:00 PM.

**ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL** in the church at 7:30 PM

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

**BLUE ARMY HOLY HOUR** will be prayed at 8:00 AM for vocations.

**FIRST SATURDAY MASS** will be celebrated at 9:00 AM.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

**CCD:** Classes in session 10:40 AM to 11:55 PM.

**ALL SOULS DAY:** Recitation of the Rosary & blessing of the graves at St. Mary's Cemetery at 2:00 PM. In the event of rain, the devotions will be in the church.



**Remember to turn your  
clocks  
“BACK”**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

**SERVICE FOR THE LORD**

**Next Sunday, November 2**

**Saturday, 4:30 PM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Canouse, B & D Deluca  
Lector: Stephens  
Altar Servers: 5  
Greeters: Torsella

**Sunday, 7:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Edwards, Kilcullen, Eroh  
Lector: Belford  
Altar Servers: 6  
Greeters: M & W Andrzejewski

**Sunday, 9:30 AM**

Eucharistic Ministers: Dante, Marston, Samsel  
Lector: Womer  
Altar Servers: 4  
Greeters: Carter & Dent

\*\*\*\*\*

**ST MARY’S POLISH POTTERY BINGO** will be held in our parish center on Sunday November 9, 2014. Doors open @ 12:30 PM. Games start at 2:00 PM. 20 games for \$20.00. Tickets are limited and are available in the parish office or by calling Joann @ 570- 759-9227. Your help is needed to purchase pottery. If you are able to make a monetary contribution, please call the parish office @ 570-759-8113. Thank you.

\*\*\*\*\*

**During the month of November we pray for the departed souls who were buried from St. Mary’s last year. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon them.**

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES:**

Sunday: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time;  
Priesthood Sunday;  
National World Youth Day (U.S.)  
Tuesday: Ss. Simon and Jude  
Friday: Halloween  
Saturday: All Saints; First Saturday

**LOVE SHOWN IN ACTION**

Do you receive the word of God with joy as the Thessalonians did? Their faith showed in their actions. They became models for other believers.

The first reading tells us to put our faith into action. This passage is part of a long list of ordinances God commanded the Israelites to observe. God will judge us by how we treat our neighbors. God will hear the cries of any whom we neglect or mistreat and will come to their defense.

In today’s Gospel the Pharisees put the question of God’s law to Jesus. “Which commandment of the law is the greatest?” (Matthew 22:36) How could he possibly choose from all the detailed commandments the Jews observed? He was sure to offend somebody by his answer! Of course, Jesus went right to the heart of the matter. Love is the greatest commandment—love of God and love of neighbor. Everything else is based on this.



**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Sadly, one of the most difficult reforms of the Second Vatican Council for the Church to embrace has been one of the most thorough and beautiful: the sacrament of penance. Because it is individual and private, it has been difficult for the changes to take root. Sometimes a priest may be grounded in the earlier form, and at other times the penitent may resist the priest’s attempt to blend in the proper texts and rituals.

Perhaps because the new form is almost identical in structure to the old, it has been difficult to insitute. It may also be true that with the liturgy in English now, it is far more clear that the Eucharist, too, is a “sacrament of reconciliation.”

It is certainly true that there are different skills and gifts in ministry, and experienced penitents know that not all priests are equally at ease in this sacramental encounter. Sometimes a difficult experience can drive people away from a liturgy that is spiritually rich and rewarding. Yet we know that one bad meal seldom puts people off restaurants forever: the dinner gong tends to dispel bad memories, and so we try again. Individual confession and absolution is for us both treasure and tradition. If you haven’t been for a while, consider coming back to praise God for this gift of mercy.