



**November 2, 2025**



**31st Sunday  
Ordinary Time**

Today's  
readings

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Weekday Mass

Monday & Thursday:  
8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Wednesday,  
and Friday:  
No Mass

#### Weekend Mass

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday:  
8:30 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

#### Confession:

Saturday: 3:00 p.m.  
Or by appointment

#### All Sacraments:

Please call the office



### OUR LOCATION

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#### Office Hours

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## Scripture Reflection

From Fr. Anthony Onoko:

### REFLECTION FOR ALL SOULS 2025

On November 1 we joyfully celebrated the solemnity of all the saints. We praised the goodness of God in the lives of all our brethren who are now happy forever with God in heaven.

Today, November 2, still in the spirit of communion, we turn to God asking for mercy for our brethren who have departed this world but yet to attain the perfection required to enter into the joy of heaven. They are souls undergoing purification in purgatory.

Many holy men and women and ordinary people have received countless apparitions and visions of purgatory, some people have been visited by souls in purgatory coming to request for prayers. These apparitions are so real and numerous that they can't be dismissed as phantoms.

In number 20 of Maria Faustina's diary, she narrated her vision of suffering souls in purgatory.

Who are those in purgatory and why are they there?

They are people we know, people who were once with us, family members, friends, acquaintances, colleagues etc.

### They are there for three reasons:

**I.** They died in the state of venial sins which need purification.

**II.** They are there to atone for temporal punishment due to mortal sins that the guilt has been removed but satisfaction has not been fully made.

**III.** They are people who have genuine but imperfect love of God. They were saints-in-making but died before attaining the sanctity required for heaven.

Purgatory is a place of mercy and justice.

God shows mercy to souls and allows them to be purified so as to be worthy of the company of the angels and saints.

It is a place of justice because God doesn't overlook any offence, everything must be atoned for whether in life or in purgatory (Exodus 34:7, Psalm 99:8). God doesn't acquit the guilty.

### The Message for us today:

**I.** Let us remember to always pray for souls in purgatory, souls of people we know and people we don't know. Let us pray, offer good works and the merits of our pains and sufferings for them. We can make this part of our daily spiritual exercises, we don't have to wait for all souls day to remember souls in purgatory.

**II.** Let us always do penance and seek to gain indulgences even after a good confession. With penance and indulgences, we atone for the temporal

punishments due to sins, if we don't do penance here, we shall be forced to make the atonement in purgatory.

**III.** We need to be careful and watchful how we live. We must never be comfortable with sin no matter how little they look in our eyes. Sins like not giving God the reverence He deserves in His Holy place, allowing ourselves to be distracted in prayers and worship, delay in forgiveness, careless and immodest dressing, seeking undue attention to ourselves, telling what we call "white lies", neglect or mindless recitation of prayers, misleading people by wrong examples, idle words and gossips, the list is endless. These and some of the things we take for granted are what people are atoning for in purgatory.

We may not be perfect, but God wants to see our efforts and our reliance on His grace, when He sees our desire to please Him in all things, He perfects us in His way and we can escape the sufferings of purgatory.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace, Amen.

Eternal rest grant unto them Oh Lord  
And May your light continue to shine upon them.  
Amen

## Prayer

Heavenly Father,

**W**e thank You for the gift of a new week.

As we set out on the journey of these days, fill our hearts with faith, hope, and love.

May Your Spirit guide all that we do and say, that our lives may bear witness to Your goodness.

**B**less our parish family, O Lord.

Strengthen us in unity, protect our homes, and grant success to the work of our hands.

Heal the sick among us, comfort the sorrowful, and draw back those who have wandered far from You.

**M**ay this week bring us closer to Your will, deeper in prayer, and more generous in service.

Keep us safe from harm, sin, and discouragement.

And when the week is done,

may we look back with grateful hearts

for all the ways You have walked with us.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen. ~ Fr. Anthony Onoko

### Wisdom Nuggets

Importance in the kingdom of God is not determined by publicity but by purposes and faithfulness and the hidden power of the Spirit at work within us.

The church needs fewer celebrities and more Saints.

*Fr. Anthony*

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, November 1 — Vigil / Solemnity All Saints

4:00 PM † Herman Alvarez by Wife, Children & Grandchildren

### Sunday, November 2 — All Souls

8:30 AM † Gene Daniele by Janet Daniele  
10:30 AM Pro Populo

### Monday, November 3

8:00 AM † Helen & ValGene Veschio by Their Grandchildren

### Tuesday, November 4

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Wednesday, November 5

9:00 AM Mass at St. John the Baptist

### Thursday, November 6

8:00 AM † John Talarico by Nephew, Tom Gigliotti & Marinell

### Friday, November 7

8:00 AM Mass at St. Sebastian  
10:15 AM Mass at St. Sebastian

### Saturday, November 8 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ralph Nicksich and Deceased Members of the Vizza Family by Rosalie

### Sunday, November 9 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Deceased Members Holy Name Society by the Holy Name Society  
10:30 AM † Dave and Rose Perotti, Frank & Irene Vizza by Phyllis Foglia

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### OFFICE HOURS :

Monday –Thursday: 8:30 a.m. –12; 1 p.m.– 3 p.m.

### Ministry Schedule — Nov. 8 & 9, 2025

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	A. Punturiero	J. Elias G. Pesì P. Fantatuzzi	D. Harkins
8:30 a.m.	F. Petorsky	S. Stein L. DeFelices J. Todd	Volunteer
10:30 a.m.	M. Melvin	K. Byron T. Mazzei P. Francowic	T. Gigliotti

### Money Counters

Monday, November 3 – Team #3 – K. Byron

## Stewardship

### Weekly Collection Oct. 26

Votive Candles:	213	All Souls:	30
Utility & Energy:	20	Children & Adult	3,080
Accent:	0	End of Year:	215
All Saints:	25	Online :	948
		<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,531</b>

The Second collection this weekend, November 1 & 2, is for **Retired Religious**.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Committee will meet **Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Epiphany Church Hall. All are welcome.

## Pierogi Time

We will be making pierogis for the holiday! Please join us. We will meet on **Sunday, November 9 after the 8:30 Mass and again on Monday, November 10** following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. The frozen pierogis will be on sale at the Turkey Bingo on Sunday, Nov.16. The cost is \$20 per bag of 2 dozen.

## Groups

The **Holy Name Society** will meet on Sunday, **November 9** following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. All are welcome.

The Epiphany Ladies will gather on **Tuesday, Nov. 11 at 6 p.m.** in the Church for the traditional *Mass of Remembrance* for members who have died in the past year. Refreshments and business meeting will follow in the church hall. All members, families of deceased members and parishioners are welcome to attend.

**An expanded version of the bulletin is available on the website.**

## HOMEMADE SAUSAGE SALE

The **Knights of Columbus** will hold a sausage sale on December 9 & 10. All orders must be in by **Sunday, November 23**. Put in your order now to make sure you get it! The **sausage will be sold at \$6.00 /lb. Minimum order is 2 lb. per item. All orders MUST be made on the order form.**

### LINK

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### LOOSE

\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Sweet Sausage**  
\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Hot Sausage**  
\_\_\_\_ lbs. **Hot Hot Sausage**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

Orders may be placed by filling out the order form above, placing it in an envelope marked "Sausage Order" and depositing it in the collection basket. To call in your order, or for info, contact Jason at 724-454-8688. Please make checks payable to the **Knights of Columbus 954**