

October 31, 2021

ALL SAINTS



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST
A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF GREENSBURG

See what love the Father has bestowed on us
that we may be called the children of God. — 1 John 3:1a

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 30 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Ronald Campana by Joe & Mary Ann Gallo

Sunday, October 31 — 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Hugh & Virginia Quattro by Quattro Family

10:30 AM † Tony Volpe by Family

Monday, November 1 — All Saints Day

8:00 AM † Betty Ann Hazy by Family

Tuesday, November 2 — All Souls Day

No Mass

Wednesday, November 3

No Mass

Thursday, November 4

8:00 AM † Val Gene Veschio by The Volpe Family

6:30 PM All Souls Remembrance Service

Friday, November 5

No Mass

Saturday, November 6 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Bud & Mary Cope Anniversary remembrance by Family

Sunday, November 7 — 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Rita Masci by Lawrence Masci

10:30 AM † John Talarico by nephew Tom

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OFFICE HOURS

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

Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ministry Schedule — Nov. 6 & 7

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m..	B. DuBreucq	A. Punturiero	S. Punturiero
8:30 a.m.	K. Miller	J. Todd	D. DeFelices
10:30 a.m.	W. Vlasic	K. Imbrescia	S. Yatchyshyn

Money Counters

Monday, October 31—Team #3— K. Byron

Loving God and Neighbor

We have all heard the expression “you can’t see the forest for the trees.” This expression sums up what our liturgy is about today. Sometimes we look so hard to find answers to life’s questions and they are right in front of us. We do this so often



when we talk about God and religion; we make it so difficult when in reality the solutions are right in front of us. Over the years of my priesthood people have asked how they can become better Catholics. They think that the answer is found by studying about the church and learning more about its rules and regulations. This may help us better understand the Church, but it won’t necessarily make us better Catholics. Today Jesus sums up in a very simple way what we need to do to better ourselves as people and as Catholics: “you shall love the Lord your God with all your hearts...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.” If we live by this, then we will have eternal life.

In reality what links us and our relationship to God, neighbor, and self is love. Sometimes we focus our attention so much on law that we absolutely forget about love. It is not being able to recite the law that is important; it is being able to relate the law to God’s command of love. If we do that then we understand what it means to be a disciple. The Jewish people in the days of Jesus were so focused on knowing the law of their faith, but they did not understand what it meant to live the law. Today, we too can get caught up in just following laws without much thought. We somehow feel justified when we obey the commandments. Jesus however is reminding us that it is not as easy as just obeying a given law that counts, what really matters is how the laws we follow lead us to a deeper relationship with one another. For example, if I go to liturgy on Sunday simply because it is a law, am I really doing what is being asked of me? My reason for being at liturgy should be to share my presence and God’s love with the people that are present. Again, we see that it is not about us; rather it is about us in relationship with God and the people in our world.

The commandments as well as the laws of our faith are to be simple; showing us how to be a child of God. Their purpose is much more than to give us a list of do’s and don’ts in life. Their purpose is to help us realize that life is about relationship; ours to God and to one another. We cannot be attentive to one and at the same time ignore the other; they are connected. In linking love of God to love of neighbor, Jesus appears to want to remove morality and ethical behavior beyond the narrow, legalistic interpretation of religious practices which had crept into the Judaism of his time. The link between keeping the commandments and the nearness of God’s kingdom is love of God, neighbor, self. Only then can we offer fitting sacrifice to God.

Daily Readings

Readings for the week of Oct. 31, 2021

Sunday: Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

Monday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1 or 4ab]/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40a

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

Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14 [13]/Lk 15:1-10

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11 [1b]/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 [1b]/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

With Deepest Sympathy — Condolences are extended to the family of HELEN VESCHIO AND DEBRA HARKINS. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families. We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

Stewardship

Help support the Retirement Fund for Religious...

Next weekend, **November 7**, there will be the annual collection for the many retired religious in our nation. The ministry in any era is challenging, but the **great spirit of religious enabled them to build schools, hospitals and much of the social service infrastructure of this country.** Religious helped establish the institutions that enabled millions of Catholics to engage in the mainstream of our country's industry and economy.

When their numbers were vast and their majority young, religious institutes invested not in pension plans but in ministry, in people, and in the future of the Church they served. Today, the vast majority of religious men and women are past the age of 60 and a significant number beyond 80. Religious institutes do not assertively seek our help, **but the need it desperate.** They need our assistance! Religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God.

Mission Co-Op



Because of the many constraints COVID has brought not only to our own country but nations around the world, it is not possible for Missionaries to travel to America to ask for help. This year we will not have a speaker

but we will take up a collection. This year we are being asked to **help the Diocese of Sicuani, Peru.** Within the Diocese there is a community of Sisters from the Immaculate of Heart Mary. There are three Sisters who live a little south of Sicuani. The Sisters work to help preserve the dignity of the people they serve. They do not just hand things out but **ask that people work for what they are receiving.** This maintains a very high level of respect for the Sisters and they are dearly loved. If they are to continue touching the lives of the people in Peru, they need your help. Every dollar that you give will be used to maintain the life and dignity of the people they serve. We will provide envelopes for this collection which will be taken on **November 13-14.**

Weekly Collection Oct. 24

Votive Candles:	110
Utility & Energy:	30
Accent:	3
All Souls	30
All Saints	25
Advent	25
Children & Adult Collection:	5,379
Online Collection:	1,537
Total Collection:	\$7,139
World Mission	395
Dio. Poverty Relief	20
Retired Religious	20
Total Collection:	\$7,574

Enjoy Books

Enjoy books are back! Epiphany Ladies will be selling Enjoy Books as soon as they are available. Start looking for the Ladies to be selling books after Mass at the beginning of November. The books are \$30.

Holy Name Sunday is next Sunday, November 7. Corporate Communion will be at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. The regular monthly meeting will be held in the church hall following Mass.

Mary House

Spread The News!

Mary House serves homeless women of Southwestern PA who have a need for a safe, secure environment to achieve their goals. Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/MaryHousePA> to learn more and how you can assist women who are homeless.

Mary House is directed by Sisters Jean Augustine, S.C. and Annette Frey, S. C.

Groups

Faith

October Count

This will be the last weekend that we will count the people in Church. We have been extremely **low in our attendance.** After this weekend I will share the numbers. Again, I want to reiterate that **these numbers will be used in future planning not only for our parish but also for the Diocese**

Feast of All Saints and all Souls

This week we celebrate two great feast days honoring all of those who have died. We recognize the countless people who have attained the honor of eternal glory through the Sainthood of Jesus Christ. On Monday, November 1 we celebrate the feast of All Saints. Because this feast day falls on a Monday, it is **not a Holy Day of Obligation**, we will celebrate mass at 8:00 AM., and 10:00 AM at St. Sebastian's.

On **Tuesday, November 2** we recognize those souls who have not yet attained the glory of Sainthood with the celebration of All Souls. There will be a special service in memory of all those who have died on **Thursday the 4th at 6:30 PM** in the church. I encourage everyone to come and pray for all of their loved ones who have died.



Mass Book

The Mass book for 2022 will be open Monday, November 1. Forms can be found in back of the church, in the office or on our website. You will be able to request two Masses per registered household. If you have any questions, feel free to call the office. No Masses will be booked over the phone.

Pierogies

Thank you to those who have responded to our call out for pierogi-makers! For those who have not yet responded, know that you are most welcome to **join us at any time.** We will begin making pierogis at the beginning of November. The schedule is:

Sunday, November 7 after 10:30 Mass
Monday, November 8 at 9:00 a.m.
Sunday, November 14 after 10:30 Mass
Monday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m.

If you cannot come at the start time, come when you can! The more hands, the less work and more fun.

Around the Diocese

Catholic Charities' Designer Purse Bash

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host its 5th Annual Designer Purse Bash and Crystal Bake Sale on **Sunday, Nov. 7**, at the Barn at Ligonier Valley. Doors open at noon. Tickets are \$35. For information or to purchase tickets, visit www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org and click on "Fundraisers," or stop at the Catholic Charities office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Virtual Holocaust education conference

The National Catholic Center for Holocaust Education at Seton Hill University, Greensburg, will present the **Ethel LeFrak Holocaust Education Virtual Conference**, "Holocaust Education Today: Confronting Extremism, Hate and Denial," **Nov. 7-10.** The event will feature more than 20 speakers. For information, email ncche@setonhill.edu or visit tinyurl.com/4CDSEAX4.