

PASTOR'S CORNER

ALL SAINTS DAY - Our All Saints Day Mass will be Monday, November 1, at 8:30 AM. All Saints Day is a surprisingly old feast. It arose out of the Christian tradition of celebrating the martyrdom of saints on the anniversary of their martyrdom. When martyrdoms increased during the persecutions of the late Roman Empire, local dioceses instituted a common feast day in order to ensure that all martyrs, known and unknown, were properly honored. By the late fourth century, this common feast was celebrated in Antioch, and Saint Ephrem the Syrian mentioned it in a sermon in 373. In the early centuries, this feast was celebrated in the Easter season, and the Eastern Churches, both Catholic, and Orthodox, still celebrate it then, tying the celebration of the lives of the saints in with Christ's Resurrection.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO — On Thursday, November 4, we celebrate one of the great reformers of the church, Archbishop of Milan, St. Charles Borromeo (2 October 1538 – 3 November 1584). At the age of 22 he was made a cardinal, and was named papal Secretary of State by Pope Pius IV (who was his uncle!). Together with Ignatius of Loyola and Philip Neri he was one of the chief leaders in the Catholic Counter-Reformation. In that role he was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, including the founding of seminaries for the education of priests.

AN ADVENT BOOK CLUB – Advent is only a month away! I have found a wonderful book designed to help a person get more out of this most sacred of seasons. Entitled Advent in Plain Sight, this little book draws the reader's attention to ten ordinary objects that appear in sacred Scripture that speak of the coming of the Messiah and His Incarnation: Gates, Tears, Belts, Trees, Cloth, Light, Hearts, Gold, Stars and Water. God's glory is revealed in the most ordinary of ways! We will meet online on the Wednesdays of Advent at 7:00 to share our reflections. This book is available on Amazon, and we will make copies available in the vestibule. The cost is \$14 in paperback and \$8 on Kindle. If you would like to participate, please email me so that we can get organized for a zoom session. Our first session will be on December 1st.

THE NOCTURNAL ADORATION SOCIETY - On the first Friday of each month there is Eucharistic adoration at a specified parish in Altoona. Adoration begins at 8 o'clock, and continues until 11 o'clock. This Society of priests and laity has a long history in Europe and around the world. As the Church in the United States prepares to observe a Eucharistic Revival, this is the perfect time for our parishes to place renewed emphasis on Eucharistic Adoration. The site for nocturnal adoration varies from month to month. We are going to make a special effort to keep our parishioners informed as to the site for Nocturnal Adoration, and the hour that has been set aside for members of our own parish. The Nocturnal Adoration Society has a threefold purpose: 1) To provide a fervent response to Christ's invitation to keep prayerful vigil with Him (Mathew 26:38-40; Mark 14:37,38; Luke 22:40-46). 2) To deepen the experience of communion with Christ Eucharistic, as He continues His self-offering and saving influence. 3) To live more consciously and actively the full significance of the Eucharist as the sacrament of charity and unity for the Church and the World. ***This Friday, November 5, Nocturnal Adoration will be at Holy Rosary Church in Juniata and St. Rose's hour is from 9 to 10.*** Remember the words of Jesus to his sleepy disciples in the Garden: "Could you not watch with me for one hour?"

November Prayer Intention of Pope Francis

People who suffer from depression

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



**Ministry
Scheduler
Pro**

After updating our list of volunteers for the various ministries, we are working on a new ministry schedule using Ministry Scheduler Pro and hope to have it up and running soon.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. October 31 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wed. November 3 - 5:15-6:00 p.m. Pro-Life Rosary



Monday, November 1 - Solemnity of All Saints

8:30 a.m.
 †Richard, Betty and David Drabic (*Family*)

Tuesday, November 2 - The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

8:30 a.m.
 †Gerry Stevens (*Patty Lawler*)

Wednesday, November 3 - Saint Martin de Porres, Religious

8:30 a.m.
 †Gerry Stevens (*Greg and Lisa Michelone*)

Thursday, November 4 - Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:30 a.m.
 †Members of the Altar Rosary Society

Friday, November 5

8:30 a.m.
 †Joseph and Justin Dodson (*Family*)

Saturday, November 6 - Vigil of the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00p.m.
 †Evan J. Hileman (*Grandma and Pap Brown*)

Sunday, November 7 - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 a.m. Mass For the People
 10:30 a.m.
 †Nick and Augusta Orsena (*Orsena Family*)

CANDLES:

For Special Intention requested by Susan Trout

PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
October 23/24, 2021

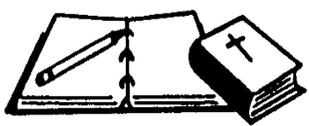
Regular	\$5,299.00	Children's	\$18.00
Loose	\$161.00	Mission Sunday	\$865.00
Priest Retirement	\$100.00	Catholic Register	\$5.00
First Offering	\$9.00	All Souls Day	\$10.00
All Saints Day	\$5.00	Total	\$6,472.00

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: Today's Gospel reading brings us to the very essence of a stewardship way of life, in answer to the question, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" The use of time refers primarily to our relationship with the Lord. It is the most essential gift from God. We can show our love and gratitude for this gift by giving Him the best portion of intentional time in prayer.

The use of talents in the context of stewardship refers to the way we offer the abilities, skills, and interests the Lord has given us. God intends us to use our talents in a practical way to, "love my neighbor as myself." The use of material gifts also demonstrates God's love to our neighbor. When we offer a sacrificial gift to God through the offertory gifts we are showing God in a tangible way that He comes first. My gift is a gift to my neighbor through the actions of my parish community. When we live for God and others, we are living a stewardship way of life. (Stewardship Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, Inc. 2018/10/18)

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY PILGRIMAGE:

Fr. Aron Maghsoudi from Queen of Angels Parish in Central City, PA will be leading a pilgrimage to the Oberammergau Passion Play and Central Europe from September 7-15, 2022. The trip includes visits to sites in Bavaria, Prague, Czech Republic, and Poland. In addition to the enchanting cities and countryside of Central Europe, all pilgrims will attend the famous passion play in the Bavarian village of Oberammergau. Mass will be celebrated each day. All those interested in more information are encouraged to call Queen of Angels Church, 814-754-5224 or email Best Catholic Pilgrimages at info@religious-travel.com.



Religious Education News

November 6: 9th Grade Retreat at Father Kelly Hall (St. Therese) 9:00 AM to Noon. Students must have sponsor, parent or grandparent with them.

November 11: 9th-11th Grade Service Project - 10:00 Am to Noon - Bake and decorate cookies at the Church Rectory for our Homebound Parishioners.

November 13/14: 9th-11th Grade Group Service Project - Students will be collecting cleaning items for Evergreen Manor after all masses.

November 14: 10:30 AM Mass - Rite of Blessing for 9th Grade CCD and BG Students

Deacon Jim's "A Moment with Our Lady"

When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking him. He can often overcome the prayer of an individual, but if this prayer is joined to that of other Christians, the devil has much more trouble in getting the best of it.

It is quite easy to break a single stick, but if you join it to others to make a bundle it cannot be broken. "In union there is strength." Soldiers join together in an army to overcome their enemies; wicked people often get together for parties of debauchery and dancing, and evil spirits join forces in order to make us lose our souls.

So why, then, should not Christians join forces to have Jesus Christ present with them when they pray, to appease Almighty God's anger, to draw down His grace and mercy upon us, and to frustrate and overcome the devil and his Angels more forcefully?

St Louis de Montfort

PS, please consider praying the Rosary with the Legion of Mary each Tuesday evening at 7:00pm

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHICKEN BBQ BENEFITING THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEED'S OFFICE: The St Rose SVDP Conference supports the poor and disadvantaged individuals in our area through the St Vincent de Paul Needs office. The Needs office brings God's love and mercy to those in need by providing help with utilities, rent and other financial support. In December, the Knights of Columbus of Hollidaysburg will be hosting a Chicken BBQ to benefit the St Vincent De Paul Needs Office. The BBQ will be held December 12th. The meal includes the Knight's famous BBQ Chicken, baked beans, applesauce and a roll. Tickets are only \$10. Tickets are available at the Parish Office and after some of the Masses from now until the 5th of December. Please help us help others and buy your ticket(s) today. May God Bless You!

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS RAFFLE TICKETS FOR AFGHAN: Help us help our neighbor... the Altoona Catholic Daughters of the Americas are selling raffle tickets for an afghan made by one of our member's mother! Tickets are \$5.00 each. For tickets contact Donna at 814-631-3509. Flyers are in most parish foyers or you can see a flyer online at: cda2625.com/2021-afghan.pdf.

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Readings for the Week of October 31, 2021

Sunday	Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time Dt 6:2-6; Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34
Monday	Solemnity of All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
Tuesday	The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40
Wednesday	Saint Martin de Porres, Religious Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33
Thursday	Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop Rom 14:7-12; Ps 27:1bcde, 4, 13-14; Lk 15:1-10
Friday	Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday	Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15
Sunday	Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 1 Kgs 17:10-16; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE:

Saturday, November 6 from 8AM to 3PM
Pancake/Sausage Breakfast 8AM-10AM
with homemade cinnamon rolls

Lunch 11AM-2PM

Homemade soups, meatballs, haluski, cut french fries and more

Santa 11AM-1PM

Crafts, Baskets, Gifts & Collectibles (flea market),
Kids Carnival and additional booths

FALL HARVEST FAIR: Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Saint Rita is sponsoring a Fall Harvest Fair on Saturday, November 6th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Saint Matthew Catholic Church, 1105 Cameron Avenue, Tyrone, PA. Lunch will be available featuring potato, pasta, and macaroni salads, haluski, baked goods, and a variety of soups: chicken noodle, vegetable, sauerkraut chowder, stuffed pepper soup, and chicken corn. A Basket Raffle will also be available. Questions: contact the parish office at 814-684-1480.

MIKE AQUILINA AT OMOS: Join us at Our Mother of Sorrows on Thursday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. for a talk by Mike Aquilina, author of over 60 books. We asked Mr. Aquilina to speak about his book *St. Joseph and His World*. We are excited to hear his talk during the Year of St. Joseph. Join us in the church for this exciting evening and bring a friend!



Patris corde, 6. A Working Father

Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfillment not only of oneself but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. A family without work is particularly vulnerable to difficulties, tensions, estrangement, and in the end, sometimes even to break-up. How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living? Working persons whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some ways become creators of the world around us.

Pope Pius XII also spoke on Joseph the Worker, "it is certain that there was no worker's spirit so perfectly and deeply penetrated as the foster-father of Jesus, who lived with him in the closest intimacy and community of family and work. (Venerable Pope Pius XII, Address, 1 May 1955.)

St. Joseph, A Working Father, Caretaker of the Household, pray for us.

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris corde*, 2020 6. Dec. 8, 2020; 2021), Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

NEW BALTIMORE TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER:

The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore are sponsoring a TAKE OUT ONLY Spaghetti Dinner On Sunday, November 14th from 10:30AM to 1:00 PM. The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, bread and dessert. Adults (12 and over) \$9, Children (3 -11) \$4. Pre-order online by sending an email to dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org or call 814-733-2210. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred time of pick-up and the number of adult and child orders. Meals may be picked up at St. John's hall in New Baltimore. Payment should be made at time of pick-up. WALK-INS are also welcome! All proceeds are donated to local food banks and local charities!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL: (Mark 12: 28b-34) In a family children are taught to be respectful if they want to be respected, to share, if they want their fair share and to listen if they want to be heard. Family life rescues us from arrogance by teaching us to love others as we love ourselves. *Reprinted with permission: A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar.*

St. Rose of Lima's St. Vincent de Paul Conference Weekly Reflection for October 31 - Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time:

In the Gospel today, Jesus tells us: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength...and you shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Your ongoing support of our St. Vincent de Paul Conference shows your love for our Lord and your love of your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless, alone and frightened.

If you know of someone in need, please visit our website (<http://strosesvdp.org>) to inform us of their situation. We will do our best to help out in any way we can. We encourage all parishioners to use our website to help us help those in need. Thank you!

HOODIES FOR THE HOMELESS

Winter is just around the corner and your SVDP Conference continues to look for ways to share some warmth with the homeless souls in our community. The area homeless shelter continues to be in need of adult sized hooded sweatshirts. To that end, we are once again asking you to assist us in meeting this need by donating a slightly worn or new hooded sweatshirt to the homeless in our community. We will be collecting your donations from now until the end of November.

As we have said in the past, there's no minimum to kindness, and the sky is the limit. No matter how small, your donation counts as a huge help, and will really make a difference! If you decide to either donate sweatshirts or make a financial donation to this worthy cause, please place your donation in the Poor Box at the entrance to the Church.

With our heartfelt gratitude, we are happy to collect the sweatshirts you wish to donate and get them to those in need. Thank you for your continued generosity to the poor and needy and may God Bless You!

ALTOONA TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Mary's Altoona Christian Mothers Spaghetti Dinner (take out only), will be held on Sunday, November 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The pick-up location is the Saint. Mary's Memorial Hall at 1418 Fourth Avenue, Altoona. Dinners are \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children under 10, children under 3 years of age are free. Tickets will be sold after Mass at St. Mary's the weekends of October 16/17, October 23/24 and October 30/31. Tickets can also be purchased at the St. Mary's Rectory (1405 Fifth Avenue) or by calling 814-942-2416. Deadline for ordering is Sunday, October 31.