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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
October 28th, 2024

1127 McKinley Avenue
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Rev. John J. Slovikovski, PhD, Pastor
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Rectory Office Hours: Monday through
Friday, 9:00AM - 3:00PM

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Spiritual and Temporal Welfare
of Charlie Tourney - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Cathy Fuska)
Fr. Sean Code will hear confessions from 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM or until all confessions have been heard.

TUESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Sandra Morris - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Helen Boyle)

WEDNESDAY - Weekday in Ordinary Time
Paul Schmidt - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Don & Laurie Blasko)

THURSDAY - **Vigil Mass**
5:30 PM - **Solemnity of All Saints**
Helene Balagusz
(Req. by Nicolett Stofko)
Nancy Vavrek - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Christi Vavrek)

FRIDAY - **Solemnity of All Saints**
12:05 PM - **Barry Mills**
(Req. by Barb Connor)
Joseph Sinoply - **Private Mass**
(Req. by Francis & Betty Petro)

SATURDAY - **All Souls Day**
12:05 PM - **All the Faithful Departed**
4:00 PM - **Dr. Larry Rutledge**
(Req. by Mr. & Mrs. William Rippin)

SUNDAY - **31st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
9:00 AM - **Pro Populo**

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seamless garment of life and respect for the human
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IN LOVING MEMORY: The Sanctuary Lamp is
available for your intentions by calling the
parish office. Please attempt to request your
intentions as early as possible. A \$10 donation
is suggested.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE: Confessions will not
be heard regularly until Fr. John has recovered
from his liver transplant. **Confession may AL-
WAYS be arranged with Fr. John personally by
calling the rectory office. Please avail your-
selves to this life-giving sacrament!**

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE: Scheduled no less
than **nine months** prior to the date of mar-
riage. Four preparation sessions with the pas-
tor, as well as all diocesan requirements, must
be met. All Catholic candidates for Marriage
must be registered, practicing members of a
parish at least 6 months prior to scheduling the
wedding.

INFANT BAPTISM: Baptisms are generally cele-
brated during one of the Sunday Liturgies. Pre-
baptismal instructions must be completed by
the parents at least 3 weeks prior to the cele-
bration of the sacrament. Catholic godpar-
ents must obtain a letter of eligibility from their
pastors four weeks in advance. Baptisms are
never celebrated during the Season of Lent.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Celebrated after any
Sunday Mass as requested and as a parish
during the Easter Season.

MEMBERSHIP: Forms are located on the back
page of the bulletin (or on the parish website)
to be filled out and sent to the parish. Regis-
trations are also welcome by phone.

\$\$\$ INCOME \$\$\$
 Collection - October 20, 2024

Loose Money.....	\$289.00
Sunday Collection.....	\$2457.00
All Souls Day.....	\$60.00
World Mission.....	\$37.00
Parking Lot Rent.....	\$70.00

TOTAL: \$2913.00

 Let us continue to pray for the members of our parish community who serve in the military, as well as for the sick, elderly and homebound members of our parish especially:

Anonymous Petitioners, Pat Balagusz, Ralph Blair, David Clark, Ronald Cleaver, Dolores Danner, Francis Dietz, Dorothy Fisher, Barbara Fox, Paul Harnish, Catherine Heinlein, Mary Carol Hill and children, Donna Johnson, Baby Gianna Kniss, Karen Kohan, Betsy Konar, Marylee Konicky, Madeleine Krueger, Gaile Krumenacker, Victoria Leflie, Michael Letzo, Joanne Macri, Patricia Mainhart, Marianne Mangiafico, Pat Meagher, Myla Minner, Pauline Molchany, Larry Oravetz, Anna Petro, Francis Petro, Jean Petrero, Anna Marie Pfeil, Maria Petro-Sanders, Mia Bella Rastall, Stacy Roberts, Sean Rovon, Leonard Russell, Stephen Sanders, Jennifer Schellhammer, Rose Sigg, Allegra Slick, Father John Slovickovski, Shirley Slovickovski, Megan Varnecky, Coralie Williams, Christi Vavrek, Carrie Young

 Please join us in remembering members of our parish family who celebrate their birthdays the week of October 28th to November 3rd:



Rose Barger
 John Orlosky
 Donald Hornick

Duane Billotte
 Dolores Valinsky
 Meghan Bolinger
 Daniel Kozak

For the Good of the Vineyard and Our Particular Part



THREE WEEKS FROM NOW THE ANNUAL TURKEY RAFFLE WILL BE HERE AND WE ARE UNFORTUNATELY CALLING “FOWL”: Yes, it is only 3 more weeks until the Annual Visitation Turkey Raffle to be held on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 7:00 PM in the School Gymnasium with doors opening at 6:00 PM.

This week once again raffle tickets will be available in the main vestibule of the Church. Please pick them up, and, if your means allow purchase them to support your parish’s financial stability. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOT HAD MANY DONATIONS AND AS WE HAVE STATED EARLIER, we are calling upon your generosity for various items that are required to make our event as success:

1. Readymade baskets or items that can be arranged into baskets ; 2. Door Prizes; 3. Lottery Tickets, 4. Gift Cards for the Neighborhood Gift Collage, and 5. Spirits for our Basket of Cheer (State Store Gift Cards are also welcome). RECEIPT OF THESE ITEMS WILL MAKE OR BREAK US.

We are also in need of volunteers for the Turkey Raffle. New faces are always welcome and appreciated. There is an expectation that those families who presume to benefit from the parish’s generosity toward their children’s Catholic education will come forward to volunteer.

Next Weekend there will be a second collection to help defray the many costs associated with the Turkey Raffle.

Many amazing prizes include an Apple iPad, \$300, Baskets of Cheer, and much, much more!

We need to start CALLING OUT THE BIG GUNS! Only you can keep your parish alive by helping out in some way with this important event.

 Thank you to all who participated in the Game Night Fundraiser to assist Fr. John with his many expenses associated with his post-transplant care. The afternoon was relatively well attended and the support of sponsors (who are listed on an insert in today’s bulletin) as well as the attendees was overwhelming. We made a profit of \$5795.00 which was overwhelming thanks to your generosity. Thank you also to Kristyn Amendola, Debbie Magro, and all of the volunteers who made the day a success. Also, thank you to all those who donated who were unable to participate in the event.

 Please be certain to read the inserts in today’s bulletin. One concerns a contest that is associated with the many events sponsored by the diocese for the celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025. Another has to do with a workshop offered by the diocese on the Annulment Process. Finally, there is an insert on the MORAL DUTY of VOTING as a Catholic Christian and a statement of general prudential voting principles that should be kept in mind in accord with the teachings of Pope Francis and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. Remember that one who does not vote must hold one’s tongue!!!



From the Pastor’s Desk:

This week I am beginning a new treatment to help me deal with the severe gout that I have been experiencing as a result of the anti-rejection medications that I am required to take for my new liver. I had been on a high steroidal dose pack prior to this and now in addition to a much more limited amount of steroids, I will be taking a new medication which is oriented toward dissolving the deposits of uric acid which result in the severe gout pain. The rheumatologist says that it will take quite a bit of time until I receive full relief, but I should see some minor results soon. As I see it, any good results is a welcome surprise and cause for rejoicing and giving thanks to God. Hopefully as November is about to break we will all experience new and great things brought on through the intercession of the many saints in heaven who we celebrate at the beginning of the month. As always, thank you for your continued prayers and support. I would never be where I am without your loving care and concern.

The week, Pope Francis did not deliver his usual Sunday Angelus since it was World Mission Day, whose theme – “Go and invite everyone to the banquet” (cf. Mt 22:9) – reminds us that missionary proclamation means to bring to all the invitation to a festive encounter with the Lord, who loves us and wants us to share in his spousal joy. At the end of the Mass, where he canonized several saints from what are properly considered mission territories, the pope declared “As the new Saints teach us: “Every Christian is called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context” (Message for the 98th World Mission Day, 25 January 2024). He encouraged us to support, with our prayer and our aid, all the missionaries who, often at great sacrifice, bring the shining proclamation of the Gospel to every part of the world.

As Pope Francis continued his weekly catechesis on the Holy Spirit during his Wednesday Audience, he decided to focus upon the doctrine of the Holy Spirit developed in the Latin tradition, to see how it enlightens all of Christian life and the sacrament of marriage in particular. The main originator of this doctrine is Saint Augustine, who developed the doctrine on the Holy Spirit. He sets out from the revelation that “God is love.” Now love presupposes one who loves, one who is beloved and love itself that unites them. The Father is, in the Trinity, He who loves, the source and origin of everything; the Son is He who is beloved, and the Holy Spirit is the love that unites them. The Holy Spirit is therefore considered the WE, the divine We of the Father and the Son, the bond of unity between different persons, [2] the very principle of the unity of the Church, which is indeed a “sole body” resulting from several persons.

From there the Pope moved to a reflection upon what the Holy Spirit has to say about the marriage and family. Christian marriage is the sacrament of self-giving, one for the other, of man and woman. This is how the Creator intended it when he “So God created man in his own image ... male and female he created them.” The human couple is therefore the first and most elementary realization of the communion of love that is the Trinity. Married couples, he maintains, should also form a first-person plural, a “we,” standing before each other as an “I” and a “you”, and standing before the rest of the world, including the children, as a “we”. Mary and Joseph spoke of each other at times as “one.”. How much children need this unity– mother and father together – unity of parents,



and how much they suffer when it is lacking! How much the children of separated parents suffer, how much they suffer. To correspond to this vocation, marriage needs the support of He who is the Gift, indeed the quintessential giver. Where the Holy Spirit enters, the capacity for self-giving is reborn. Some Fathers of the Latin Church affirmed that, as the reciprocal gift of the Father and the Son in the Trinity, the Holy Spirit is also the reason for the joy that reigns between them, and they were not afraid, when speaking about it, to use the image of gestures proper to married life, such as the kiss and the embrace.

The Pope is the first to say that no-one says that such unity is an easy task, least of all in today’s world; but this is the truth of things as the Creator designed them, and it is therefore in their nature. Certainly, it may seem easier and quicker to build on sand than on rock; but Jesus tells us what the result of that is. In this case, then, we do not even need the parable, because the consequences of marriages built on sand are, unfortunately, there for all to see, and it is mainly the children who pay the price. Children suffer from the separation or the lack of love of the parents! Only by invitation of The Holy Spirit into their lives can married couples change relationship of habit into a new joy of being together every day. The Pope concludes that It would not be a bad thing, therefore, if alongside the information of a legal, psychological and moral nature that is given in the preparation of engaged couples for marriage, we were to deepen this “spiritual” preparation, the Holy Spirit who makes unity. An Italian proverb says, “Never place a finger, never intervene, between husband and wife”. There is in fact a “finger” to be placed between husband and wife, the “finger of God”: that is, the Holy Spirit!

 NOVEMBER 1st is the celebration of the SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS, a HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION when ALL CATHOLICS are REQUIRED to participate in the Celebration of Mass. Holy Days of Obligation carry the same obligation for Catholic as does Sunday Eucharist and must be observed just the same. Masses are conveniently offered at 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 31st and Friday, November 1st at 12:05 PM. IN ADDITION, Saturday, November 2nd is the FEAST OF ALL SOULS, when we remember all of the faithful departed.

As always, we will remember all of the beloved dead from our parish who died since last All Soul’s Day with a special ceremony of the lighting of candles during the 12:05 PM Mass that day. Please remember, that attendance at the 12:05 PM Mass does not meet your Sunday obligation and that the evening Mass that day is celebrated for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time.

 Young Adult Group (18-39) - Our next Theology on Tap is October 30th at 6pm at the Boulevard Grill with Dan Waldow, theologian and professor at Saint Francis University, speaking on Principles of Catholic Politics. Our monthly attendance is typically between 35 and 50 including a few Priests. All young adults aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith, food, and fellowship! For more information or to sponsor our group contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.