

# The Thirty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

October 31, 2021

## Mass Intentions

November	1	7:00 PM	People Of The Parish
November	2	8:00 AM	The Holy Souls In Purgatory
November	3	8:00 AM	The Holy Souls In Purgatory
November	4	8:00 AM	The Holy Souls In Purgatory
November	5	8:00 AM	The Holy Souls In Purgatory
November	6	8:00AM	The Holy Souls In Purgatory
		5:00 PM	The Holy Souls In Purgatory
November	7	8:00 AM	The Holy Souls In Purgatory
		10:30 AM	People Of The Parish

## Liturgical Ministries November 6-7

	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers	Servers
5:00 PM	Dave Suydam	Karen Kupris	The Hoffman Family
8:00 AM	Joe Dailey	Intentionally Blank	Owen Jenkins
10:30 AM	Nancy Stanton	Bill Davies	Andrew Aldrich

## Schmidt Center Cleaning

November 7

Jim DiPofi & Tonya Sands

November 14

Robin Chiccini & Bill Seymore

## Next Sunday's Readings

*Please prepare for Mass and the Homily by reflecting on these texts from the Sacred Scriptures*

**1 Kings** 17:10-16

**Hebrews** 9:24-28

**Mark** 12:38-44

## Christian Stewardship

Last Sunday's Collection amounted to: \$4,802.52

The Collection on this date one year ago amounted to: \$3,203.50

**May God Bless you for your generous and responsible stewardship!!!**

## Church Calendar

### *Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15-10:15AM

### *Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> (All Saints Day)*

Mass, 7:00PM (Not a holy day of obligation)

### *Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> (All Souls Day)*

Mass, 8:00AM

RCIA, 6:30 – 8:00PM

### *Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

### *Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Confessions, 6:00PM

Sacred Heart Holy Hour, 7:00PM

### *Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

(Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until noon)

### *Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>*

Mass, 8:00AM

Confession, 4:00PM

Mass, 5:00PM

Wedding, 12:00Noon

### *Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>*

Masses, 8:00AM and 10:30AM

CCD, 9:15 – 10:15AM

Cemetery of the Innocents, 2:30PM

**“For the Son of Man did not come to be served,  
but to serve.” Mark 10:45**

of what it means to love God and love our neighbor? We grow in our love of God through the gift of faith and by the graces received in spending time with him. We do this by spending time in Scripture and “taking to heart” his words; by prayerfully reflecting on Jesus’ life and giving thanks for his sacrifice for us; by drawing closer to him through the sacraments; and by asking him to help us grow in our love for God, and for one another. An authentic love for God will show itself in love of neighbor, and the more we truly love one another, the greater our love for God will grow.

Loving our neighbors is essential if we seek to draw them to God’s love. For many of us, that’s much easier said than done. It’s not easy to love someone with whom we disagree or are in competition with. And these days, with so much division in society, it is all too simple to assume the worst rather than the best about others with whom we interact or see on television. Can we commit to truly seeing others as God sees them – his beloved children, made in his own image? After all, it is through Jesus and in keeping his word that we become more like him, in thought and deed: “Whoever loves me will keep my word ... and my father will love him, and we will come to him.” Let us pray to see our neighbors as the Lord does; and pray that we ourselves might be the kind of neighbor in whom others may see God’s image! We can be an example of, and a witness to, a love that forgives and is not overcome by fear or division.

As we prepare for the feast of All Souls, make an effort to see others as God sees them by reflecting on the lives of those who have loved you and what their lives have taught you about God’s love. Attend Mass and give thanks for those you hold in your heart.

**Remember the Sick of our Parish** in your charity and prayers: Beth Kingsborough, John Kapp, Jane and Dennis Haag, Bill Sharman, Kay Dorundo, Joni Lawrence, Cathy Steiner, John and Sue Cover, Bill Selle, Diana Prowell, Sharon Ford, Marietta McQuaid, Tom Mellis, Marie Dishman, Cathy Dishman, Suzanne Matunis, Judy and Jessica Rich, and all the long-suffering in our community and at Perry Village.

**Deacon Robinson’s Contact Information:** You may contact Deacon Robinson at his cell phone (717-

### From the Pastor’s Desk

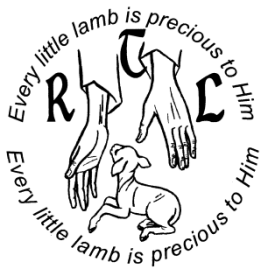
The Scribes were always trying to trick Jesus. But this scribe agrees with Jesus: Loving God and loving your neighbor as yourself are the greatest commandments. When the scribe explains that loving God and your neighbor are worth more than all offerings or sacrifices, Jesus recognizes that the scribe took these commandments “to heart,” as Moses had taught. He doesn’t just know the law, he understands it. Because he understands it, Jesus assures him that he is not far from the kingdom of God. So, how can we grow in our understanding

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**Cemetery of the Innocents:** This year's dedication of the Cemetery of the Innocents commemorating the children aborted in Perry County in 2021 will take place at Bethel Church, on Rt 850 at Grier Point Road in Marysville on November 7th beginning at 2:30PM. If you would like to sponsor a cross for \$5.00, please sign up at the bulletin board. Special thanks to Tom Polcha and Mary Blair for coordinating these pro-life activities each year.



**All Souls Intentions:** You are reminded to list the names of your deceased relatives and friends on your All Souls envelope and place them in the collection for the weekend, October 31<sup>st</sup> so they can be prepared for the altar. During the month of November, nine



Masses will be offered for your All Souls intentions. In addition, these intentions have a separate and special remembrance in all the Masses celebrated in Saint Bernard's Church during the month, which is the reason your All Souls envelopes remain on the Altar for the entire month. From the earliest days of the Church, we have commemorated the faithful departed by offering prayers for them. Please remember to pray for the Souls in Purgatory since our prayers and good works can help our deceased relatives and friends overcome tribulation and reach eternal happiness in the company of God. Prayer for the deceased is a blessed act of charity and a way of keeping those we loved and who have loved us in our minds and hearts.

**Free Bicycles:** A parishioner has two men's bicycles available to any family or person that may need them. The bikes are in good condition and free for the asking. Please call Father Sharman for more details.

**Parishioner needs a ride:** One of our parishioners (who lives off Middle Ridge Road) needs someone who can drive them to Mass/shopping on a weekly basis. This person is willing to pay for gas and time. For more information, please call Father Sharman.

**Something to Think About!!** Benjamin Tucker once said: *"The state is a tiger seeking to devour the people, and they must either kill or cripple it. Their own safety depends upon it."* One of the overriding themes of history is the battle between servitude and freedom – between the centralized power of the state versus the power of the individual to control his or her own life. Recently, statist governments across the globe have gained immense powers at the cost of individual liberties. Freedoms we took for granted, such as the ability to control our body, business, property, or medical treatments, or merely to speak our mind, are under serious threat. An important question arises: *Why do so few people seem to care about freedom these days? Why, in other words, are we permitting the emergence of a totalitarian form of rule and in the process allowing bureaucrats and politicians to control the most precious of all things, our one chance at life?* Some will claim that the answer is simple: When a crisis strikes, the common man or woman is incapable of acting in his or her best interest and so we need an all-controlling government to keep us safe. But such an answer ignores a crucial lesson of history: the closer a state approaches total control, the more humanity suffers. The Soviet Union, China, Germany, Italy, Romania, Cuba, Cambodia, North Korea, all these countries flirted with total state control and all these countries experienced social destruction as a result. What is more, the governments in all these countries used crises, real or manufactured, to justify the initiation and the continuation, of this suffocating form of political rule. Once we lose our freedoms, it will be a long and bloody battle to get them back, if ever we can!!

**All Saints Day:** Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup> is the Solemnity of All Saints. Mass will only be celebrated at 7:00PM in the evening. Please note since the solemnity falls on a Monday, the obligation to attend Mass is suspended.

**May all the Saints intercede for us!!**