

The Work of the People

The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

This past week we celebrated the Solemnity of All Saints as well as the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed. It is a time when we once again remember that we are a part of something greater than ourselves – the Communion of Saints. We are a part of a caring, faithful, and prayerful community that surrounds us and that supports us. Through the Book of the Names of the Dead, we honor and give thanks for all who have gone before us and for all who stand with us.

On this Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time we hear first from the Book of Wisdom. The author of this text addresses God as Creator of the whole universe. There is an immensity about the creator that is described through a contrast with creation as a grain or a drop of dew. This contrast serves to instill awe at the greatness of God's love of all that is created and to offer praise to God who has placed "your imperishable spirit" in all things.

Today we begin a series of passages from the second Letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians. Paul assures the brothers and sisters in Thessalonica that he constantly prays for them; he encourages them to be steadfast in their calling as disciples. Though Paul brought the word of Jesus Christ to them, he reminds them that their calling has come from God. It is the grace of God that will give them strength; they have no need to be "shaken" in their gathering in the Lord's name.

In today's Gospel Luke recounts for us the delightful story of Jesus inviting himself to the home of Zacchaeus. It is one of the many teaching stories of Jesus that takes place in connection with the meal. The presence of Jesus and his house moves Zacchaeus to repent of his wrongdoing and promise to change his life. The grumbling of the crowd leads Jesus to state his mission "to seek and save what was lost."

The reflection for this Sunday is from Fr. John Meoska, OSB who is a monk of Saint John's Abbey and serves as the community formation director and novice master.

Stunning photographs from the International Space Station have shown us how small, beautiful, and fragile planet Earth truly is. It's a perspective we get only by climbing into outer space. The author of the Book of Wisdom describes the whole universe as a grain from a balance or a drop of morning dew: fragile, diminutive, but of infinite value. Why? Because God loathes nothing God made.

Each human also has infinite value. Not only are we held in being by God's love, but God's imperishable spirit and mercy are forever re-creating and healing us. We are touched sinners, loved sinners. How difficult it can be at times to hold in balance those two realities—

that we are sinful and we are loved. It is so easy to imagine myself as unlovable on the one hand, or incapable of sin, on the other. We are sinners, but God's rebuke of us sinners is "little by little"; and God's desire to save, great.

God's grace in us will "bring to fulfillment every good purpose and every effort of faith." Grace moved the diminutive Zacchaeus to climb a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus; and grace also moved this tax collector to rise above his sins of extortion and greed. St. Paul, today, warns us "not to be shaken out of our minds" at the coming of Christ; but that is the very thing that happened to Zacchaeus! He experienced conversion: "little by little," a change of mind, a change of heart, a change of life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 3

Monday: Rom. 11:29-36/Ps. 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk. 14:12-14
 Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16ab/Ps. 131:1bcde, 2, 3/k. 14:15-24
 Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps. 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk. 14:25-33
 Thursday: 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: Ez. 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps. 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
 1 Cor. 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn. 2:13-22
 Sunday: 2 Mc. 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps. 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15/2 Thes. 2:16;
 3:5/Lk. 20:27-38

ABOUT THE #IGIVECATHOLIC GIVING DAY

Celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, Black Friday, and Cyber Monday, #iGiveCatholic is an online giving day that kicks off the charitable season and brings the Catholic Community together to give thanks and give back. As the first-ever online giving day created to celebrate our unique Catholic heritage, #iGiveCatholic inspires faithful stewards to "Give Catholic" on #Giving Tuesday, a global day of giving.

This year, #iGiveCatholic takes place on Tuesday, December 3 from 12:00 am to 11:59 pm CST. You can access St. Anthony of Padua on line at <https://erie.igivecatholic.org/>

Our parish is participating and would like you to be aware that the donations will go for the roof repair.

ST. ANTHONY CASH GIVEAWAY AND GAME NIGHT

Cash Giveaway and Game Night tickets will be distributed after weekend masses. This event will take place on Jan. 25, 2020. Ticket prices are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Ticket monies are to be returned no later than Jan. 11, 2020 and can be placed in the collection baskets. Your assistance will make this annual fundraiser event successful, so please pick up your tickets.

*"Let your saving help, O God,
protect me."
Psalm 69:30*

WORSHIP

Monday, November 4
8:00 am + Mary Yusavage (Family)

Tuesday, November 5
8:00 am + Michael H. Milligan (Barb Milligan)

Wednesday, November 6
8:00 am + NO MASS

Thursday, November 7
8:00 am + Marjorie Wojtkielewicz (Gerald & Martha Adamczyk)

Friday, November 8
8:00 am + John Auer

Saturday, November 9
4:30 pm + Robert M. Adams (Family)

Sunday, November 10
8:00 am + AT ST. BERNADETTE
Heather A. Dunnigan (St. Bernadette Altar Rosary Soc.)
9:30 am + AT ST. ANTHONY
Living & Deceased Parishioners

PARISH EVENTS CALENDAR

Monday - Wednesday - Friday AT ST. BERNADETTE
(Except Holy Days)
7:00 am - Communion Service

Tuesday, November 5
After Mass - St. Anthony's Novena

Saturday, November 9
3:45 - 4:15 pm - Confessions

Sunday, November 10
Before Mass - Confessions AT ST. BERNADETTE
After Mass - Confessions AT ST. ANTHONY

NOTE: Latin Mass will be the last Sunday of every month at 12:30 pm

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9 - 4:30 PM

Eucharistic Ministers: Tom Hobson/Judy Kingston/Jim Samson
Lector: Shawn Pflieger
Altar Servers: Payton Leandro/Sophia Mott

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - 9:30 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: Don Marteeny/Harriet McLaren/
Barb Milligan/Carol Rasavage
Lector: Julie Hobson
Altar Servers: Andrea Walker

ST. BERNADETTE SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10 - 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Ministers: C. Sada/G. Beisler/D. Nowak
Lector: D. Capell/Mrs. Greco (if needed)
Ushers: S. Sada, Jr.
Altar Servers: Greco/Levis

STEWARDSHIP

10/27/19
Offertory \$356.00
Votives 3.00
TOTAL \$359.00

CSA: Pledged—\$9,225.00
Paid—\$8395.00

PUMPKIN ROLLS

The sign-up sheets to order Pumpkin Rolls are on the bulletin boards at both entrances to the church. Price is \$10/roll. Final days to order are Nov. 16 & 17 with pick-up the weekend of Nov. 23 & 24.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

Sunday, November 3rd is the beginning of National Vocation Awareness week. The theme for this year's Vocation Awareness is "Family: The Foundation for Vocations". A vocation is a continuing call from God to share in His love.

2nd HARVEST VOLUNTEERS

There will be a state mandated safe handling training meeting for all 2nd Harvest volunteers on Nov. 22 at 1 pm. If you have questions please call the secretary at Cambridge Springs Christian & Missionary Alliance Church at 398-2542.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus is saying to you what he said to Zacchaeus, "I must stay at your house today." It doesn't matter if in today's gospel Jesus "intended to pass through Jericho to another town." In families we sometimes stop at the wrong places. It is wisdom to "pass through" annoying family situations so we can enjoy the goodness of each other.

*"Lord, teach me how to treat people
with honor today.
Open my eyes and my heart
to the goodness in them."*

BINGO - The next scheduled BINGO at St. Anthony's will be Monday, November 4. Early Bird BINGO starts at 6:00 pm and the regular BINGO starts at 6:30 pm. Doors and kitchen open at 5:00 pm. A Meatloaf Dinner will be available at a cost of \$5.00.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. BERNADETTE'S

Tues. Nov. 4 - 6:00 pm - Holy Name Society Mtg.
Sun. Nov. 10 - Holy Name Society Sunday
Sun. Nov. 17 - Religious Educ. Classes at St. Anthony

STEWARDSHIP

Offertory	\$1,684.00
Maintenance	312.25
Contribution	2,630.55
World Mission	60.00
CSA	30.00
Religious Ed	10.00
Candles	28.00
All Saints	9.00
All Souls	65.00
Latin Mass	214.00
TOTAL	\$5,042.80

Catholic Services Appeal
Pledged: \$23,867.00 Paid: \$22,162.00

CHURCH NAME: ST. ANTONY OF PADUA

CHURCH NO.:

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:
