

Church of the Holy Angels

October 31, 2021, Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 4:00PM, 5:30PM

SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND

MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Conlin

Sister Teresa Catherine, Pastoral Assistant

Mary Kay Bartol, Administrative Assistant

Joseph Fesniak Organist, Choir Director

Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist

Robert Balonis, Maintenance

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,

Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 30

8:00am Anna Marie Voloshin

4:00pm John Kelnock

5:30pm People of the Parish

Sunday, October 31

8:30am Raffaele Varano

10:30am Gertrude Foris

Monday, November 1, All Saints

8:00am John & Caroline Ryniak

7:00pm Salvatore Lacroce

Tuesday, November 2, All Souls

8:00am All Souls Intentions

12:00pm All Souls Intentions

6:00pm All Souls Intentions

Wednesday, November 3

8:00am Mary Dulovich

Thursday, November 4

8:00am Helen & Andrew Sabol

Friday, November 5

8:00am Margaret Spadel

Saturday, November 6

8:00am Joseph Pancerella

4:00pm Christine Jevelle

5:30pm Ralph Mirarchi

Sunday, November 7

8:30am All Veterans

10:30am People of the Parish

Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.

Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Nolan, Chairman, Joe Meyer, Vice- Chairman, Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo, Alex Clayberger.

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of October 24

Number of registered households 865

Sunday Offering (179 Households) \$3,188.00

Loose Cash \$33.00

Youth Offering \$17.05

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$28.00

Votive Candles \$108.00

Energy \$25.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$3,399.05

Weekend of October 24 -\$4,933.95

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$25,264.00

Weekend of October 24 +\$43.00

Balance \$25,307.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal \$60,000.00

Donations to date \$39,984.00

Balance \$20,016.00

Diocesan Collections

World Mission Sunday \$339.00

PREP Classes

Grades 6-7-8, Sunday, October 31, 9:30-11:30AM.

NO Class on November 7 for Grades 6-7-8.

Grades 1 thru 5, Monday, November 8, 15, 22, 5:30-7:00PM.

Parish Council Meeting

Thursday, November 4 at 7:00PM

in the rectory

Finance Council Meeting

Thursday, November 11 at 7:00PM

in the rectory

Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know! And if the pastor makes you feel unwelcome, let him know!

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"

An "Active Member" is:

1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.
2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.
4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations. These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member." Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.
5. Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
6. If single, should not be co-habiting with significant other.

Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues.

Adoration at the St. Pauline Center

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00AM- 4:00PM.

With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the St. Pauline Center, join us Fridays at 3:00 pm for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by recitation of the Rosary. Prayers are lead by one of the BF Associates of Holy Angels. All are welcome.

Vigil Lights

October 31 thru November 6

Sanctuary Light: *In loving memory of The Deceased of the Roberts Family by Joan Roberts*

St. Anthony: *In loving memory of Salvatore Lacroce by wife, Maria & Family*

St. Anne: *In loving memory of Elaine Duran by husband, Michael*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of Michael Soubik by Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch*

St. Theresa: *Special intention*

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *Special intention of Pauline Mirarchi*



Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of The Deceased of the Mattis Family by Joan Roberts*

Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 7:00PM. Combined Choir will sing at the 7:00PM Mass on November 1, All Saints

\$999 Once Again

During the month of October, tickets will be available for a chance to win \$999. The drawing date is November 1 with the winning number being the Evening 3 Digit Lottery Number. Tickets will be available after the weekend Masses in the vestibule or at the Parish Office during office hours. Donation \$10.00

Veteran's Breakfast

Sunday, November 7

All Veterans and spouses are invited to Holy Angels Activity Center for breakfast following the 8:30AM Mass on Sunday, November 7. We thank our Veterans for their service and pray that our Lord will keep them safe now and always.

Kulpmont Sportsmens Association

Chicken BBQ

Sunday, October 31, 11:00AM-2:00PM

Platters include: ½ Chicken, Baked Potato, Corn, Cole Slaw
Donation \$10.00

Mount Carmel Area

Ministerium Food Pantry

Tuesday, November 2, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, November 17, 1:00-3:00PM

Each household may visit the pantry once each month.

Holy Angels Parish

Stuffed Cabbage (pigeon) Sale

Sold only as a 4 pack, fully cooked, ready to eat, in microwaveable containers, for \$10.00 per container.

Friday, November 5, 9:00AM to 1:00PM

Saturday, November 6, from 9:00AM to 1:00PM or until sold out.

Volunteers are needed on Monday, November 1 and Tuesday, November 2 at 8:30AM to roll & stuff cabbage for the sale.

Mount Carmel Lions Club

Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner with Salad and Dessert

Sunday, November 7, 2021, 11:30AM-2:00PM

Location: Atlas Legion (corner of Route 61 and Wilburton Road)

Adults \$9.00, Children under 12 \$6.00

All orders will be in person pick-up or drive through take-out only. Tickets will be available at the event or from Lions members. The Lions will provide the containers. Do NOT bring your own.

DIVINE REDEEMER CHURCH

Holiday Faire

Divine Mercy Hall

400 Block of West Cherry Street, Mount Carmel

Saturday, November 13, 2021

11:00 AM to 5:00 PM

Food- Bake Sale- Holiday Themed Baskets
Office Entrance

438 West Avenue, Mount Carmel

BASKETS ONLY!

Friday, November 12th, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 13th, 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Saint Columba Church and School in Bloomsburg will be holding its annual Winterfest on November 20th from 9am – 2pm at the school, 40 E. 3rd St, Bloomsburg. A variety of delicious soups, haluskies, Father's homemade lasagna, chili, barbeque, hoagies, pizza, pierogies, and mouth-watering homemade baked goods will be served. You can dine in or take out. Also featured will be many wonderful raffles, the famous Dollar Tree, all new Build a Bear and a variety of talented craft vendors. Something for everybody! Benefits St. Columba School.

Feast of All Saints, November 1

Since the Feast of All Saints falls on a Monday this year, it is not a holy day of obligation. Because many of you attend Mass on All Saints we will celebrate Masses at 8:00AM and 7:00PM on Monday, November 1.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

All Souls, November 2

Masses for All Souls' Day will be celebrated at 8:00AM, 12:00PM and 6:00PM. The month of November, especially All Souls' Day is a traditional time for visiting graves of loved ones, as is the anniversary of death.

St. Pauline Foundation Holiday Raffle

Friday, November 12, 12:00PM -6:00PM

Saturday, November 13, 11:00AM-5:00PM

St. Pauline Center, 1150 Chestnut Street, Kulpmont. Parking in rear/handicap accessible. \$20 for sheet of 26 tickets. After initial purchase, additional sheets of 26 tickets can be purchased for \$10 each. Homemade food and baked goods will be available next door at the Pauline House. Over 200 items will be available including Gas Grill, Fire Pit, 5 piece Table Set, Electric Turkey Fryer, large Electric Lantern Heater, Microwave and TV to name a few! Social distancing and masks recommended.

St. Pauline Society Fruit/Nut Roll Sale

Cost \$16.00/roll

8 Flavors available to choose from: English Walnut, Poppseed, Apricot, Seedless Raspberry, Prune, Pumpkin Spice, Coconut Cream, Apple.

To place an order contact JoAnn Sassani at 570-259-9299 by November 1, 2021.

Delivery date is November 17, pick up between 1:00-3:00PM at the St. Pauline Center.

Red Cross Bloodmobile

On Monday, November 15, from 1:00-6:00PM. Holy Angels Parish will sponsor a Bloodmobile in the Activity Center. If you are physically able to give blood, we ask that you strongly consider giving the gift of life.

Scheduled Appointments Are Strongly Recommended! Please remember to wear your mask. At this time all donors, staff and volunteers must wear masks (Subject to change based on CDC guidance) Please bring photo ID to blood drive appointment. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: Kulpmont to schedule an appointment.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, November 14th 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Our Lady's Parish Hall

47 South Market Street Mount Carmel PA

Take Outs Only-- No Containers needed
Donation \$10.00. Menu: Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread and dessert!

Manna Bags

Thanksgiving is quickly approaching, and many in our area are not as blessed as others with an abundance of food. By filling a Manna Bag, your donation helps our food bank distribute this food to the needy of our area. Please take a bag home with you and return the filled bag to the vestibule with non-perishable food items. Monetary donations are also accepted. Please mark the envelope "Manna Bag".

\$30 Comedy Nite-Live November 13!

Hideaway, 1028 Poplar St. Kulpmont

Includes: Food, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks, Door Prizes.

Doors open 6:00PM with Show at 7:00PM

Tickets available from any K100 Member or call

Dave at 570-205-3004

Benefits Kulpmont 100

The Mahoney Brothers

A concert with the world's best impersonation show featuring Neil Diamond, The Beatles, Elvis, The Beach Boys, and more, will be held at the Mount Carmel Area High School Auditorium. Veterans will be honored at the show.

Sunday, November 14, doors open at 2:30PM

Show begins 4:00PM

Food and refreshments will be available.

Tickets available at Coal Township Subway(inside of Walmart), The Academy Sports Center, Mount Carmel and at the door on November 14th. \$20.00 per person. For more information call Joe at 570-373-3561.

Fan the Fire Youth Rally

The 23rd Annual Fan the Fire Youth Rally is Saturday, November 20, 2021 from 9:30AM-8:00PM at St. Joseph Church in York, PA. This special Eucharistic-centered retreat is open to teens in Grades 8-12. For more information please go to their website at www.fanthefirerally.org.

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School

Did you know that Holy Angels Parish currently has 47 students enrolled in Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School? Each of these students are being taught academic subjects as well as being formed into the Christian person that Jesus has asked us to be. To view some of the activities and happenings at Lourdes, take some time to visit the school website at www.lourdes.k12.pa.us

2021 SS. Cyril and Methodius Annual Servant Leadership Awards

We congratulate all those who were chosen for the Servant Leadership Awards, in particular Julien B. Stellar and Jacob T. Zarski. Both of these students are members of Holy Angels Parish Family.

Julien B. Stellar is a Senior at Mount Carmel Area High School. His long involvement in a number of community sports programs has inspired him to bring out the best in younger teammates and classmates. He is a member of the Mt. Carmel Baseball team and the Basketball team. As Captain of the Football team, Julien guides the team to be the best they can be both on and off the field. His desire for helping others has led Julien to become a student leader of ThinkBIG, an organization that helps raise money for families dealing with pediatric cancer. An accomplished athlete who loves the Lord, Julien is a young man with a kind heart who practices his faith by living it out to the best of his abilities.

Jacob T. Zarski is a Junior at Mount Carmel Area High School. He is a faithful altar server and is available whenever there is a need. He supports his neighborhood community by shoveling snow and clearing grates during storms to prevent flooding in homes. Jacob is a distinguished honor student and is a member of the National Honor Society at Mount Carmel. His involvement in CYO sports programs has developed into his becoming a member of the Varsity Football team, the Varsity Swim team, and the Varsity Track and Field team. He is known for making sure that his teammates arrive home safely after practices, games, or events, and has included his teammates in community cleanups and projects. Jacob is the image of a young Christian man who lives out his faith in all he does every day of his life.



Standing Altar Candles for the Month of November

In Loving Memory of	Given by
Carmen & Margie Altmire	Niece & Family
Charles F. Mannello	Cindy & Steven Lapotsky & Family
Chet Gard	wife, Ann & Children
Michael Soubik	Kris, Alan & Brooke Korkuch
Clem & Helen Parker	Children
A Special Intention.	

How do we love God? There are several means by which we can express our love for God and gratitude to Him for His blessings, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We must keep God's commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise, contrition, and petition. We must also read and meditate on His word in the Bible and prayerfully attend Mass and other liturgical functions. If I am going to love God with all my heart, soul, mind, and strength, then I am going to have to place His will ahead of mine. This means that I will have to say no to some things that I might want to do. It also means that I will have to make seeking the Lord's will, and then doing it, paramount in my life. Taken together, loving God means we open our hearts, give Him our will, develop our minds, direct our emotions, use our bodies and deploy our resources in ways that reveal our love for Him in active, loving service of Him in Himself and Him in everyone we encounter.

**AUGUST 2021 REVENUE
OPERATING INCOME**

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Ordinary Income	\$21,660.72	\$42,172.72
General Fund Raising Activities	\$50,000.00	\$51,031.31
Extraordinary Income	\$6,355.23	\$8,079.23
Total Operating Income	\$78,015.95	\$101,283.26
Non-Operating Income	\$4,132.00	\$9,661.57
Total Income	\$82,147.95	\$110,944.83

**EXPENSES
OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

Salaries	\$10,550.51	\$20,972.25
Employee Benefits	\$5,281.49	\$10,546.84
Purchased Services	\$15,865.10	\$31,034.73
Other Expenses	\$534.64	534.64
Total Operating Expenses	\$32,231.38	\$68,749.46
Non-Operating Expenses	\$4,172.00	\$5,153.00
Total Expenditures	\$36,403.38	\$73,902.46
Excess of Income over Expenditures	\$45,744.57	\$37,042.37

**SEPTEMBER 2021 REVENUE
OPERATING INCOME**

	Current Month	Year-to-Date
Ordinary Income	\$17,419.50	\$59,592.22
General Fund Raising Activities	\$2,000.00	\$53,031.31
Extraordinary Income	\$4,655.24	\$12,734.47
Total Operating Income	\$24,074.74	\$125,358.00
Non-Operating Income	\$10,889.00	\$20,550.57
Total Income	\$34,963.74	\$145,908.57

**EXPENSES
OPERATING EXPENDITURES**

Salaries	\$10,422.10	\$31,394.35
Employee Benefits	\$5,265.35	\$15,812.19
Purchased Services	\$13,369.21	\$50,064.94
Other Expenses	---	\$534.64
Total Operating Expenses	\$29,056.66	\$97,806.12

Non-Operating Expenses	\$12,464.00	\$17,617.00
Total Expenditures	\$41,520.66	\$115,423.12
Excess of Income over Expenditures	(\$6,556.92)	\$30,485.45

**Memorial Donations
were given to Holy Angels Parish
In Loving Memory of**

Grace Gober by Susan & Dennis Hepler, Tricia Kastelic, Irene Docherty
Arthur Coroniti by Gabriela & Cathy Lacroce.
Janice Wengrenovich Bittel by Cathy Lacroce.
Lorraine (Ambrose) Walter by Paul & Roseann Anderson.
Danielle Swartz by Paul & Roseann Anderson.
Margaret Spadel by Paul & Roseann Anderson, Dave & Joann Shinskie.
Joseph Pancerella by Joe, Jean & Steve Anania.
Victor Swaboski, Jr. by Lucinda Bartol.
Carol Britton by Eleanor Beaver.
Diana Blair by Rose & Janice Witrosky.
Frank J. Kruskie by Paul & Roseann Anderson.
Francis Deppen by Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Nancy Ososkie, Jim & Donna Stanley.
Donna Davis by Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Cathy Lacroce, Mary Kay & David Bartol, Michael White, Linda & Myron Turlis.
Pearl Minnich by Pauline Mirarchi & Family.
Patricia Nestico by Paul & Roseann Anderson.
Ryan Little by Pauline Mirarchi & Family, Dave & Joann Shinskie.
Anna Marie Voloshin by Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Novakoski, Dave & Joann Shinskie, Joe, Jean & Steve Anania, Estelle Harris, Diane, Bill & Ashley Brennan, JoAnn & Tom Hill, Mary C. Buhay, Cindy & David Fickinger, Mary Ann Hill, UNB Bank Employees, Eleanor Piepsny Dreher, Sharon & Frank Pater, Ann Voloshin, Helen Mudry.
Elizabeth Olszewski by Dave & Elaine Baksi & Family, Charles & Tracy Choplick.
Jerome Buchinski by Aunt Carmella, Holy Angels Choir, Aileen Altmire, Sandy Giorgini, Joe, Jean & Steve Anania, Mary Kay & David Bartol, Bernard Bolick, Ted & Jackie Matlow, Jill Matlow, David & Rachel Wolfe, Amy & Robert Frank, Bob & Joan McAllister, Mr. & Mrs. David Matlow, Matthew & Jody Marks, Stella Andrukianis Rossi, Lee Balchunas, Peter & Nora Avellino, Robert & Joan Kidron, James & Larue McManus, Edward & Janet Rakoskie, Pearl Martello, Dennis & Elaine Lutz, Luann & Ron Byerly.

FINANCIAL REPORT**FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2020-JUNE 30, 2021****ORDINARY INCOME**

Sundays/Holy Days/ Plus One/Debt Reduction	\$229,029.28
Christmas	\$15,700.00
Easter	\$9,458.00
Other offerings	\$3,220.00

TOTAL ORDINARY INCOME \$257,409.28**TOTAL FUND-RAISING INCOME \$42,171.40****EXTRAORDINARY INCOME**

Votive Candles	\$4,653.00
Interest	\$47.87
Sale of Graves	\$3,800.00
Interment Fees	\$27,375.00
Gifts and Bequests	\$9,199.00
Diocesan Annual Campaign Refund	\$1,221.00
Other Income	\$18,310.00
Grants (Payroll Protection Program)	\$35,700.00

TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY INCOME \$100,305.87**TOTAL OPERATING INCOME \$399,886.55****NON-OPERATING INCOME**

Capital Fund	\$34,917.00
Withdrawals from Savings	\$7,599.00

TOTAL NON-OPERATING INCOME \$42,516.00**TOTAL INCOME \$442,402.55****EXPENDITURES**

Salaries/Employee	\$135,996.09
Employee Benefits	\$67,211.70

PURCHASED SERVICES

Telephone	\$4,388.96
Heating Costs(natural gas & oil)	15,127.62
Electricity	\$13,586.12
Water	\$3,063.23
Sewer	\$1,800.00
Other (trash removal)	\$2,570.00
Property Insurance	\$37,864.56
Vehicle Insurance	\$750.00
Repairs, Maintenance, Service Contracts	\$9,049.00
Cable	\$1,964.28

TOTAL PURCHASED SERVICES \$90,163.77**CONFERENCES AND DUES**

Seminars, Retreats, Workshops	\$550.00
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TOTAL CONFERENCES AND DUES \$550.00**SUPPLIES**

Votive Candles	\$2,914.00
Office Supplies	\$3,359.77
Religious Supplies & materials	\$8,681.20
Building Supplies	\$2,965.10
Pamphlets	\$1,734.40
TOTAL SUPPLIES	\$19,654.47

ASSESSMENTS

Our Lady of Lourdes Regional School	\$60,804.00
Hospital Chaplaincy- Geisinger/Shamokin	\$2,955.48

TOTAL ASSESSMENTS	\$63,759.48
OTHER EXPENSES	
Parish Truck Maintenance	\$74.83
Interment Fees	\$10,375.00
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES	\$2,695.17
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$390,480.51
NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	
Deposits to Savings	\$39,444.00
Transfer to Perpetual Care	\$7,200.00
Principal Payment on Debt-external	\$37,500.00
TOTAL NON-OPERATING EXPENSES	\$82,344.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$472,824.51
TOTAL INCOME	\$442,402.55
Excess of income over expenditures	(\$30,421.96)

I would like to thank each of you, our parishioners, for the financial sacrifices you have made over the past fiscal year. Because of the COVID pandemic, we had fallen short of meeting our goal of being "in the black" for this year. But due to the Payroll Protection Plan Grant and fund-raising savings we were able to meet our end of the year deficit.

Just to remind all of you, Holy Angels is in the black, there is no debt. We want to thank you for the sacrifices you have made. We thank you for supporting our fund-raisers, financially and by volunteering. But most importantly is your coming to worship the Lord in his house.

May God continue to bless you for your kindness and generosity to Holy Angels Parish thru your "time, talents and treasures."

God Bless,
Father Andrew &
Holy Angels Finance Committee

Dear Padre,

Does the Church have a position on cosmetic surgery?

For clarity, we understand cosmetic surgery to be a medical intervention that's purely optional and not required to maintain or restore physical health. For example, we aren't considering here plastic surgeries in response to serious injuries from fire or trauma. It's impossible to give a single response about all cosmetic surgery, and the Church has no explicit teaching on the matter. Perhaps some general suggestions will help guide our thinking.

We must first ask what the goal of the surgery is. Face lifts, "nose jobs,"



"tummy tucks," and such are elective surgeries usually pursued because persons are unhappy with their appearance. While there may be instances where people are so distraught over these matters that cosmetic surgery would help them attain some peace and comfort, often these surgeries are motivated by vanity. When these feelings are present, one might ask whether more profound

issues about self-acceptance should be addressed, rather than resorting to changing one's appearance. One should ask how this particular cosmetic surgery would enhance our dignity as one made in God's image.

In a broader context, we might consider how much is spent on "looking better" when many have neither food, shelter, nor proper clothing. A good meditation is to think first of Jesus' concern for the poor and then how he wishes to work through us to take care of his poor as the body of Christ.

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Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

Calendar

Monday
NOVEMBER 1
All Saints
Rv 7:2-4, 9-14
1 Jn 3:1-3
Mt 5:1-12a

Tuesday
NOVEMBER 2
Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Wis 3:1-9
Rom 5:5-11
Jn 6:37-40

Wednesday
NOVEMBER 3
Weekday
Rom 13:8-10
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday
NOVEMBER 4
St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop
Rom 14:7-12
Lk 15:1-10

Friday
NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
Rom 15:14-21
Lk 16:1-8

Saturday
NOVEMBER 6
Weekday
Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday
NOVEMBER 7
Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:10-16
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Our Parish COMMUNITY

October 31, 2021

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 6:2-6

Heb 7:23-28

Mk 12:28b-34

Take to Heart These Words

"Hear, O Israel!" (Deuteronomy 6:3) are the first words of the most important declaration of faith for Jewish people, a declaration that is the centerpiece of the morning and evening Jewish prayer services. It is a kind of "pledge of allegiance" that observant Jews say even today, reminding themselves of the uniqueness of their God and the covenantal relationship they have with this God. In it they confess that the Lord is their God, their only God. Out of reverence, they do not pronounce God's personal name. In its place they substitute the word *Lord*. Behind this act of faith is the covenantal promise of God: "I will be your God and you shall be my people" (Jeremiah 7:23).

This covenant carries mutual responsibilities. God will be their God and will be faithful to all that this blessing entails. As God's people, they will live according to the standards set by God, witnessing to the world the holiness in life lived for and with God. They are to love God with all their heart, soul, and strength.

Jesus did not change this declaration in any way. It is at the heart of the Christian way of life as well. What he did was throw light on the meaning of living for and with God, of loving the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. He insists that to love God is to love others, and to love them as we love ourselves. "Hear, O Israel!" "Take to heart these words" (Deuteronomy 6:6).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- How in your family or workplace might you show love by being kinder, more patient, and willing to forgive slights?
- How open are you to changing your understanding when a new point of view is offered to you?

[The scribe said to Jesus,]
"To love your neighbor
as yourself' is worth more
than all burnt offerings
and sacrifices."

MARK 12:33



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Vanity never heals. Rather, it is poisonous, it goes on bringing the disease in your heart, bringing you that hardness of heart that tells you: "No, do not go to the Lord, do not go. Stay by yourself." Vanity is precisely the place to close ourselves to the call of the Lord.

HOMILY, MARCH 10, 2020