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Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday6:00 pm
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:30 am

Confessions: During Adoration
Adoration: Friday 4:30-6:00 pm

Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday8:00 am
Saturday:4:00 pm
Sunday.....9:30 am

Confessions: Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm
Adoration: Wednesday 4:30-6:00 pm

Office Hours: Monday through
Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

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parish membership by at least one of
the parties for six months prior to
making arrangements for marriage.

Weddings should be scheduled
one year in advance.

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October 30, 2022



31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he reached the place, Jesus looked up and said, "Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house." And he came down quickly and received him with joy. - Lk 19:5-6

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Fr. Arnel's Reflections - 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time*Wis. 11:22-12:2; 2 Thess. 1:11-2:2; Lk. 19: 1-10*

On this 31st Sunday in the Ordinary Time, Jesus went into house of Zacchaeus and Zacchaeus ended up going into the house of God. The message in all three readings is all about receiving God's life-changing love, about receiving and accepting the presence, power, and love of God, which is why He has invited us here today into His house.

In the Gospel Reading, we hear the familiar story of Zacchaeus, a Jewish tax collector who longed to "see" Jesus. This implies that Zacchaeus must have heard about Jesus and wanted to know more about Him. So, hearing that Jesus was coming his way, Zacchaeus runs ahead of the crowd and climbs a tree to get a better look. Jesus, knowing this man's thoughts, stops at the tree, calls the tax collector down and then goes home to have dinner with him. Now, we can look at this scene from a purely human level and see a small man in a tree and Jesus stopping to chat with him, but the more important point here is that Jesus will go out of His way to find those who are sincerely looking for Him. We do not have to climb trees or do heroic things. We just need to open our hearts and minds and invite Jesus in.

In the First Reading, we hear or read the words of a wise sage, who recognizes the greatness of God "before whom the whole universe is but a grain from a balance or a drop of dew," yet He loves each one of us and is even gentle with sinners, "rebuking offenders little by little." God is a loving and Just God, with the little as well as the mighty. In the Responsorial Psalm, the Psalmist is giving us a prayer that anyone can say or sing, even Zacchaeus after his encounter with Jesus on the road and then coming to his house to have supper. This is what each of us can have if we really open our minds and hearts to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist or in even our own private prayer. He is there waiting for all of us to make that special move to seek Him.

The main message of the Second Reading is to dispel the fear of the Thessalonians of not being ready when the Lord returns to earth. Because of the severe persecutions by the Romans and some Jews, they thought that surely the end was near. Paul encourages them and all of us as well, to seek the Lord every day while we can. Do not wait until the so called "the end of time." We should be like Zacchaeus, running ahead to find Jesus in life's daily activities and not waiting until we go to church on Sunday. Moreover, seeking the

Lord is not an exercise of looking from treetops or mountains. Rather, it is a spiritual exercise of the mind and heart; but it takes just as much effort, honesty and sincerity as the more physical efforts. God made us for Him to love. All we need to do is to be willing to accept His love in whatever manner He wishes to give it. Furthermore, "seeking" or "seeing" the Lord is not a matter of a time or an event; but rather a continuing process that we should be pursuing every day of our lives.

Are you seeking Jesus to come into your heart and home? How would you respond if Jesus said to you "I must stay at your house today"? How would you react to such an invitation? Will your home be ready? Will you be personally ready to welcome Jesus in your home?"



The **Feasts of All Saints and All Souls** give us the opportunity to remember the vast *Communion of Saints* who have preceded us. Some are officially proclaimed holy men and women by the church; others we know from our experience of the holiness of their lives.

On **November 1**, the Church celebrates the **Feast of All Saints**, a feast that reminds us all of our call to holiness and anticipates the glory of the new and heavenly Jerusalem by celebrating the memory of those who have lived our faith to its fullest. Take time for some spiritual networking by seeking the counsel and insight of the saints, they are present to us especially in the stories of their lives. Begin a tradition of reading about the lives of the saints. Start with the story of the saint whose name you bear, practiced your profession or shared your hardships. The wisdom of the saints is there for our benefit.

Masses for this Holy Day of Obligation are:

Tuesday, **November 1, 12:00 pm** (Noon) in Footedale and **6:00 pm** in Masontown

Let us rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy. They stand in God's holy place and sing of the love the Father has bestowed upon them through the blood of the Lamb.

Mass of Remembrance and Candle Ceremony

On **Tuesday, November 2**, we will remember all the faithful departed with a special emphasis on those who were buried from our parish since last November 1st during a special Mass in **Masontown at 6:00 pm**.

All are invited to attend, most especially the families of these deceased parishioners.

It is a holy and pious thought to pray for the dead.

During November we are called to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. A **Book of Remembrance** is located near the Sanctuary at both worship sites in which you are invited to inscribe the names of your beloved dead who will be remembered in prayer during this month.

Pray for the Poor Souls! O Gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in purgatory, have mercy on them. Let some drops of Your Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames and send your Angels to conduct them to a place of refreshing light and peace.

Sacred Steps at Saint Francis of Assisi



Congratulations to and May God bless
Emily Rose Smearcheck and
Jordan Taylor Brumfield
who were married Saturday, October 22.♥

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the families of
† **Theresa I. (Soukup) Ripko**
who was buried Monday, October 24
† **Theresa Ann (Rondelli) Dorsey**
who was buried Wednesday, October 26
May God grant them eternal life and comfort
their families. May they rest in peace.



CASH BASH - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

at the social hall in Footedale

Doors open at 2pm; cash drawings begin at 2:30 pm and take place every ten minutes through 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$20; include free food and refreshments and are available at the Parish Office.

K of C PIE SALE: A reminder that all paid orders are due on November 1; order forms are available at the Church entrances; delivery is Tuesday, November 15.

40th Annual Carpatho-Rusyn Celebration - October 30 St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, Uniontown, Noon to 5pm. There will be ethnic foods, entertainment, crafts, raffles, bake sale, cookbook sale, folk art demonstrations, children's activities.

Join Bishop Kulick for *Prayer and Perfect Pairings*, a five-course dinner prepared by priests of the Diocese of Greensburg on **November 10**, at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/PrayerandPerfectPairings for tickets/sponsor information.

"Spirited," the first Diocesan Women's Conference, is set for Saturday, **November 12**, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm at Christ our Shepherd Center, Greensburg. The day will feature praise and worship, including Mass with Bishop Kulick, plus speakers, witness testimonies, crafts, prizes and lunch. Visit DioceseofGreensburg.org/Spirited.

Stewardship of Treasure

October 23: \$5,246; loose \$312; monthly \$255; children \$1; online \$307; totaling \$6,121
Mission Sunday Appeal - \$570

Our parish is grateful for your support!



May God bless the priests of the Diocese of Greensburg! - annual Clergy Convocation - October 18, 19 & 20, 2022

November

The month of November is dedicated to the Poor Souls. Through the prayers and sacrifices of the faithful, the souls in Purgatory are freed from the punishments due to their forgiven sins. The Poor Souls who will one day enter heaven can pray for the faithful on earth.

During November, please pray with Pope Francis **for children who suffer**. We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Faith Formation at Saint Francis of Assisi

† Sunday, **October 30**, 10:30 to 11:45 am in Footedale

† **NO Classes** next Sunday, **November 6**

† **Children's Mass** - Saturday, **November 12**, 6:00 pm in Masontown.

Children serve as lectors, ushers, gift bearers.

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CHRISTMAS WREATHS

So many of us honor our loved ones during the Christmas season by beautifying their gravesites. This fundraiser offers convenience to you and helps defray cemetery maintenance costs. Items available for purchase include: decorated pine grave blankets, pillows, crosses and wreaths. Order forms are available at the entrances of both worship sites. Payment must accompany the orders and can be mailed, dropped in the collection basket or delivered to the Parish Office no later than November 15. Pick up will be the weekend of December 3/4 after all Masses at both worship sites. Thanks for your support!

JANUARY CALENDAR TICKET

Winning numbers will be determined by the PA daily lottery evening number each evening in January. Daily cash awards range from \$100 to \$400. Tickets are \$10 each and are available at the Parish Office or by mail. If you wish to have your ticket mailed to you, please enclosed a self addressed, stamped envelope. If you request a certain number, we'll do our best to accommodate your request. **Thank you for your support!**

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Name _____ Phone _____

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 29 -- Vigil: 31st Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F (A) Joe Mehalek (Wife, Donna)
6:00 pm-M (A) August & Sarah Vittone (Family)

Sunday, October 30 -- 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (A) Thomas Zemo (Anna Hornick)
9:30 am-F (A) Elaine Rosnack (McVicker Family)
11:30 am-M (S) Pro Populo

Monday, October 31 -- Weekday

9:30 am-M Donna Parish (M/M Ralph Cavalcante)

Tuesday, November 1 -- All Saints (Holy Day Obligation)

12:00 pm-F Adam & Elizabeth Freiberg (Dtrs/Fam)
6:00 pm-M Mary Z. Maykuth (Family)

Wednesday, November 2 -- All Souls Day

6:00 pm-M All the Faithful Departed

Thursday, November 3 -- Saint Martin de Porres

9:30 am-F Mary & Casimer Glodziak (Family)

Friday, November 4 -- Saint Charles Borromeo

NO MASS
4:30-6:00 pm Adoration in Masontown

Saturday, November 5 -- Vigil: 32nd Ordinary Sunday

3-3:30 pm-F Confessions
4:00 pm-F (A) Victor "Terry" Pollick (Children)
6:00 pm-M (A) Betty Bobincheck (Niece, Mary Ann Blasinsky)

Sunday, November 6 -- 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M (A) Vince Zapotosky (Lisa Chatlak)
9:30 am-F (A) Pro Populo
11:30 am-M (A) Mary Kay Richnafsky (Mary Anne Hritz)

(M) Fr. Marlon / (A) Fr. Arnel / (S) Fr. Simboli

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14
Tuesday: Rv 7:2-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12
Wednesday: Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; John 6:37-40
Thursday: Phil 3:3-8; Lk 15:1-10
Friday: Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-8
Saturday: Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
Next Sunday: 2 Mc 7:1-14; 2 Thes 2:16-3:5; Lk 20:27-38

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, November 4, in Masontown

4:30-5:30 pm: Exposition and Confession
5:30-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction



Next Saturday (November 5) don't forget to turn your clocks BACK one hour before retiring as we bring daylight savings time to an end.



In today's Gospel, Zacchaeus has to climb a tree in order to see Jesus. We likely had it much easier to come here today to encounter our Lord. We don't have to go up a tree; we experience Jesus' presence right here and right now in the company of other believers, in the hearing of God's word and in the Eucharist itself.

At the end of the Gospel, Jesus tells the repentant Zacchaeus that salvation has come to his house. May the Lord's mercy bring salvation to this house as well.



Today is Priesthood Sunday, a day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States and to reflect upon the central role of priests in the Church. This nationwide event is sponsored by the U.S. Council of Serra International. Please pray for an increase of vocations to the sacred priesthood. Thank God for the priests who have ministered to you over the years and for the repose of the souls of those who have died.

Memorial Candles burn this week in loving memory of or for the special intention of:

- † **Sanctuary** - *All the Faithful Departed*
- † **Blessed Mother** - *Patricia & Anthony Pikulski*
requested by their family
Helen Pollick
requested by her children:
Jimmy, Bobby, Cindy & Sharon
- † **Saint Joseph** - *Phyllis & Arnie Brubaker*
requested by Mary Anne Hritz
Cecelia Kaparic
requested by niece, Carletta
- † **Saint Anthony** - *Anthony Pikulski*
requested by his family
Viola Whetzel
requested by daughter, Paulette
- † **Sacred Heart** - *Paul E. Verska*
90th Birthday Remembrance
requested by his family
Theresa Galluzzo
requested by Mom & Dad



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