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Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am
Saturday4:00 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

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November 13, 2022



33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that all
your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute."
- Lk 21:15**

Fr. Arnel's Reflections - 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Mal 3:19-20a; Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9; 2 Thes 3:7-12; Lk 21:5-19



On this 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time, the central theme of our Readings is "The Day of the Lord" or the "Second Coming" of Jesus in glory, as Judge, at the end of the world. In the Old Testament, Day of Judgment is being used, a day that would spell gloom and doom for those who have not been faithful to the God of Israel. Hence, the readings are leading us to reflect upon the final days of the world, our own death, and the final judgment.

The First Reading is taken from the Prophet Malachi. The time is the early part of the 5th century BC when Israel was in great turmoil after the end of the Babylonian Exile. There was much corruption and unfaithfulness to God. The message here is that all humanity must eventually take sides to choose "good" or "evil" because "a Day is coming" when there will be a reckoning and all must be judged. Today, we look upon this "day of reckoning" as the Last Judgment when the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the "Son of justice" will sit in judgment over the "living and the dead." This is when all mankind will be held accountable for their actions and omissions, their deeds and misdeeds.

Saint Paul in the Second Reading admonishes the people to continue working as he did to earn their "daily bread". It is because at the time the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians was written, it was commonly thought by some of the early Christians that the Day of the Lord, the Second coming, was about to happen in their lifetime. As a result, many people just stopped doing every-day chores, duties and daily work. This became a major problem for those who saw a need to continue a "normal" pace of life.

In the Gospel Reading from St. Luke, we hear Jesus prophesy about the great destruction of Jerusalem that was about to happen. All of this came about in 70 AD as a result of the persecution of the Christians, first by the Jews and then by the Romans. It was a Day of Judgment for the Jewish people who did not accept Christ; but it was not the end of the world. Jesus then goes on to talk about the greater Day of Judgment that we will all face some day, first when we die and then again at the end of the world. But the question now is "Are we prepared on our death, on the final days of the world and on the final judgment?"

We can prepare by trying to do God's will every day, leading holy lives of selfless love, trust in God, mercy, compassion, and unconditional forgiveness. In order to do this, we must recharge our spiritual batteries every day by personal prayer, that is, by talking to God, and by listening to Him through reading the Bible. Daily examination of our conscience at bedtime and asking God's pardon and forgiveness for the sins of the day will also prepare us to face God any time to give Him an account of our lives.

We must also be fully aware of the reality of a passing world. We must remember that our homes, our Churches, and even our own lives are temporary. Our greatness is judged by God, not on our worldly achievements, but on our faithfulness to our Faith, and our practice of that Faith in loving service of others. How our faithfulness is expressed each day is the most important thing. We are to persevere in our Faith in spite of worldly temptations, attacks on our religion and moral values by the atheistic media, threats of social isolation, and direct or indirect persecution because of our religious beliefs. We can end this Liturgical Year by praying for the grace to endure patiently all our trials, for they are essential to our affirmation of Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

THE END OF DAYS

As we prepare for next Sunday’s feast of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, we hear descriptions of dire and catastrophic events. Sometimes it seems as though we ourselves are living in the end times, when life as we currently know it will cease for everyone. In answer to what must have been a fearful question, Jesus does not sugarcoat His foretelling of future days nor does the Old Testament prophet Malachi flinch from his pronouncements upon an evil world. Saint Paul, still writing to the Thessalonians, warns them prophetically against succumbing to “The End Is Near” Syndrome - indolence in the face of the final days. Both Jesus and Malachi speak of the recompense for living a just life - healing and vindication. Our Psalm 98, typically associated with Christmastime, helps us to rejoice for the King who is coming to rule with justice.



Tuesday is the Feast of Saint Albert the Great

A master of philosophy, theology and the natural sciences, he was a teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas, a bishop and a Doctor of the Church. He is patron of scientists.

Wednesday is the Feast of Saint Margaret of Scotland

Wife of King Malcolm III of Scotland and mother of eight, she helped root out paganism. Her love for the poor became legendary. She is patroness of Scotland.

Wednesday is also the Feast of Saint Gertrude

She was a mystic who wrote on the meaning of suffering, the Sacred Heart, the Trinity and of God’s great love.

Thursday is the Feast of Saint Elizabeth of Hungary

Wife of Louis IV of Thuringia and mother of three, as a widow, she became a Franciscan tertiary dedicated to the needs of the poor and the sick. She is patron of the Franciscan Third Order and of Catholic charities.

Friday is the Feast of Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

At age 83, she founded the first American house of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, opened the first American free school west of the Mississippi and is known for her courage and desire to serve Native Americans.



Sacred Steps at Saint Francis of Assisi

Parish Sympathy is expressed to the family of
 † **Bruno Smith**
 who was buried Wednesday, November 9.
 May God grant him eternal life and comfort
 his family. May he rest in peace.

Faith Formation at Saint Francis of Assisi

Sunday, **November 13**, 10:30 to 11:45 am

The **GOLDEN GROUP** will meet at 11:30 am on Wednesday, **November 16**, at the Footedale social hall. This will be a pre-Thanksgiving covered dish lunch by the members. Bring your favorite dish to share with all!

The Practice of Stewardship

Today’s readings paint a somewhat frightening picture of the end of time but the Gospel ends with the assurance to faithful stewards that those who persevere will be saved.



Our diocese will take the **National Collection for the Archdiocese for the Military Services (AMS)** today. Support of this collection brings the Gospel, the sacraments

and other forms of spiritual support to those who serve our country and defend our freedoms. The mission of the AMS is “Serving Those Who Serve.” They rely solely on the generosity of private donations.

Religious Give Thanks. A sister writes, “*We remember the many people who believe in the Retirement Fund for Religious, thanking them in prayer for their great generosity and compassion.*” Thank you and may God bless you for donating to last week’s special collection.

Thank You for the following memorial donations to **St Procopius & St Thomas Cemeteries** In loving memory of our cousin, **Katie Palaisa Heavrin** by Jimmy, Renne, Rosie and families

SELF-PORTRAIT

Every job is a self-portrait of the person who did it. Autograph your work with quality. - Anonymous

Stewardship of Treasure

November 6: \$5,953; loose \$315; monthly \$360;
 All Saints Day \$1,834; All Souls Day \$1,495;
 online \$287 totaling \$10,337
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$652

Your support is vital to the life of our parish!

SUMMER CELEBRATION REPORT

July Calendar Ticket - \$12,720.00
(991 tickets sold @ \$20)

Pasta Dinner/Basket Raffle - \$6,454.00

Sponsors - \$7,240.00

Festival Profit - \$14,573.49
(income \$24,961; expenses \$10,387.51)

Total - \$40,987.49

Thank you to everyone who participated in and supported the events of our Summer Celebration! When we work together, we can do amazing things♥

CASH BASH REPORT

Many grateful thanks to *everyone* who helped in any way to make last Sunday's Cash Bash a success. Special thanks to the Cash Bash Committee and volunteers for their hours of hard work and dedicated service.

The Winning Numbers: 605, 225, 475, 551, 144, 006, 765, 728, 193, 869, 292, 013, 572, 247, 886, 368, 966, 226, 717, 496, 915, 682, 542, 926, 753, 090, 821, 164

The profit: \$12,462. Thank you and God bless you!!!

Cemetery Fundraising

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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Next Sunday we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**, marking the end of the Year of Grace 2022. As our Church Year draws to a close, we reflect on how we have been faithful to our source of life and recall those times we have failed.

PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITIES

Advent: A Season of Prayer and Service

This Advent, you are invited to take part in a new SFOA Advent Tradition: Soft Enough For A King. This activity will help us refocus Advent away from a period of frenzied pre-Christmas busyness to its real purpose - anticipating the coming of Christ. Next week, each worship sit will have an empty manger on display. You are invited to obtain pieces of "straw" attached to suggestions for individual/family prayer or acts of service to perform and record on the "straw." Return the "straw" to the empty manger each week. By Christmas, our acts of prayer and service will make our manger Soft Enough For A King!

The Giving Tree will arrive next weekend.

All are invited to take a tag, purchase the appropriate gift, attach the tag to the gift and return it to the Church by December 10/11. Please note: when taking a tag, please list your name next to the tag number on the sheet provided. Thank you!

The Polish Heritage Club invites you to relive the tradition of an authentic **Polish Wigilia** (Christmas Eve dinner). Learn the meaning of the customs, traditions and folklore of old Poland. Wigilia begins at 6:00 pm on Friday, **December 16**, at the Uniontown Polish Club, 229 S. Mt. Vernon Ave. Door prizes, basket auctions, 50/50 are planned. For information and reservations, call Barb at 724-438-1036. All are invited!



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 12 -- Vigil: 33rd Ordinary Sunday
 4:00 pm-F (M) *Dolores Sofranko (Rocheck/Lewis/Baker Fam)*
 6:00 pm-M (A) Fred Brenzy (John & Sue Maykuth)

Sunday, November 13 -- 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 am-M (A) Pro Populo
 9:30 am-F (M) *50th Anniversary Theresa & Joseph Mohar*
 11:30 am-M (M) Mary Zaiglin (Karen Hughes/John Kopec)

Monday, November 14 -- Weekday
 8:00 am-M Deceased Parish/Richnafsky Families

Tuesday, November 15 -- Saint Albert the Great
 8:00 pm-F *Alfred & Julia Palo (Son, Frank)*

Wednesday, November 16 -- Weekday
 8:00 am-M Nancy Barnhart (Sandy Dunlap)

Thursday, November 17 -- Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
 8:00 am-F *Scott Casterwiler (Joe/Theresa Mohar)*

Friday, November 18 -- Weekday
 8:00 am-M Michael A. Zumerling (Wife & Family)
 4:30-6:00 pm Adoration in Masontown

Saturday, November 19 -- Vigil: Christ the King
 3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*
 4:00 pm-F (A) *Judith Scola (Frank Palo)*
 6:00 pm-M (A) Ellen Duffy (Mike & Betti Moser)

Sunday, November 20 -- Christ the King
 8:00 am-M (M) Peggy Dulik (Rose/Michael Gabeletto)
 9:30 am-F (M) *Pro Populo*
 11:30 am-M (M) Linda Marano (Daughter, Erika Doyle)

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

Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Lk 18:35-43
 Tuesday: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Lk 19:1-10
 Wednesday: Rv 4:1-11; Lk 19:11-28
 Thursday: Rv 5:1-10; Lk 19:41-44
 Friday: Rv 10:8-11; Lk 19:45-48
 Saturday: Rv 11:4-12; Lk 20:27-40
 Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43



Eucharistic Adoration
Friday, November 18, 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

Sing praise to the Lord with the harp,
 with the harp and melodious song.
 - Psalm 98:5



Our readings today are truly frightening, for they look ahead to the end of the world and the second coming of our Lord. Everything that the human race has achieved will come crashing down. Natural disasters and violent conflicts will erupt. The faithful will be persecuted but will be vindicated in the end. While evildoers will be punished in the last days, the faithful will not be harmed. May this give us confidence as we look forward to an uncertain future.

Question of the Week

Can I take the urgency of not knowing when the end times will come for me or for the world and channel it to do something good? What practical thing can I do this week to help carry out Jesus' mission?

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

† **Sanctuary** - *50th Wedding Anniversary of Theresa & Joseph Mohar*
 requested by their family

Frank Magerko Jr.

requested by his wife, Carolyn

† **Blessed Mother** - *Debbie Lukacs*
 requested by Priscilla Michalik

Katharine & Valeria Glowacka
 requested by Dom & Valeria

† **Saint Joseph** - *Scott Casterwiler*
 requested by Joe & Theresa Mohar

Mary Salek

requested by daughters, Ann & Rose

† **Saint Anthony** - *Clement & Josephine Ryan*
 requested by their family

Frank & Mary Kordella

requested by sons, David & Frank Jr.

† **Sacred Heart** - *George & Anna Kois*
 requested by granddaughter, Carletta

Margaret Rosneck

requested by her daughter, Kathleen



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