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## November 5, 2023

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### Masses in Masontown

Monday, Wednesday, Friday ..8:00 am  
Saturday .....6:00 pm  
Sunday..... 8:00 am & 11:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 5:00-5:30 pm

**Adoration:** First & Third  
Fridays - 4:30 to 6:00 pm

### Masses in Footedale

Tuesday & Thursday .....8:00 am  
Saturday: .....4:00 pm  
Sunday.....9:30 am

**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

**Adoration:** Second & Fourth  
Wednesdays - 12:30 to 2:00 pm

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

**Bulletin Articles:** The deadline  
for placing articles in the bulletin  
is Monday at Noon.

### New Parishioners, Welcome!

Please register as soon as possible.

**Communion to the Homebound** is  
provided on a regular basis. Call the  
Parish Office to be added to our list.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** By  
appointment. Prior to your baby's  
Baptism, you must be a registered,  
practicing member of this parish.

**Sacrament of Marriage:** Requires  
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.

**Prayer Chain:** To request prayer,  
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**SERVANT**

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“The greatest among you  
must be your servant.”

MATTHEW 23:11

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In your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of **Mr. Teofilio Pates**,  
the father of Fr. Marlon, who passed away recently. May God grant  
to him eternal life and comfort his family. May he rest in peace.♥

## Thoughts from Father Anthony

**31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A** (Mt. 22: 1-12)

When I was ordained a transitional deacon as other priests experienced, I was given the Bible with this instruction and prayer: “*Receive the gospel whose herald you are. Believe what you read, preach what you believe, and practice what you preach*” but you know on that night before I went to bed, I added for myself to those words: “*Pray what you practice.*”

Faith is not only belief, praxis, and prayer; but faith is a *relationship* of believing, practicing, praying, living, and sharing. A priest, in his homily, said that it is primarily witnessing to a caring God for a searching people. It is in *reflecting* on the things we do and the things that happen to us. It is *finding* an everyday God with His message and plan for us in all our undertakings. In other words walk the talk.

In today’s gospel, Jesus affirms the Pharisees and scribes as legitimate leaders of people, following Moses. He tells His disciples to obey and respect them but not to follow their example. What they say is true so follow them, but in practice they are misusing their authority for the sake of their selfish advantage, so do not imitate their example. Many people say that authority is bad. They say that power corrupts. Everyday we hear stories in the media about scandals among politicians, corporate heads, even in the church, and others who hold positions of authority, but authority is good because it comes from God.

God entrusts a share of His authority to men and women. It is the *abuse* of authority that makes authority a bad thing. Just money - money is good and is not the root of evil, but it becomes the root of evil when we begin to love it and make money as our gods. Authority is entrusted to us by God not to dominate and exploit others but for service. So leadership is service, leadership by example.

St. Paul in our second reading today tells us his description of service as a leader among the Thessalonians, that he was a caring and dedicated leader. He tells them that he worked day and night while preaching the gospel. He served selflessly. He was not trying to impress them or gain anything from them; thus, he was giving to people not simply human words but the word of God. St. Paul is truly a great example, putting into practice precisely what Jesus teaches today: “*The greatest among you must be your servant.*”

There is a gap between our faith and action, theology and practice. There is a dichotomy in our Christian life. There is supposed to be none. What Christ stresses is that our concern should not be after titles of honor and worldly dignity, things which the scribes and Pharisees were craving. In other words, it is *service* that matters. If we want to become great human beings and outstanding Christians, then we must *serve* the rest. Our service might take the form of meeting physical and material needs like: washing or cooking meals for the family and many more. It is a small thing but taken for granted. In the eyes of God it is the greatest performance we ever have.

Our service might take the form of caring for the emotional and psychological needs of others like offering them companionship when they are down and friendship - speaking words of hope and encouragement, showing acceptance and giving recognition. It could be by visiting our sick and ill parents and taking good care of them. It could be your dedication as a parent by teaching your children in a right way through role model. It could be our ministry in the church as well. Another form of service might be to meet the spiritual and faith needs of others like giving good examples, living simple lifestyles and many more.

What is our feeling now when we hear Jesus criticizing the Pharisees?  
Are we happy? Are we satisfied or sad and sorrowful because,  
like the Pharisees, we are also hit by such criticism?



"Whoever humbles himself will be exalted," Matthew 23: 1-12

We come together today, as we do each Sunday, to praise and thank God and to celebrate the Eucharist as Jesus called us to do. We do all this in a spirit of humility, aware that all that we are and all that we have comes ultimately from God and that the Eucharist is Christ's own Body and Blood, which He offered to us so that we could have eternal life. Today's Gospel reminds us that it is proper to humble ourselves before the Lord, for we are called to serve, not to be served.

**During November**, we remember and honor all those who have preceded us in death. We recall especially those who have passed away this past year. It is normal to struggle with one's faith when in the throes of grief. Death comes with trauma and questions that we can never answer satisfactorily. Why was she taken so soon? Why did he suffer so much? How will our family get through this? We come together today, and each Sunday, as a family of faith to be nourished at the table of the Word and the table of the Eucharist. May the resurrected Lord, whom we receive in the Eucharist, strengthen and comfort us as we pray for those we have lost.

A **Book of Remembrance** is located near the Sanctuary. You are invited to record the names of your deceased loved ones who will be remembered in prayer during the month of November.



**Eucharistic Adoration**

**Wednesday, November 8, in Footedale**

12:30-1:30 pm: Exposition / Confession

1:30-1:45 pm: Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

1:45-2:00 pm: Benediction

**May They Rest in the Peace of Christ**



On Thursday, November 2, we remembered, in a special way, members of our Parish Family and others who were buried from Saint Francis of Assisi Parish since All Souls Day last year. The following are those individuals. Please pray for them and for their families.

- Edward Evansek, Bruno Smith, Charles Cheresnye, Helen Blasinsky, Martin Cosimatto, Samuel Bartoni, Donna Waslousky, Theresa Wilk, Patricia Stunja, Erma Voytek, Irene O'Brien, Joseph Coll, Marie Durschlag, Helen Angelo, Josephine Yash, Martha Batis, Sylvia Krofcheck, Robert Cole, Andrea Shimek, Richard Zaiglin, Cynthia Glad, Rebecca Bogus, Frank Palo, Clarinda Tokish, George Homa, Pauline Gaffey, Susan Papa, Gene Barnhart, Shelby Hutson, Wanda Valusek, Anna Valusek, Frank Coppolino, John Sargent Jr., Martha Jean Baron, Charole Daniels-Raspa, Joanne Kozel, Charles Kozub, Michael Shine, Domenick LeDonne, Michael Reposky, Renne Kremposky, John Hospodavis, Joseph Matyus Jr. Mary Ann Suba, Mary Ellen Karafa, Delores May, John Shinsky Jr., Anthony Mackowiak, Dennis Ballas, Justine Hadenak, James Maher, Albert Apicella, Joan Cech, Charles Walters III, William Rostich, Gregory Martinko, Cindy Mihalko, Theresa Cassidy, Theresa Hoist, Arthur Weiss, Madelyn Weiss, Irene Kubica, Joseph Glad, Anthony Mojock, Steve Molek, Mary Fotta, Thomas Piszczor

*All humanity is bound together by the common mortality in which Christ Jesus came to share. With us He died so that in Him we might rise to everlasting life. Let us learn from those who have gone before us how to love well so that we may die well - and let us accompany*



In the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, a war called the Great War (World War I) involved most of the countries of the earth. Millions died as a result of new, terrible weapons.

Everyone hoped that it was *the war to end all wars*.

A very special time was chosen as the hour when the guns would be stilled and peace declared: ***the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.***

By this choice, the signers of the peace treaty suggested that humankind waited until it was nearly too late. The day chosen for the beginning of peace was special for another reason - it was the memorial of Saint Martin of Tours who had been a soldier. His feast day, *Martinmas*, is a celebration of peace and Saint Martin of Tours is the patron saint of soldiers. On Veteran's Day, all Americans who have fought in wars - those who survived as well as those who died - are honored.

**Thank you and may God bless all of our Veterans ♥**

**Hospitality Committee Bingo - Sunday, October 29**



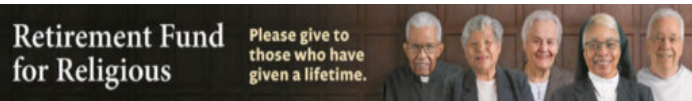
**VOTE this Tuesday, November 7.** As Americans we are blessed to live under a representative government which allows us to choose our leaders by casting our votes. Every vote counts! Your prayers and your vote can make a difference. Please take the time and vote.

*“Government is a trust and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.” - Henry Clay*



**CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER**

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 19. Pick up will be the weekend of December 2/3 after all Masses at both worship sites. Thanks for your support!



We are invited this weekend to support the **Retirement Fund for Religious and Diocesan Priests** and all of our brothers and sisters in Christ, present and past, who have dedicated their lives to prayer, ministry and service. Your gift today supports the care of the growing population of elderly religious.

**PRACTICE OF STEWARDSHIP**

“The greatest among you will be the one who serves the rest,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. What wonderful good news for those who give of their time in service to others! See Matthew 23:11

**Stewardship of Treasure**

**October 29:** \$6,538; loose \$468; monthly \$390; children \$10; online \$157; totaling \$7,563

**Our parish is very grateful for your support!**

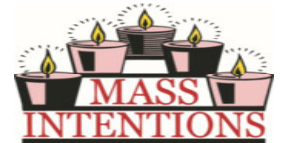


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**Masses for 2024**

are ready to be scheduled. Please help us to serve you better by observing the following:



1. All Mass requests must be submitted *in writing* in order to save time and avoid mistakes. Mass intentions will *not* be taken over the phone or after Mass. *Send or drop them off* to us *in writing*.
2. Five Masses per year may be scheduled by any one person. Two of these may be scheduled on a weekend or holy day of obligation.
3. No Mass intentions will be taken for Easter weekend, Mother’s Day, Father’s Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas.
4. If there are any Mass intentions for your loved ones here (from funerals), we already scheduled a Mass on or near the anniversary date of death.
5. Masses must be paid for at the time of scheduling. According to Diocesan guidelines, the offering for each Mass is a minimum of \$10.
6. Please remember that Mass Intentions are a *request*. **We reserve the right to make changes to the Mass schedule if need be due to circumstances beyond our control** such as retreats, illness, etc. In this case, the next available date will be scheduled. **Please note:** we don’t always have time to call you when a Mass needs to be rescheduled - please refer to the bulletin.

**Please note:** Church Law requires the pastor to offer one of the Mass intentions each weekend (Saturday Vigil or Sunday) and each Holy Day of Obligation for “All the people entrusted to his care.” In 2023, the Pro Populo Mass (All Living & Deceased Parishioners) will alternate between worship sites each weekend.

**Mass Intention Request Form**

Intention for: \_\_\_\_\_

Requested by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Mass Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Worship Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Footedale \_\_\_\_\_ Masontown

Payment is due at the time of scheduling. Please make checks are payable to: **Saint Francis of Assisi Parish**

# MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

**Saturday, November 4 -- Vigil: 31<sup>st</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
 4:00 pm-F Bruno W. Smith (Brothers & Sisters)  
 6:00 pm-M Joe & Katie Furayter (Mihallik Family)

**Sunday, November 5 -- 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am-M Theresa Galluzzo (Mom & Dad)  
 9:30 am-F Marty Check (Daughters)  
 11:30 am-M Pro Populo

**Monday, November 6 -- Weekday**  
 8:00 am-M Tom Pavlovich (M/M Dennis Santella)

**Tuesday, November 7 -- Weekday**  
 8:00 am-F Bill & Nancy Price (Brother Joe/Family)

**Wednesday, November 8 -- Weekday**  
 8:00 am-M George Homa (M/M John Pleban)  
 12:30-2:00 pm-F Adoration / Confessions


**Thursday, November 9 -- Dedication of Lateran Basilica**  
 8:00 am-F Adeline Kiec (Joan & Fred Staley)

**Friday, November 10 -- Saint Leo the Great**  
 8:00 am-M Robert Cerullo (John/Carol DelGrosso)

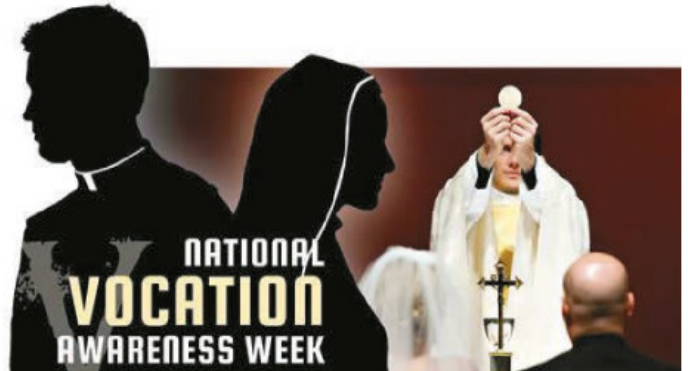
**Saturday, November 11 -- Vigil: 32<sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Sunday**  
 3-3:30 pm-F Confessions  
 4:00 pm-F **Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Kulick**  
*Intention: Baby John & Edward Kopec Jr. (Family)*

**No Saturday evening Mass / Confessions in Masontown**  
**Sunday, November 12 -- 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 am-M William, Stella, Bob, Marilyn, Cathy Raho  
 9:30 am-F Edward Czuchan 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance  
 11:30 am-M Joe & Sally Coll 59<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Remembrance

## Mass Readings for the Week Ahead

Monday:	Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14	
Tuesday:	Rom 12:5-16; Lk 14:15-24	
Wednesday:	Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33	
Thursday:	Ez 47:1-12; 1 Cor 3:9-17; Jn 2:13-22	
Friday:	Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8	
Saturday:	Rom 16:3-27; Lk 16:9-15	
Next Sunday:	Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13	

There will be **no Saturday evening Mass in Masontown on Saturday, November 11.** Everyone is invited to the Footedale worship site for a **Mass of Thanksgiving** at 4:00 pm. **Bishop Larry J. Kulick will preside.** Refreshments and a meet and greet with the Bishop will follow at the social hall.



## Today begins Vocation Awareness Week

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life or to live as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty but also a joyful one. During this special week, please encourage the young people in your life - children, grandchildren, students and friends - to be open if God calls them to priesthood or religious life. Please pray daily for an increase in religious vocations!

**Why does it matter that people discover their God-given vocation? Because the Church relies on the unique contribution of every soul.**

As St. John Henry Newman famously reflected: "God has created me to do some special service; God has committed some work to me which has not been committed to another. I HAVE A MISSION."

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

† **Sanctuary** - Steve, Betty & Willie Hoist  
 requested by Stephanie Hoist

† **Blessed Mother** - Eleanor Sigwalt  
 requested by her children & grandchildren  
*Viola Whetzel*  
 requested by her daughter, Paulette

† **Saint Joseph** - Martin Fidek  
 requested by Michael & Constance Bernot  
*Marty Check*  
 requested by his daughters

† **Saint Anthony** - Martha Rosnack  
 requested by Ken  
*Charles A. Tomotchko*  
 requested by wife, Rose Marie

† **Sacred Heart** - Bill & Nancy Price  
 requested by brother, Joe & Family  
*Adam & Elizabeth Freiberg*  
 requested by daughters & their families

 **Coffee & Donuts after all Masses this Sunday in Masontown only (due to the Cash Bash).**



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