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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

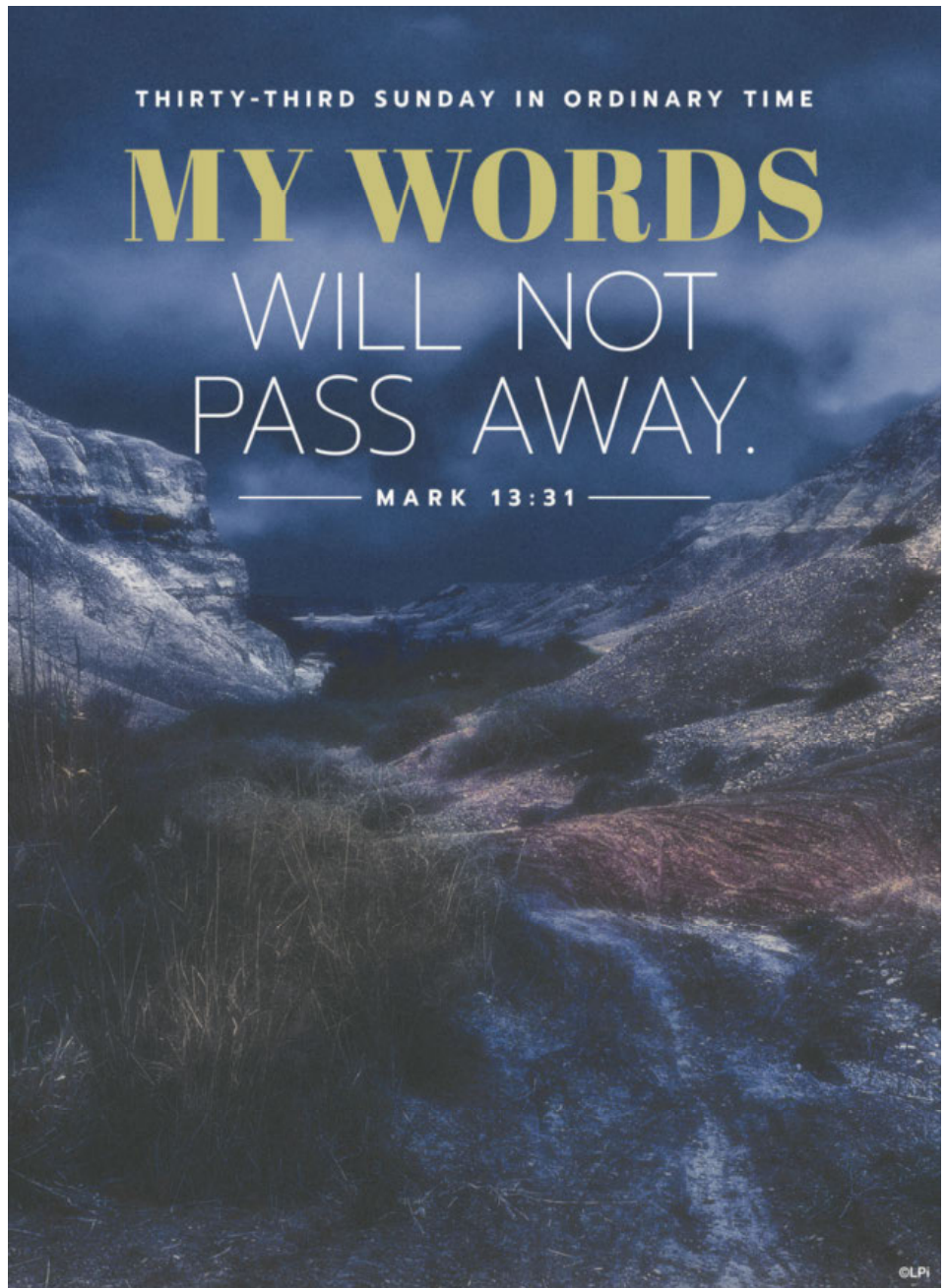
**Confessions:** Saturday 3:00-3:30 pm

**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.



## Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B



*Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.* - Mark 13:24-32

By pointing to the end times, today's readings speak to the coming reign of God, when God will make all things new. In Christ, this time has already begun.

We, by our energized watchfulness, can further God's reign. We can heal broken hearts, free captives, spread the Good News. Even so, the reign of God will not be complete without the second coming of Christ.

Our weekly Eucharistic gathering is a sign of the fullness of the end times.

At Mass, we join as an assembly to recall and to claim the story of Jesus as our own. Together we give thanks to God for the many gifts bestowed upon us.

We receive nourishment in the simple but profound meal and our weak and weary selves are invigorated and transformed by the power of Christ so that we ourselves might become effective signs of God's reign present and to come.

### Gospel Reflection

I recently moved into a new neighborhood. On my first evening, I went grocery shopping and could not find my usual favorite Greek yogurt. Strangely, my heart started to race. All the losses of my previous life hit me. So many of my old friends, habits, comforts, predictable experiences had fallen away. There I stood, a grown man, crying like a little boy whose world was falling apart in the dairy aisle.

This week, Jesus describes what to do when one world ends and another begins. Does it apply to the end of time? Yes. Does it apply to the end of our individual lives? Yes. It also applies to every "world" we inhabit throughout our lives, in school, family, friendships, work, play and so on. First, the sun, moon, and stars fall. The old, familiar ways of running things suddenly stop working. Light fades. Things fall apart. It's awful but, second, Christ comes *in the clouds*. Jesus, the Son of Man, replaces those old powers with Himself as the prime governing principle. Third, He sends His angels to *gather His elect from the four winds*. He re-integrates the fragments into a new integrated whole. *Summer is near*, He concludes. A new world begins.

Is your world crumbling? Are your sun, moon, and stars falling from the sky? Learn to discern the pattern of the Cross and Resurrection at work in it.

This is the power that we touch in the Mass. Jesus is coming precisely in this transition from the old to the new world. It doesn't make our losses easy but it does make it possible to glimpse the dawning of a summer, a new beginning, the life of the world to come.

- Father John Muir

**You are my inheritance, O Lord! - Psalm 16**

### Prayer of the Week

Grant us, we pray, O Lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to You, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.



In his Apostolic Letter, *Misericordia et Misera*, Pope Francis designated the Thirty-third Sunday of Ordinary Time "World Day of the Poor." He wrote: "It will be a day that will help communities and each baptized person to reflect on how poverty is at the heart of the Gospel and on the fact that, as long as Lazarus lies at the door of our homes there can be no justice or social peace. This day will represent a genuine form of new evangelization which can renew the face of the Church as she perseveres in her perennial activity of pastoral conversion and witness to mercy."

It is suggested that, beginning tomorrow, the days before Thanksgiving be set aside for deeds of charity, penance and prayers for economic justice.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS**

The **GOLDEN GROUP** meets at 11:30 am on Wednesday, **November 20**, at the social hall in Footedale.

**FAITH FORMATION** for students in grades Pre-K through Eighth takes place each Sunday, 10:30 to 11:45 am, at the Footedale worship site.

The Faith Formation Program is selling assorted Sarris chocolate bars and chocolate covered pretzels to help support its program. Located at the entrances of each worship site; the cost is \$3. Thanks for your support.

**ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING**

As we prepare for the Advent Season, we are seeking families to light the Advent Candle prior to all Advent Masses. For questions and more information, please contact [kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:kstavish@dioceseofgreensburg.org)

**ATTENTION LECTORS**

Workbooks for the new Liturgical Year, which begins the weekend of November 30/December 1 are available in the sacristy at both worship sites. Please make sure that you get your copy.

**FOOD COLLECTION**

Non-perishable food items are being collected and will be shared with the Salvation Army and the Community Kitchen. If you have these items to donate, please place them in the boxes located at the church entrances.

The **GIVING TREE** will arrive next 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**



**ServeSafe Certifications Obtained**

Each parish of the Diocese of Greensburg is required to have a ServeSafe Food Protection Certification. We are very grateful to Patty Ball, George Parish and Rita Masi for going through the process to obtain this certification. They join Carletta Fronczek who has carried this certification since 2020. Thank you for helping our parish to be safe and in compliance.

**The Catholic Accent TV Show**

On the next edition of the Catholic Accent TV Show, *Pilgrimage to Christ*, watch as Bishop Larry J. Kulick invites you to plan a spiritual pilgrimage in honor of the Holy Family. Join us as we take you to five different pilgrimage sites around the world and explain the significance of each for our faith. Learn about the cultures and see the various St. Nicholases through the eyes of world-renowned artist Pipka Ulvilden through her drawings, paintings and inspired sculptures. Father Daniel Carr, Pastor of St. Regis Parish in Trafford is in the kitchen with his mom, Linda, making cannoli for Christmas. Watch The Catholic Accent TV show on WPXI, Channel 11, at 11:30 am Sundays, **November 24** and **December 1 & 15**. The Catholic Accent is always on at [theaccentonline.org](http://theaccentonline.org)



**Start by doing what is necessary then what is possible. Soon you are doing the impossible.**  
- Saint Francis of Assisi

**Communion to the Homebound**

is provided on a regular basis. Please 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.

**Prayer Chain**

To request prayer, please call Patty 724-245-9746 or Valeria 724-583-9460

**Protecting God's Children**

If you have a suspicion about sexual or other abuse of a minor child by anyone, contact PA *Childline* immediately at 1-800-932-0313. If the alleged abuser functions in any parish, school, or diocesan position, either paid or volunteer, also contact the Bishop's Delegate for Matters of Sexual Misconduct at 724-837-0901, ext. #1221, *after* making the *Childline* report.

## CHRISTMAS WREATH FUNDRAISER

So many of us honor our loved ones during the Christmas season by beautifying their gravesites. This fundraiser will offer convenience to you and **helps to 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 **by November 24.**

**Pick up will be the weekend of December 7/8** after all Masses at both worship sites. Please note on your order form the pick up location that you prefer. Questions? Call Karen at 724-557-3421.

The **Klondike Clergy Community Kitchen** will host a Thanksgiving Dinner from 3:30-5:30 pm on Tuesday, November 19, with a Community Thanksgiving Service at First Presbyterian Church. Please join our Christian brothers/sisters in thanking God for His abundant mercy.

Join the **Klondike Clergy Young Adult Fellowship** for An Inaugural Masontown Community Turkey Bowl. Teams (6-8 players) assemble for a Flag Football Tournament at 1pm on Sunday, November 24, at Masontown Brethren Church yard. To register, call 724-317-4524. A \$1 per person on each team which will be used to contribute toward the Turkey Bowl Trophy.

**Pre-Christmas Day of Prayer and Reflection** Sunday, **December 1**, St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, 185 E. Main St., Uniontown. Emmanuel Moleben 2:00 pm with presentation by Fr. James Ragan; opportunities for Confession. A meal of soup and sandwiches follow. For information, call Fr. Kyp at 724-438-6027.

**WIGILIA DINNER - Friday, December 20**, 6:00 pm Uniontown Polish Club, 229 S. Mt Vernon Ave. Door prizes, basket auctions, 50/50. All are invited. For information/reservations, call Barb at 724-438-1036. Reservation deadline is Sunday, December 14.

## The Practice of Stewardship

The readings today speak of the end of the world and the coming of the kingdom. The bishops' pastoral on stewardship says clearly that "that 'life to come' is in continuity with this present life through the human goods, the worthy human purposes, which people foster now."

May our good stewardship help us to be numbered among the chosen on the last day!

## Stewardship of Treasure

**November 10:** \$6,212; loose \$610; monthly \$2,149; children \$6; online \$465; year end \$560; total \$10,002

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

**CASH BASH NEWS:** We wish to thank everyone who supported last Sunday's Cash Bash enabling us to realize a profit of \$13,225. Special, most grateful thanks to the Cash Bash Committee for their hard work and dedication in seeing that every detail is in place and to the many volunteers who never let us down. Congratulations to the winners and thank you for your support!

**Winning Numbers:** 060, 148, 437, 567, 899, 630, 511, 370, 753, 152, 949, 428, 931, 541, 235, 568, 246, 442, 300, 156, 467, 542, 397, 466, 726, 040, 876, 186

## Diocesan Poverty Relief / Catholic Relief Services Appeal Next Weekend

Each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, our Diocese takes a collection for the Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund and Catholic Relief Services.

**This appeal will take place next weekend.**

Because of increased local need, funds from the CRS and DPRF appeal are divided so that 3/4 of the contributions remain in the diocese to support the Diocesan Poverty Relief Fund, a quarter of which will be designated to Catholic Charities to provide funding for heating fuel and utilities during the difficult winter months. The remaining quarter of the collection will go to CRS, the US Bishops' overseas relief effort.

The generous people of the Diocese of Greensburg have always been respected for being generous in their efforts to support the poor both at home and abroad. As we give thanks for all that God shares with us, please remember those most in need through your generous support of this important appeal.

★ **December 14, 2024** ★

**National Wreaths Across America Day**



Help American Legion Post 423 honor local heroes!

Sponsor a wreath today to be placed on a veteran's grave this December at Saint Mary, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Cemetery.

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# MASS SCHEDULE ©LPI

## Saturday, November 16 -- Vigil: 33<sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Sunday

4:00 pm-F *Adam & Elizabeth Freiberg (Daughters)*  
6:00 pm-M Monaghan/Rantovich Families (Sandy)

## Sunday, November 17 -- 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am-M Ann & Steve Deli (Michele & Betti)  
9:30 am-F *Janice Rocek (Rick/Maureen Francis)*  
11:30 am-M Geno J. Coll (Lydia Coll & Family)

## Monday, November 18 -- Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne

8:00 am-M Deceased Parish & Richnafsky Families

## Tuesday, November 19 -- Weekday

8:00 am-F *Aura Lozar (Dan & Christine Clark)*

## Wednesday, November 20 -- Weekday

8:00 am-M Michael & Irene Zumerling (Family)

## Thursday, November 21 -- Presentation of Blessed Virgin

8:00 am-F *John Marmol (Steve Voytek & Family)*

## Friday, November 22 -- Saint Cecilia

8:00 am-M Pauline Ozanich (Stephanie Sloboda/Fam)  
4:30-6:00 pm-M Adoration & Confessions

## Saturday, November 23 -- Vigil: Christ the King

3-3:30 pm-F *Confessions*  
4:00 pm-F *Stanley Smith (Walter Smith)*  
5:00-5:30 pm-M Confessions  
6:00 pm-M Sylvia Fedor Volek (Daughter, Jude)

## Sunday, November 24 -- Christ the King

8:00 am-M Agnes DiGregorio Sopko (Zatlokovicz)  
9:30 am-F *Mike/Betty Olesh & Steve/Rose Bello*  
11:30 am-M Pro Populo

### 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: Dn 7:13-14; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37



**Next Sunday we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King** marking the end of the Year of Grace 2024. 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.



Today and next Sunday we celebrate the final Sundays of the liturgical year. The readings at this time of year traditionally focus on the last days: the time when this world will come to an end. Consequently, we hear of tribulations and horrors, of “a time unsurpassed in distress.” We may scoff at such “The world is ending!” paranoia but in the back of our minds we know that one day, one way or another, the earth will be no more. May our trust in a loving and merciful God console us.

It sometimes feels like God is silent, like He sets Himself apart from us and our struggles on earth but Jesus reminds us of the fig tree, who can feel the coming of spring deep within itself. In the same intuitive way, we know the voice of God. **Listen.**



### Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday, November 22, in Masontown**  
4:30-5:30 pm: Adoration & Confessions  
5:30-5:45 pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
5:45-6:00 pm: Benediction

*A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration helps to bring everlasting peace to earth. - St Teresa of Calcutta*

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

- † **Sanctuary** - *Daniel Mullen*  
requested by wife, Annamarie
- † **Blessed Mother** - *Elaine Rockwell*  
requested by husband, Ed
- † **Saint Joseph** - *Joe & Katie Furayter*  
requested by the Mihallik Family
- † **Saint Anthony** - *Michael & Irene Zumerling*  
requested by their family
- † **Sacred Heart** - *Ann Novak*  
requested by daughter, Annamarie



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