

Remembering
All Saints' Day - November 1
&
All Souls' Day - November 2

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

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Sacraments

Baptism – On an individual basis by appointment.
Please contact the Rectory Office.

Reconciliation – By appointment

Matrimony – Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance.

Ministry to the Sick – Please inform the Staff about anyone confined in your home or in a Nursing Home. Communion is brought regularly to the homebound.



Bulletin Deadline: Friday at Noon

Parish Meetings

St. Vincent de Paul: 7:00 p.m. Monday in rectory

Adult Choir: 2:00 p.m. Tuesday in church

Religious Education: Sundays, bi-monthly from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon

Mass Schedule

Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION MISSION STATEMENT

**We at Immaculate Conception Church
are a welcoming community of faith
that strives to carry out the mission of Jesus
by journeying in faith, sharing in joy,
and living in hope. Come join us.**

Adoration and Holy Hour

**First Wednesday of each month 8:00 a.m.-6:00
p.m.**

Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 p.m.

**Rosary 6:00 p.m. followed by Benediction and
Mass**

Parish Membership

**All new families are welcome to the parish and
are encouraged to become actively involved.
New parishioners should register at the Rectory
as soon as possible.**



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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE



GO VOTE

NOVEMBER 3

NO SCHOOL



NOVEMBER 11

NO SCHOOL

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For they preach but they do not practice."

The scribes and Pharisees may be the ones Jesus was speaking about in today's Gospel, but we must be careful not to dismiss his words when it comes to our own actions.

Jesus offered a difficult challenge to those honor-seekers that we must also heed when he said, "The greatest among you must be your servant."

This is not the way the world usually works.

Generally speaking, the idea of being a servant is considered inferior to being someone who has risen to high levels of leadership or status.

But Jesus wants people in positions of authority to selflessly serve those over whom they have influence.

And he insists that the leaders who establish laws, rules, and guidelines do not excuse themselves from following their own directives!

"Practice what you preach," as the saying goes.

Whether or not we have extensive public influence, almost all of us at certain points are in a position to exercise leadership--with our children and families, with classmates, coworkers, neighbors, friends, and sometimes strangers.

When these moments arise,

we are called to step into this role without being hypocrites.

It's important to be sure we don't issue unrealistic demands on others that we ourselves would find it burdensome or even impossible to fulfill.

This requires the virtue of humility.

Instead of reveling in the authority we may have at any given moment, instead of creating "heavy burdens hard to carry and lay[ing] them on people's shoulders,"

we need to be ready and willing to walk a mile in their shoes, and lead accordingly.

And Jesus tells us clearly that this servant leadership will be rewarded, for

"whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY– October 31, 2020

4 pm Mass Paul F. Stanton

Mass of Thanksgiving for the
Beatification of
Father Michael J. McGivney
Founder of the Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY-November 1, 2020

10 am Mass –William D. Lewis, 10th Ann.

Margaret (Peggy) Marchesi

2021 CORI FORM
to be completed by all
volunteers

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HALF OF OUR
VOLUNTEERS
HAVE NOT
BEEN TO THE
RECTORY TO
SIGN THEIR
CORI.

PLEASE
COME
BEFORE 11/15.

Please wear masks when you come to the rectory to fill out your forms. We may not be needing your assistance yet, but the Diocese still wants us to have you complete these during the month of September. Thank you.

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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

PLEASE BRING WHATEVER
RELIGIOUS ITEMS,
NO CARDS/PRAYER CARDS
YOU MIGHT WANT TO GIVE.
The Mission from St. Mary's in
Lancaster, PA

Due to Covid they will come week of **Nov. 16** to pick up. Someone has died and you need to part with their devotions, share them with others.

MASSES

Every Saturday at 4 pm
and Sunday at 10 am
until further notice

As we slowly continue to re-open the church the following steps must be strictly observed.

1. We are offering a 4 PM **MASS on Sat. and a 10:00 AM MASS on Sunday**
2. **Social Distancing** must be observed at all times within the church
3. **Hand Sanitizer** will be available at all doors and must be used. If you prefer to use your own, bring it with you.
4. **MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN.**
5. The floor is marked with the appropriate distancing. **PLEASE OBSERVE.**
6. All Holy Water Fonts and Missalettes have been removed.
7. There will be No Singing, No Processions and No Baskets passed at the Offertory.
8. **Baskets for the Offertory Collection will be placed at the Entrances of our Church.**
9. We appreciate all of your continued cooperation and we will only be able to provide Mass if all of you comply.
10. We are under strict restrictions from the Archdiocese of Boston in this re-opening of churches during this Pandemic
11. This is truly a fluid situation and we will update you before each Mass if necessary,



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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

October 11, 2020

Results? Next week!

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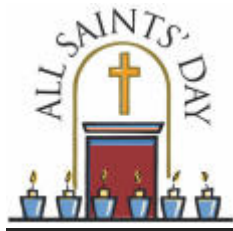
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ATTENTION

If you scheduled announced Masses
from March 15 to November 1st
please feel free to call the
Rectory between 8 and 2 Mon./Fri.
so that we can reschedule
your paid Masses.
Know that we will allow more
than one intention at the Masses
if necessary.

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All Saints Day Prayer

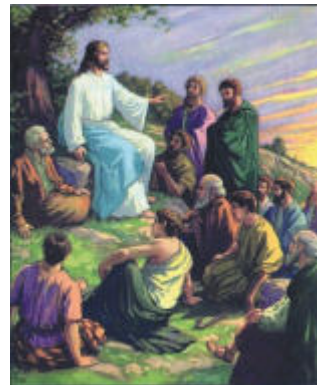
God of all, on this day we recall those who have gone before us, leaving this world and joining you forever. Help us to remember that we are never alone. For even when we feel lost in our walk with you, we have a cloud of believers surrounding us, cheering us on. May your saints guide us with their words, inspire us with their example, and bring us to holiness with their prayers. Most of all, give us the desire to be saints ourselves, to know, love and serve you in this life, and enjoy you forever in the next, fulfilling the purpose for which you created us. Amen.

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ROYAL SUBJECTS OF HIS KINGDOM
by Father Richard Veras
Taken from MAGNIFICAT

We begin November by honoring all saints of every age and near the end of November the liturgical year culminates in the celebration of Christ the King.

In worldly terms, Jesus, a carpenter from Nazareth, did not resemble a king; but people quickly noticed that he spoke with authority. And he went among the sick and the poor, and said to his disciples. *You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them....But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant (Mt. 20:25-26).*

Saints of November show us what it looks like to participate in the new and true kingship of Jesus.

Saint Charles Borromeo of Milan (Nov. 4) visited the sick in their homes and hospitals at a time of plague, and devoted himself to prayer and penance on behalf of his suffering people. Saint Elizabeth, a princess of Hungary, (Nov. 17) established a hospital and performed many works in service of the poor. Saint Frances Cabrini, the first canonized U. S. citizen, (Nov. 13) worked among poor immigrants, establishing orphanages, schools, and hospitals.

In every age and through many difficulties, Christ the King extends his Kingdom by calling disciples—living sacraments—who place themselves at the service of the poor and suffering. They may not look to the world like royalty, but they bear a mysterious and profound authority, witnessing to a Kingdom which is visible in the midst of the world, and yet not of this world.

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