

The Sunday Good News

All Souls Day

The Church of Saint John Bosco

November 2, 2014



Communion of Saints

God of our ancestors
who set their hearts on you:
those who fell asleep in peace,
those who won the martyrs' crown,
those holy prophets and confessors,
those holy virgins and disciples.

We are surrounded by
these witnesses as by
clouds of fragrant incense.

In this age we desire to be
counted in this communion
of all the saints;

keep us always in their
good and blessed company,

Listen kindly to our prayers,

O God. As our faith in
Christ raised from the dead
is deepened, so may
our hope of resurrection
for all your departed servants
also find new strength.

Grant that all who sleep
in Christ be granted a place
of refreshment, light and peace.

Spirit of the Living God
fashion the minds and hearts
of our whole world family
into one body in Christ. Amen

First Reading: Wisdom 3: 1-9

Those who left this earth before us are at peace, in the hands of God. The Lord is their King forever, and His grace, mercy and love are with His elect.

Second Reading: Romans 5: 5-11

Rejoice in our Lord Jesus Christ! For through His death and resurrection we have been reconciled and shall have eternal life. By the power of the Holy Spirit God has given us hope, and hope does not disappoint.

Gospel: John 6: 37-40

Jesus calls Himself the Bread of God, the giver of life to the world. True bread from heaven, not the manna Moses fed his people in the desert. Through the Eucharist we remember, celebrate and believe. All who believe in Him will have eternal life, and the Father will raise them up on the last day.

HIS WORD TODAY BY Rev. William J. Reilly

“Judas, the ruler of Israel then took up a collection among all the soldiers, amounting to two thousand silver drachmas, which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for the expiatory sacrifice. In doing so he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection of the dead in view, for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been useless and foolish to pray for them in death.”... “I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord...”

When we pray the Creed we speak of the Communion of Saints, those in glory, those walking together with us, and those awaiting entrance into the fullness of life in the Lord. The events of the past months teach us well.

In April, the two great church leaders of the twentieth century were declared saints. Although we looked to them as both models and heroes, we now celebrate with them, and ask them to intercede for us. Following the death of Saint John Paul II, the crowds clamored ‘Subito’ soon. It is now a reality.

We pray for the souls of the faithful departed, aware that our prayer unites us with them and fosters them on their journey to heaven, which is our destiny as well. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: “All who die in God’s grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation, but they need to undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.”



THIS WEEK & IN THE WEEKS AHEAD...

Election Day Pasta Dinner	Tuesday, November 4, 4:00—7:00 PM
Walking in Hope as Dementia Caregivers	Wednesday, November 5, 7:00 PM
Thanksgiving Food Drive	Weekend of November 8/9
Chance of a Lifetime Raffle Tickets.....	Weekend of November 8/9
Resilient Heart, “Handling Holidays”	Tuesday, November 11, 6:30 PM
Adult Faith Formation with Fr. Jack.....	Wednesdays, November 12 & 19, 7:00 PM

SUNDAY STEWARDS

1285 families receive envelopes

October 25th

268 people attended the 4:00 PM Liturgy:
*132 families used their envelopes
 and offered \$1,965.00*

October 26th

219 people attended the 7:30 AM Liturgy:
*106 families used their envelopes
 and offered \$2,311.00*

266 people attended the 9:00 AM Liturgy:
*106 families used their envelopes
 and offered \$1,959.00*

232 people attended the 11:30 AM Liturgy:
94 families used their envelopes

October 25th/26th's Tithes from
 438 families was \$8,121.00
 Our loose offering was \$706.26

Weekly Operating Budget \$12,019.08
Thank you for your kindness!

**KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS
 CHANCE OF A LIFETIME
 RAFFLE TICKETS**

Chance of a Lifetime raffle tickets will be sold after all masses next weekend. They are statewide raffle tickets for 16 prizes with a value over \$55,000.00. The profits benefit Hazleton Catholic Social Services, Valley Food Pantry, the council's winter coat project and other charities. The cost is \$1 a ticket and a book of eight is \$6.

DAILY READINGS

Sunday

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

Monday

Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

First Friday

Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

ELECTION DAY PASTA DINNER



Please join us on **Tuesday, November 4th** from 4:00 to 7:00 PM for our famous **Election Day Pasta and Meatball Dinner**. Tickets are on sale now: \$8 for adults and \$5 for children. We'll have delicious food, Italian music, a brand new wheelbarrow of cheer, and lots of fun. Or, if you prefer to eat at home, take-outs are available. **Why not volunteer to help?**

Kitchen help, servers, hosts/hostesses, and clean-up helpers are all needed. Just sign up at the bulletin board in the vestibule. Thank you for your support!

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

The **Valley Food Pantry** assembles and distributes boxes of food to dozens of needy families in our community. We have been asked to contribute **instant potatoes and canned fruit for the coming holidays**.

Please place nonperishable items in the collection boxes located in the vestibule near the coat rack. Once again this year, we'll be invited to bring our gifts of food to the altar during the Presentation of the Gifts at Mass on the weekend of **November 8th and 9th**. Your generous participation is greatly appreciated!



MUSIC NEWS YOU CAN USE!



◆ There will be an organizational meeting for all parents and students in Grades 2 through high school who would like to join this year's **Christmas Youth Choir** on Tuesday, October 28th at 6:00 PM in the music room, front church entrance. There will be a short rehearsal after the meeting. Weekly rehearsals will be on Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM from October 28th to December 23rd. We look forward to melodic voices at our 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass!

◆ Christmas is coming and **Adult Choir** rehearsals are now underway. We graciously welcome the addition of individuals with pleasant voices who enjoy singing in four-part harmony to our ministry. Rehearsals are each Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For more info please call Denise at 570-454-4860 or email muzkmmkr@ptd.net or just come to a Monday rehearsal and check us out!

◆ The STJB Music Ministry requests that any former choir members who have a blue Choral Praise book please return it to the music room as soon as possible. Our choir is growing and we need them! Thank you for your cooperation.



**Here's the 411
 in Faith Formation
 this Week!**

- **Levels 1 to 7 meet this Sunday, 9:50 —11:00 AM; Level 8 meets from 9:50 —11:15 AM; C.L.O.W. during the 9:00 AM Mass**
- **High School Faith Formation this Sunday, 12:30—1:30 PM**

An EXCITING NEW OPPORTUNITY for FF PARENTS/GUARDIANS: Join us on Sunday, November 16th, from 10:00 to 11:00 AM for the first meeting of *Families in Faith*, a group of and for parents and guardians of Faith Formation students. Our purpose is to share the joys, challenges, and stories that bind us together as families in faith. For more info and to sign up to participate, please contact Carla Bednar, Director of Faith Formation, 570-788-1997, ext. 204 or cabednar@ptd.net. Don't miss it!

SYMBOLS SPEAK!

'...let us listen with the ear of our heart.'



Remembering the Faithful Departed

"So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now part of us as we remember them." ~ Judaism

There has always been an ancient tradition in the Church that there exists a strong bond between the faithful who have died and those of us that are still alive. Our prayers speed their journey into the fullness of God's love. St. Thomas Aquinas, the famous theologian of the Middle Ages, wrote that the Holy Spirit unites the Church and communicates the goods of one member to another. So in the **communion of saints** we all, share in the graces of the saints in heaven and the virtuous people on earth. St. Cyprian in his Sermon on Death #26 said: "A great number of loved ones await us in heaven. An enormous host is filled with longing for us. Their concern is only for us. To be in their presence, to be embraced by their arms—what immeasurable joy for it will be for them and for us."

This All Saints and All Souls Day let us unite with all the faithful Christians, living and dead. Let us pray for and with them, and receive the benefits of their prayers in return.

Parish Book of the Dead

A special book with names of our beloved dead is located near the baptismal font as a prayer reminder. Please take a moment anytime during November and write the names of departed family members and friends in our parish Book of the Dead.



As Pope Francis explains, many times in our world, a lofty position is synonymous with possession, dominion, success. For God, those who are exalted are those who serve with humility and love. Consider Jesus' example as he bent down to wash the feet of the disciples. We must not forget that true power, at whatever level, is service and sacrifice, which has its luminous summit on the Cross. "Transforming Lives Together" reflects the mission and purpose of the vital programs and ministries funded by the Diocesan Annual Appeal throughout the 11 counties of our Diocese. When you support the Annual Appeal with a sacrificial gift, you join with the faithful in 120 Diocesan parishes whose gifts will lovingly and generously respond to the needs of God's people. Prayerfully consider your Appeal response.

Please join us now by making a pledge, *a sacrificial gift*, so we can reach our goal of \$59 thousand dollars. Thank you for your generous support!

† WE REMEMBER... †

Saturday, 4:00 PM November 1
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Souls Intentions

Sunday, 7:30 AM November 2
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Priest's Intention

Sunday, 9:00 AM November 2
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Souls Intentions

Sunday, 11:30 AM November 2
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
James Howell
By Lynn, Ray, & RJ Ferry

Monday, 8:00 AM November 3
Joseph Bogash
By Dave Nawracay

Tuesday, 8:00 AM November 4
Souls in Purgatory
By John & Jeanette Donahue

Wednesday, 8:00 AM November 5
Donoto & Celidea Ruggiero
By Mr. & Mrs. Lorenzo Ruggiero

Thursday, 8:00 AM November 6
Antoni Jozef Goralczyk
By Family

Friday, 8:00 AM November 7
Joseph J. Gavel
By Joe & Rosemary Zanolini

Saturday, 4:00 PM November 8
Eve of All Souls Day
Pasquale Ferrari
By Mary Rose Mattes

Sunday, 7:30 AM November 9
All Souls Day
Priest's Intention

Sunday, 9:00 AM November 9
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
All Souls Intentions

Sunday, 11:30 AM November 9
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Paul Fisher
By Juan & Stephanie Valera

DEMENTIA CAREGIVERS



Join us for our next meeting on **Wednesday, November 5th at 7:00PM**. Please call 570-788-1997, ext. 203 to register.

TABERNACLE CANDLE

The Tabernacle Candle burns this week in memory of the Radice and Connelly Families by Frank and Lorraine Radice.



Those whom we love and lose are no longer where they were before. They are now wherever we are.

St. John Chrysostom

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During November, please remember the following loved ones who have journeyed home and have been buried from the Church of St. John Bosco since last November.

Mitchell Allan Rice

Edward J. Yelito

Margaret L. Olenick

Gerard G. Washco Sr.

John Boretski

Joseph Skurkey

Betty Barrett

James Scalise

John W. Smulligan

Jacob Brestowski

Joseph Payne

Nicholas Capriotti Sr.

Pasquale Ferrari

Irene Zankowski

Paul Fisher

Joan M. Dvorscak

Anne K. Shea

Carolyn Hyde

Angelo A. Guerriero

John E. Cibulash

Francis W. Wolman

Frank Bendowski

Irene (Bassak) Copeland

Gerald Lyman

Joseph Shalanski

Grace Tedesco

Richard Gawel Sr.

Mary Therese Wydock

Agnes DiBartholomeo

Denise M. Wilkinson

Adam F. Rutski

Frances L. Leypoldt

Sylvia Menghini

Carmen James Ferrigno Jr.

Gloria Jean Broski Hrobak

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