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## 30<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment." - Mt 22:37-38

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## ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

It is hard to believe, but we are now almost in the month of November! It is often a busy month as we get ready for the great family event of Thanksgiving and thoughts also begin to turn to Christmas (and there are already plenty of Christmas things about, not least in the stores). We begin the month by celebrating the great feast day of "All Saints". (It is a Holy Day of Obligation, so please see the revised Mass schedule for the times of Masses.)

We give thanks and honor to all those special disciples who indeed heard the Lord's call and then bravely followed him. We can also remember that, as Peter Kreeft puts it: "the Saints are not freaks or exceptions. They are the standard operating model for human beings. In fact, in the biblical sense of the word, all believers are saints. All are holy...for they bear the image of God. Saints are not the opposite of sinners. There are no opposites of sinners in this world. There are only saved sinners and unsaved sinners. Thus "holy" does not mean "sinless" but rather "set-apart:" called out of the world to the destiny of eternal ecstasy with God."

Our feast day is a powerful reminder of how we can also be inspired by the lives of the saints. We too have the same call and the same invitation and the Lord offers us the same help so that we can follow him. So, we are asked not just to admire the saints, but also to imitate them. November then is a great month to pick a saint each day and to read about their life so that we can imitate their example and so that we too can use well the gift of discipleship that we have received from the Lord. We too can be brave!

November is also, of course, the month of "Holy Souls": when we traditionally think of all our family, friends and benefactors who have gone before us. To mark this time, at a special Mass on All Souls' Day at 7.00 pm we will remember all our departed brothers and sisters, especially those who have died in the last year and who have a particular connection with our parish. A reminder too that we will also be offering Mass each day during the month for those on our memorial list (taken from the All Souls envelopes that have been handed in) and for those in our Book of Remembrance (this can be found in front of the ambo/lectern on the sanctuary).

The tradition of praying for all our loved ones who have died is, of course, very ancient and it can be found in almost all cultures and places over millennia. The specific choice of November as the month for a

particular remembering is also ancient: around a thousand years old or more. It can be a difficult time as we think of those who have had such an influence on our lives but who are no longer physically present with us: we can sorely miss them. So, perhaps we can share a few thoughts on why we have this special season and how it can help us in our everyday life and to encourage us to growth in faith.

There are many layers, both emotional and spiritual, to our annual remembrance of those who have died. We certainly celebrate our faith in life and in the life to come; in Jesus who is "the resurrection and the life" (John 11: 25). We can celebrate Jesus' victory over sin and death and the promise and hope of our life in heaven along with those who have gone before us. This is why St. Paul says "do not grieve as the others do" (1 Thess. 4: 13). He does not say that we should not grieve at all: that would just be ridiculous. Rather, we should not grieve as though we have no hope or faith in the life to come.

We also celebrate *life*: the lives of those who have gone before us and also our own life. This memorial season is a time when we realize both how wonderful and yet how fragile the gift of life is and how it is indeed a *gift*. God calls each one of us to use the gift of life that we have been given well: in love of God and of our neighbor, that is, to be His disciples. What happens to us in the life to come is determined by what happens in this life (as is so strongly put in Jesus' words about judgment in Matthew 25: 31-46). As one spiritual writer puts it, "our future is now". St. Ambrose writing all those centuries ago provided us with a great image when he wrote: "the Lord asks us to sacrifice present interests for the sake of eternal interests...in this way we purchase eternity with the coin of time." Another image that can be helpful is that of our Christian life as a *journey*. This journey began with our birth and then our baptism and it will be completed when our life's journey is ended. So, a fundamental question is: how well did we journey...?

This time of the year can be a real encouragement for us to discern what God is asking of us and so bravely to live our lives in His service to our families, our friends, our parish community and to those in need. We can be inspired and guided by the saints and by all those special people we have known who have gone before us: family, friends, guides and mentors.



# THE WEEK AHEAD

**SUNDAY, October 29**

- **Sign up for First Friday Eucharistic Adora-**

**TUESDAY, October 31**

- **Vigil Mass: Feast of All Saints.**  
5:30 p.m., Germantown, and 7:00 p.m., Hudson

**WEDNESDAY, November 1**  
*(Please note the revised Mass schedule for All Saints Day)*

## All Saints Day

*A Holy Day  
of Obligation*

This coming Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, we celebrate All Saints Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. Here is the schedule:

### VIGIL MASSES

*Tuesday, October 31*

5:30 p.m. – Germantown  
7:00 p.m. – Hudson

### MASSES ON THE HOLY DAY

*Wednesday, November 1*

7:15 a.m. – Hudson  
12:15 p.m. – Hudson

Altar Servers, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers will be personally contacted and scheduled.

- **The Gathering:** 7:30 p.m., at the St. Mary's

**THURSDAY, November 2**

## All Souls' Day

On All Souls' Day, Thursday, November 2, we traditionally pray for our deceased family members and friends. The intention at the Masses will be for all the names submitted to us by parishioners on behalf of their departed loved ones. There will be a morning Mass at 7:15 a.m. During the Mass at 7:00 p.m. we will be remembering and praying for the deceased of the past twelve months.

- **Bible Study:** Academy, 7:00 p.m.

**FRIDAY, November 3**

- **All day Eucharistic Adoration in Church.**

*Below is a prayer from Father Anthony's recent homily as requested by many parishioners. (You may want to post this on your refrigerator.)*

### Prayer

**Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee;  
take my moments and my days,  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and purposeful for thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing  
always, only, for my King.  
Take my intellect, and use  
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others remains, and is immortal.  
— *Albert Pike*

### HUDSON

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Oct. 22).....	\$ 6,449.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$ 135.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$ 551.00

### GERMANTOWN

Regular Offertory Last Weekend (Oct. 22).....	\$1,970.00
World Mission Sunday.....	\$ 298.00
Heat & Fuel.....	\$ 15.00

## Christian Service Meeting Germantown

The next Christian Service volunteer meeting will be held on October 29 at Resurrection Church immediately following the 11:00 Mass.

## CELEBRATE WITH FATHER GERKEN 60th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

November 5, 2017

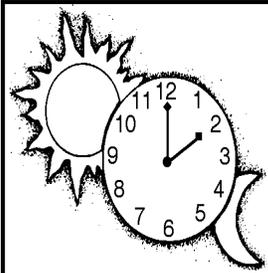
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## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Daylight Saving Time ends Sunday, November 5. We return to Eastern Standard Time. So on the night of Saturday, November 4, clocks are to be set back one hour.

## Avon Fundraiser - Reminder

Orders will be distributed beginning Nov. 4th and 5th. Many thanks for supporting this fundraiser!

## Dining Out For Others

Help Catholic Charities fight hunger by "Dining Out For Others" every Wednesday in November at local partner restaurants. Go to [www.catholiccharitiescg.org](http://www.catholiccharitiescg.org) for a list of participating restaurants and dates.

## Help our parish serve future generations

Please remember your parish in your will. It's official corporate name is:

The Parish of the Holy Trinity, Hudson, New York  
or you can leave a specific bequest to be used at St.



## Operation Pilgrim

Beginning the weekend of October 28 and 29 we would appreciate donations of non-perishable foods for the Thanksgiving baskets that we put together for the less fortunate in our communities. This food drive will continue right up until Thanksgiving. Last year the Germantown Community Cupboard in conjunction with all the local churches put together 45 baskets for Thanksgiving. And Catholic Charities in Hudson assisted another 100 families.

Each week bring to Mass at least one item for a Thanksgiving dinner. **Hams or frozen turkeys are greatly appreciated.** In November all the groceries collected will be presented to our local food pantries. Last year over one hundred families were helped; so please help continue to respond to these needs.

**CASH:** We also accept monetary donations, just specify that it is for either Operation Pilgrim, Hudson, Operation Pilgrim, Germantown, or the Germantown Food Pantry.

To arrange to drop off turkeys, hams, or frozen goods in **Germantown**, call Arlene Liepshutz at 828-1334. To drop off items in **Hudson**, call Catholic Charities at 828-8660

**Thank you for caring**



## DISCERNMENT RETREAT

The Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm are sponsoring a Vocation Weekend Retreat for Single Women, ages 18-40, **November 3-5, 2017.**

In accommodations that provide private rooms, lounge, library, Chapel, and spacious grounds overlooking the Hudson River, participants will have the opportunity to experience the Eucharist, Carmelite spirituality, prayer and warm hospitality.

For a brochure, call St. Mary's Rectory at 518 828-1334. For more information:

- call Sister Mary O'Donovan at 518 537-5000,
- visit the website: [carmelitesisters.com](http://carmelitesisters.com),
- or e-mail: [srmaryod@stmacs.org](mailto:srmaryod@stmacs.org)

*The Catholic Daughters wish to thank all who supported last Saturday's "Soup to Go" fundraiser. A variety of soups was enjoyed by many and this first-time fundraiser was a success.*

# SACRAMENTS

*The sacraments are wonderful gifts from God to us. Through outward, visible signs; the sacraments are channels of God's love and mercy and so they draw us in to the life of the Trinity. They therefore also continue the saving mission and ministry of Jesus Christ in and through His body, the Church. Below is some information on how to make contact regarding the celebration of the sacraments.*

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations! If you would like to arrange preparations and a date for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

**RCIA:** For those enquiring about the Catholic Faith or wishing to complete their sacraments: welcome! Please contact the Parish Office and we will be very glad to help you further.

**RECONCILIATION:** Celebrated on Saturdays 2.30-3.45 pm in Hudson, before and after Masses in Germantown, or at anytime by appointment. (Note: it is best to call ahead first to check on the availability of a priest)

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Priests regularly visit the hospitals, nursing homes and the homebound. Please do contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is in need of the anointing of sick.

**MARRIAGE:** Congratulations! So that proper arrangements (paperwork, preparations etc.) can be made, please contact the Parish Office or Fr. Anthony at least six months before the desired date.

**VOCATIONS:** If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate or religious life, please contact Fr. Anthony to share thoughts and prayers further.

## Readings for the Week of October 29

Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-4, 47, 51/1 Thes 1:5c-10/  
Mt 22:34-40

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2, 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-6/Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9/  
Jn 6:37-40

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/  
Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1-3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/  
Mt 23:1-12

## READINGS AND HYMNS (HUDSON)

Reading: p. 236 Opening Hymn: # 539 Closing: # 540

## MASSES FOR THIS WEEK

### MONDAY: Weekday (October 30)

7:15 AM Valera Molnar - Joanne Walker  
Carmella Maturi - Charles & Linda Meicht

### TUESDAY: Weekday (October 31)

7:15 AM Rudy DeLaurentis - Wife & Family  
Jolanda (Julia) Owens - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue

## FEAST OF ALL SAINTS

### TUESDAY: (October 31)

#### 5:30 PM Vigil Mass - Germantown

Bohdan Piszak - David & Mary Krein  
John Fellin - The Liepshutz Family

#### 7:00 PM Vigil Mass - Hudson

Matthew Kusewicz - Charles & Linda Meicht

### WEDNESDAY: (November 1)

#### 7:15 AM Feast Day Mass - Hudson

Carmella Maturi - Mr. & Mrs. Robert Donahue  
Michael Keyser & Son, Nathaniel Keyser - Janice

Clow & Family

#### 12:15 PM Feast Day Mass - Hudson

William Connors - Sandy, Bob, Heidi & Jacob

### THURSDAY: All Souls Day (November 2)

7:15 AM All Souls Day Intentions  
(HUD)

7:00 PM All Souls Day Intentions  
(HUD) and the Deceased of the past twelve months

### FRIDAY: Weekday (November 3)

7:15 AM Charlie & Joan Wishon - Antonelli Family  
Dorothy, Leroy & Dirk VanDeCarr - Family

9:00 AM For vocations to the religious life  
(G'TWN)

## 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: (November 4)

4:00 PM Joseph Nabozny - Family  
(HUD) Ed Nitsky - Pat & Chuck White  
Marjorie Melino - David Dolan

5:30 PM Living & Deceased of the Parish  
(G'TWM)

### SUNDAY MORNING MASS: (November 5)

9:00 AM Ronald Powell - Christian Service Committee  
(HUD) Mary Jane Fisher - John, Joan & Joey Conte  
Bill Groll - The Family

11:00 AM Delmont Meaghear - Joann Thulen

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