

# All Souls' Day

✦ November 2, 2014 (A) ✦

I had a wonderful mentor in my early adulthood who taught me about the beauty of the Liturgy of the Hours and the importance of theological reflection. He passed away about fifteen years ago, and several times a year I remember him and offer thanks to God for his presence in my life.

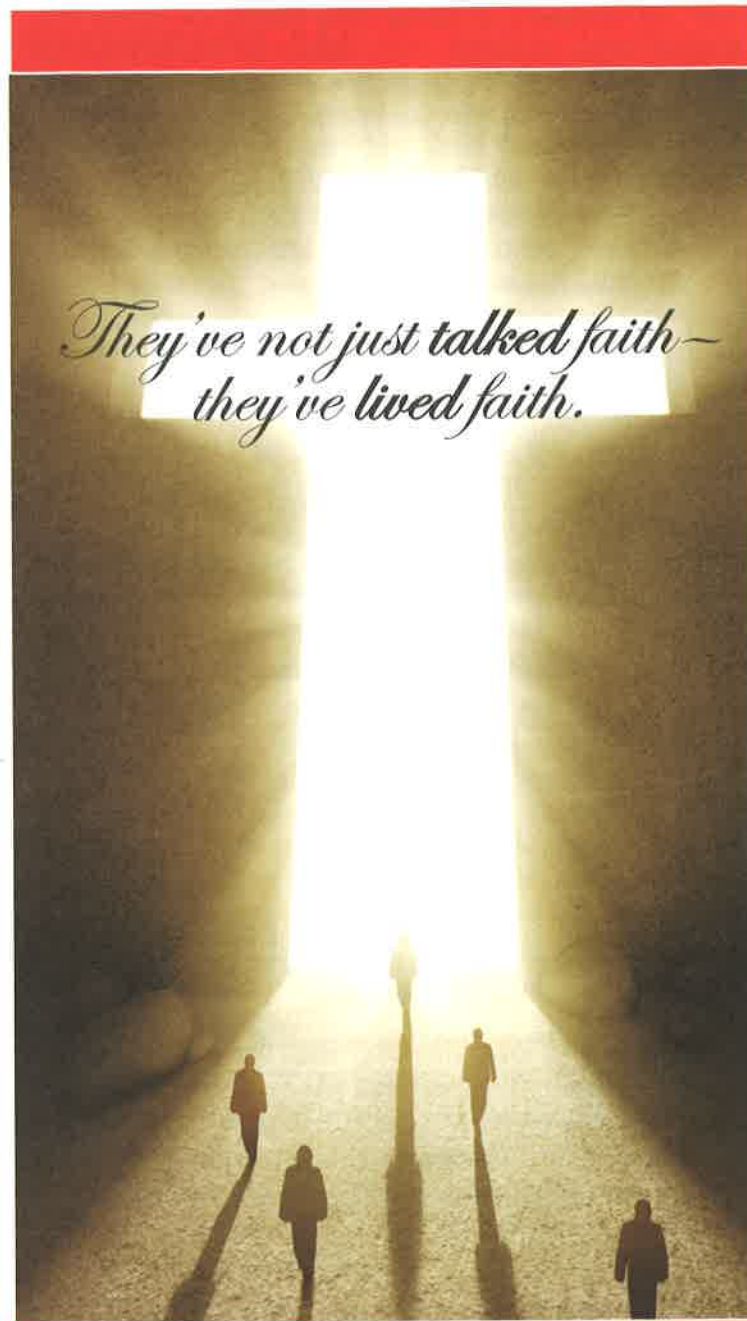
On the Solemnity of All Saints (November 1), we celebrate people the Church as a whole knows and recognizes as holy men and women who led lives of obedience to God and openness to grace. Today we celebrate the countless others known only to families and friends or in villages and countries who lived and died as people of faith, striving to be disciples of Christ and certainly being examples for all who knew them.

In several of his epistles, St. Paul exhorts all his listeners to be saints with a small “s”—women and men who cooperate with grace and allow God to work through them.

That same exhortation is ours today. Holiness is not the sole property of people in the past or of priests and religious. It's the goal for all of us. And we have known many of them—grandmothers, uncles, parents, mentors, and other people important to us. They've been role models and guides. They've not just *talked* faith. They've *lived* faith. They won't be known by the entire Church, but today is *their* feast day because they showed us what is possible when we allow God to lead us.

Who are the “saints” who have led you in faith? Give thanks for them today.

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## Today's Readings

Wis 3:1–9 • Rom 5:5–11 or 6:3–9 • Jn 6:37–40

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## ALL SOULS DAY – NOVEMBER 2, 2014

### ★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM	LEON DONEY	FRI	7:30 AM	MARY DALEY OWENS
SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY		<u>9:00 AM</u>	ICA MASS – JIM OLSZANOWSKI
	9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	SAT	5:15 PM	JOSEPHINE NANNI
	11:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	SUN	7:30 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
MON		<i>No MASS</i>		9:00 AM	LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE		<i>No MASS</i>		11:00 AM	PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
WED		<i>No MASS</i>			
THU	7:00 PM	JOHN & ALICE HOFFMASTER			

### *The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Honor of Kathy & Mitch Werley – 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

#### NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

**SCRIP: Gulla 5:15pm Pisarek 7:30am Coniglio 9:00am Carvalho 11:00am Hafer**

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Jim Bardi	Ann Marie Arbo	Nicholas Donnelly, Carson Endy, Colby Mullins
SUN	7:30am	Toni Kaucher	Jim Kaucher	Lilia and Simon Crew, Danielle Walter
	9:00am	Brian Hannon	Vallente Romasanta	Michael Dillon, John and Nick Dinnocenti
	11:00am	Becky Shemanski	Betty Effinger	Alyssa Boraten, Gina Galm, Faith Ouimet

### **The second collection next week is the Monthly Collection**

#### Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship

Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception will host the annual Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Prayer Service on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. In shared worship, let us witness to God who is at the center of all of our thanks giving. Designed as a worship to celebrate our common thanks in God, you are cordially invited and encouraged to join with your brothers and sisters in Christ from throughout our community. The Rev. Robert Kramer, Pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Birdsboro will be preaching, and delicious refreshments will follow in the Social hall. All are welcome! Please invite a friend or neighbor to accompany you.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Joe & Betty Cuccaro, Cecelia Potts, Arthur & Betty Erjavec, Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John Kakas, William Kuehler, Maryanne Prentice, John LeFosse, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Irene Wade, Loretta Kozlowski, Patricia Reigel, Patricia Winkel, Ann Kretzman, Ann Schlott, Anthony Boraten, Gage Speece, Sharon Kirkpatrick, Julia McDonald, Patricia McDermott, Charles Reppert, Maryanna Niemczyk, Linda D'Alessandro, Eric Toth, Michael Kovach, Richard McAthur, Bernie Rissmiller, Maryanne Tabegna and Sister Daniel Marie Liddy

Please congratulate the newly baptized: Benjamin Sterling Krueger, Makenna Marie Zerr and their families

Please pray for the recently departed: Joan LeFosse and Robert Seleski

Please congratulate the recently married: Colleen Patricia Morta & Jeffrey Scott Rhoads

Please welcome our new parishioners: Mrs. Colleen Rhoads, Mr. Joseph Lukac and Ms. Debbie Walsh

## ***THIS WEEK AT ICC:***

<b>Mon</b>	<b>11/03</b>	<b>7:30pm RCIA</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>11/04</b>	<b>7pm Baptism Class</b> <b>7:30pm Bell Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>11/06</b>	<b>4pm Youth Choir</b> <b>7:30pm ICC Book Club</b> <b>7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal</b>
<b>Fri</b>	<b>11/07</b>	<b>7pm Junior High Youth Group</b>
<b>Sat</b>	<b>11/08</b>	<b>4-5pm Confessions</b>

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

**Please note that there will be no daily Mass on Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> or Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> due to the Annual Convocation of Priests.**

**2014 Walk-A-Thon for Catholic Education** – Donations are being gratefully accepted. Please place it in an envelope marked "**ICA Walk-a-thon**" and drop it in any Sunday collection basket or mail it to Immaculate Conception Academy, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville, PA 19518.

**All donations are greatly appreciated.**

**Scholastic Book Fair**, lower level parish room on November 16<sup>th</sup> after the 9 & 11am masses. The book fair will also be open during the school day from November 17-19, 9am to 2pm. This is a great opportunity to buy books for the holidays! Donations are also being accepted for "All for Books" which will help buy books for ICA teacher classrooms. Scholastic will match donations and help provide books to less fortunate children. Donations may be placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "All for Books". Checks should be made out to ICA-HSO. Thank you for your support.

**Thanksgiving Baskets for Those in Need** - To assist families in need, all of the churches in the Birdsboro and Douglassville area have agreed to adopt a particular school for the Thanksgiving holiday. Our parish family of the Immaculate Conception has adopted Daniel Boone High School and will provide Thanksgiving baskets to families in need with children enrolled in the high school. If your family would like to donate a Thanksgiving basket for a needy family, please call the parish office at 610-582-2411 to sign-up. We will provide you with a specific list of needed items and the date by which the basket must be brought to the parish office to ensure its timely delivery. Thank you for your concern for those in need.

### ***Annual ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar***

**November 15th, 9am to 3pm, Social Hall**

**Lots of great locally made crafts and stocking stuffers...wood crafts and toys, Christmas wreaths and ornaments, baked specialties and candies, home décor, candles, jewelry, photographs, handmade frames, gift baskets and so much more! We also will have chili, soups and other lunch items for purchase and a Bake Sale!**

ICC is hosting a Miller Keystone Blood Drive during the Christmas Bazaar on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 8am-1pm. Please sign up to donate and save a life. Schedule your donation time with Liz at [thestewarts@dejazzd.com](mailto:thestewarts@dejazzd.com) or 610-404-4425.

**Junior High YOUTH GROUP** - November 7<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm. Students in grades 7 and 8 are invited to attend and bring a friend! Music, praise and fun!

In your kindness, please remember in your prayers Sister Daniel Marie Liddy who is recovering from a recent surgery and hospitalization. Get Well cards can be mailed to

Sister Daniel Marie Liddy  
Camilla Hall  
1145 West King Road  
Malvern, PA 19355

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA** - ICA 8<sup>th</sup> grade is sponsoring our annual **Breakfast with Santa** on December 6<sup>th</sup>! There are seating's at 8am and 10am. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, fruit, juice, coffee/milk will be served. We will have face painting, cookie and ornament decorating, pictures with Santa and a Christmas Petting Zoo! Tickets are \$8, age 2 and under free. Call 610-404-8645 for more information!!!

Berks Catholic High School Students will be performing their fall show - **THREE INSTANCES OF INTRIGUE** on November 21/22, 7pm in the Franco Post Auditorium. This gripping theater production features three one-acts: *Sorry, Wrong Number, The New Margo, and Twitch*. Don't miss an exciting evening of mystery, murder and intrigue performed by Berks Catholic theater students. Tickets go on sale November 3<sup>rd</sup> for \$8 a person. For ticket info, please contact Judi Kane at (215) 651-2391 or [pjkane102114@msn.com](mailto:pjkane102114@msn.com).

**2015/2016 Registration for Berks Catholic High School** is open. Visit our website [www.berkscatholic.org](http://www.berkscatholic.org) for more information about the school. Contact Nicole Smith at [nsmith@berkscatholic.org](mailto:nsmith@berkscatholic.org) or 610.374.8361, ext244 to set up a personal tour, a shadow day or simply to answer any questions you may have. All inquires are confidential.

On November 12<sup>th</sup>, the Council on Chemical Abuse will be hosting a program at Berks Catholic High School entitled *A Mother's Voice*. Diane Shepler will share her story about her son she lost to drug addiction. Parents, guardians and all who are concerned about teenagers who face the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse are encouraged to attend this presentation. The event begins at 6pm in the Franco-Post Auditorium.

**QUILT RAFFLE** -Check out the beautiful, Farmhouse Chic, Sunbonnet Sue regular size quilt in the narthex. Raffle tickets are available there and at the HSO Christmas Bazaar. The ICC Quilt Group will have lovingly stitched baby quilts for sale at the bazaar. All proceeds benefit the church.

**Prime Time** will meet on November 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 to 2:30. We will be making Thanksgiving crafts while enjoying hot dogs and old comedy shows. All paid up members in attendance will be entered into a drawing for a Redners or Giant gift card. Contact Kathleen at 610-469-0594 with questions.

"Each person is created in God's image, yet there are variations in individual abilities. Positive recognition of these differences enhances the unity of the Body of Christ." Accidents, diseases, and birth conditions occur that demand dramatic and taxing changes. Families experience intense disappointment, loss, financial burdens and anger. Never forget: a disabling condition may be an automobile ride, one unsteady ladder, one high fever or one stroke away. Twenty percent of all the people in our parish have some type of disability! We look forward to joining with all parishioners in welcoming persons with disabilities into active participation in the Church.





November 2, 2014

# dear Padre

**Monday**  
NOVEMBER 3  
Weekday  
Phil 2:1-4  
Lk 14:12-14

**Tuesday**  
NOVEMBER 4  
Saint Charles  
Borromeo,  
Bishop  
Phil 2:5-11  
Lk 14:15-24

**Wednesday**  
NOVEMBER 5  
Weekday  
Phil 2:12-18  
Lk 14:25-33

**Thursday**  
NOVEMBER 6  
Weekday  
Phil 3:3-8a  
Lk 15:1-10

**Friday**  
NOVEMBER 7  
Weekday  
Phil 3:17-4:1  
Lk 16:1-8

**Saturday**  
NOVEMBER 8  
Weekday  
Phil 4:10-19  
Lk 16:9-15

**Sunday**  
NOVEMBER 9  
Dedication  
of the Lateran  
Basilica  
Ez 47:1-2,  
8-9, 12  
1 Cor 3:9 c-11,  
16-17  
Jn 2:13-22

## Why pray for the dead?



Every year I go to Mass on the anniversary of my grandmother's death to pray for her soul. My Protestant friend thinks it's strange that Catholics pray for the dead. Can you help me explain it to him?

**Love reaches across** time and space, even across the divide of death. One of the articles of the Apostles' Creed affirms our belief in the *communion of saints*, the spiritual bond between the souls in heaven (all of them, not just the canonized) and purgatory and the faithful still alive on Earth. All are united with Christ and with one another in grace, prayer, and good works (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 946-948).

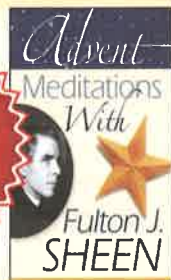
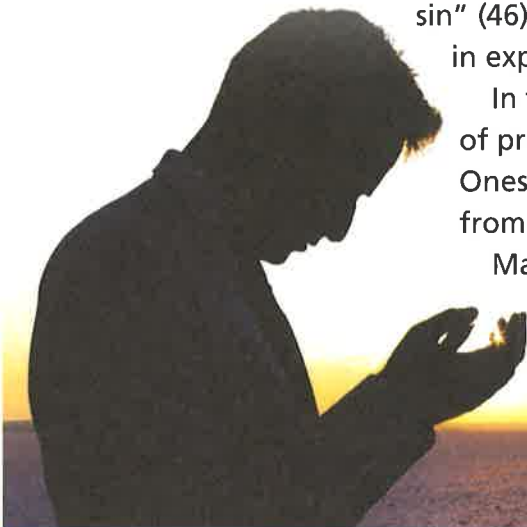
We're praying for them, and they're praying for us.

If your friend is looking for a scriptural basis for praying for the dead, you can direct her to two passages. In the Old Testament, 2 Maccabees 12:38-46, Jewish soldiers pray and offer sacrifices for fallen comrades who had gotten mixed up with pagan practices: "He made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin" (46). This is held to be a good and holy practice done in expectation of the resurrection of the dead.

In the New Testament, 2 Timothy 1:18, Paul speaks of praying for God's mercy on a deceased man named Onesiphorus: "May the Lord grant him to find mercy from the Lord on that day" of judgment.

May the souls of the departed rest in peace.

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