

All Saints

◆ November 1, 2015 ◆

I didn't have a calendar for a long time and prided myself on keeping my schedule and my children's schedule in my head. Then came the week I missed three appointments and realized I could no longer rely on my memory. Now I live by my calendar. Appointments, meetings, and to-do lists are neatly in their appropriate slots, and the calendar is the first thing I look at in the morning and the last thing I see before I leave the office. There isn't a lot of time for anything else. This begs the question: When does being a saint get space in my day?

Saints are so transparent to God that God's grace simply flows through them. And we are all called to sainthood, to holiness, regardless of what we do or who we are in the world. We have the mistaken notion that the saints spent all their time doing religious or

spiritual things and that if their schedules were like ours, there would be fewer of them. We couldn't be further from the truth. Saint Paul—when he wasn't planting churches, writing letters, or preaching the Good News—was spending more than a little time in prison. I don't think sainthood was really on his to-do list. Nor did he schedule being holy in between travels. His sainthood came from hearing the voice of God, obeying it, and incorporating it into whatever he was doing.

Shoehorning prayer and study into our schedules may be just what we need, and we must allow God to help us find and become the saint in the midst of each of our lives.

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ALL SAINTS DAY - NOVEMBER 1, 2015

★ ★ MASS INTENTIONS ★ ★

SAT	5:15 PM ANNA MACCARONE	WED	No MASS
SUN	7:30 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS	THU	7:00 PM MARTHA SHANLEY
	9:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	FRI	No MASS
	11:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY	SAT	5:15 PM DEC'D MEMBERS OF ICC WOMEN'S SOCIETY
MON	7:30 AM LEON DONEY	SUN	7:30 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY
	9:00 AM ICA MASS - PAULINE C. DETTORE		9:00 AM LIVING & DECEASED PARISHIONERS
TUE	7:00 PM VICTORIA POSTER		11:00 AM PARISH MEMORIAL SOCIETY

*The Sanctuary Lamp Burns In Memory of Amanda Haight and also
 God's Blessings Upon Dennis & Barbara Ruano - 55th Wedding Anniversary*

NEXT WEEK AT A GLANCE

SCRIP: Sponsor: Gazdick 5:15 Costanzo 7:30 Schwendt 9:00 Carvalho 11:00 Hafer

<u>DAY</u>	<u>MASS</u>	<u>LECTOR</u>	<u>COMMENTATOR</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>
SAT	5:15pm	Mary Schwendt	Shirley Wheeler	Austin Lobaugh, Josh Piccarreta, Tim Stewart
SUN	7:30am	Adeline Kieffer	Pam Amos	Amanda and Lauren Marley, Danielle Walter
	9:00am	Barrie Pease	Stephanie Myers	Gina Galm, Meghan Grieco, Olivia Ruff
	11:00am	Barbara Romig	Bob Newman	Adam and Carlina Davis, Sean Purretta

The second collection next week is the Monthly Collection

Mark your calendars!

There will be a special concert held here on November 16th at 7:30pm given by John Paul Kasperowicz (and family) and The Ministry of the Single-hearted. This event is open to everyone as there will be a little something for all ages. This is a free event, however a free will offering will be taken up and a portion of the proceeds given to the Hope Rescue Mission in Reading.

Remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: Marco Fiato, Bryan Fiato, John & Margaret Kakas, Maryanne Prentice, Tracy Seasholtz, Aaron Gulla, John Iezzi, Delores Woy, Alice Arantowicz, Andrew Martin, Alice Smyk, Barbara Pease, Yolanda Marino, Robert Mariani, Marie Snyder, Ann Schlott, Maryanna Niemczyk, Kathy Patrick, Doris Slater, Joseph & Susan McCorristin, Mary & Phil Morici, Margaret Maccarone, Father Joseph Campion, Dan Casciano, Rex Voelker, Linda Ritchie, Paisley Stout, Jake Maccarone, Walter & Marjorie Hansen, Betty Erjavec, Christine Flanagan, Joann Gilbert, Bill Strock, Sr., Joseph Butto, Thomas Kirchner, John Geisewite, Curt Miller, Janet Motta, Giuseppe Lubrano and Dolores McCullough

Congratulate the recently baptized: Roselise Christine Gonzalez, Joselyn Marie Fesko and their families

Pray for the recently departed: Ronald Readinger, James P. McGlory

THIS WEEK AT ICC:

Sun	11/1	Social Sunday
Mon	11/2	7:30pm RCIA
Tues	11/3	7pm Baptism Class 7:30pm Bell Choir
Thurs	11/5	4pm Youth Choir 7:30pm Adult Choir
Fri	11/6	9am Apple Dumpling Prep 7pm YOUTH GROUP – Junior High
Sat	11/7	9am Apple Dumpling Prep 4-5pm Confession

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Please be advised that there will be no daily Mass Wednesday, November 4th and Friday, November 6th. Thank you for your kind understanding in this regard.

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.

Junior High Youth Group: students in grades 7 and 8 are welcome to join our youth group on November 6th at 7pm for our first "Punkin Chunkin" and "Smashing Punkins" competitions. We will provide the slingshot and the sledgehammer. But if you have a better idea on how to fling a pumpkin, please feel free to bring it. There will be prizes. As always, please feel free to bring a friend!

The Women's Society will meet November 18th at 7pm in the Social Hall. All members are requested to attend if able. Meeting will begin with recitation of the Rosary, followed by business meeting. Light refreshments will be offered. If you have never been to a meeting, please come and join us. All women of the parish are welcome to participate in any of our activities whether they are a member or not.

It's Apple Dumpling Time - those big juicy apples are just waiting to be baked into our wonderful dumplings. Please look for the order sheets in the narthex, bulletin and newsletter. Get your order in early. We will be distributing the Apple Dumplings on November 7th and 8th. Please pre-pay and order if you want to make sure you get your dumplings. If you would be interested in helping to make the apple dumplings, please join us in the Social Hall on November 6th and 7th from 9am until ?. No experience necessary! It is light, easy work but we need many hands.

Water in the cemetery will be turned off November 9th.

Thinking about becoming a Catholic?

Looking for a "Faith Refresher?"

Join Msgr. McCann, Deacon Paul Hiryak and guest speakers on Monday evenings to learn more about our Catholic faith. RCIA isn't just for persons interested in Catholicism, it's for everyone who desires a deeper understanding of what we believe and practice as Catholics. Classes are 7:30-9pm. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as your schedule permits. For information, contact the parish office at 610.582.2411.

2015 Walk-A-Thon for Catholic Education

Donations are being gratefully accepted. Please place in an envelope marked "ICA Walk-a-Thon" and mail to Immaculate Conception Academy, 903 Chestnut Street, Douglassville 19518 or drop in any Sunday collection basket.

All donations are greatly appreciated.

ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar

November 21st, 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, handmade frames, gift baskets and so much more! We also will have soups and other lunch items for purchase and a Bake Sale!

ICC is hosting a Miller Keystone blood drive during the ICA-HSO Christmas Bazaar from 8am to 1pm. Schedule your donation time by signing up on the form located in the narthex of the church or on the donor portal at www.GiveaPint.org, search for sponsor code 4543.

Scholastic Book Fair - November 15th after 9 and 11 Masses and November 16 - 18 during school hours. It will be held in the ICA library. 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 church collection baskets in an envelope marked "All for Books". Please make checks out to ICA-HSO with "all for books" on the memo line. Donations will be collected until November 15. Thank you for your support.

The Mass Intention Book for 2016 opens November 10th. Parishioners are invited to come to the parish office, Tuesdays through Fridays after 11am to schedule a Mass (\$10) or to reserve the Sanctuary Lamp (\$25). Due to the number of Intentions and the limited number of days per year, please limit your requests to four per person per year.

The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called "Chosen, Blessed, Shared" to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving.

Faith and Spirits- Encountering Christ in the Sacraments - Join us on November 2, 6:30-8:30pm at P.J. Whelihan's in Reading with Fr. Gene Ritz. There is no charge for attending. Questions call 610-289-8900 ext. 21.



November 1, 2015

dear Padre

Monday

NOVEMBER 2

All Souls' Day

Wis 3:1-9

Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9

Jn 6:37-40

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 3

Weekday

Rom 12:5-16b

Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 4

St. Charles Borromeo,

Bishop

Rom 13:8-10

Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

NOVEMBER 5

Weekday

Rom 14:7-12

Lk 15:1-10

Friday

NOVEMBER 6

Weekday

Rom 15:14-21

Lk 16:1-8

Saturday

NOVEMBER 7

Weekday

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27

Lk 16:9-15

Sunday

NOVEMBER 8

Thirty-second Sunday

in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16

Heb 9:24-28

Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

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Becoming a saint



How does a person become a saint?

Saint Alphonsus Liguori challenged those who entered the Redemptorists saying, "Don't become a Redemptorist unless you want to be a saint." I would widen his expression to say, "Don't get baptized unless you want to be a saint." To be a saint means that you want to go to heaven. Most people are not canonized, but anyone who leads a holy life is a member of the communion of saints. This mystical body spans heaven, earth, and purgatory. As St. Paul said, "We are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." (Hebrews 12:1).

Technically speaking, to be canonized, a person's life should serve as a model for others and two miracles must be attributed to his or her intercession. The formal process begins after death with the creation of the person's "cause," often by a close successor along with local clergy.

The beatitudes offer us a blueprint for holiness. If we are poor in spirit, mourning, meek, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers, or persecuted for doing what is right, we are on the road to sainthood. Reflect on one of the beatitudes. It can be one you do well (peacemaking) or one that challenges you (purity of heart). Discern how you live it out and how you could live it out better. Slowly you will find yourself growing holier, and one day you will find yourself a saint in heaven.

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By listening to and imitating Mary's question to God's messenger ("How can this be?"), we can learn to ask the Lord for the information needed to serve him better. As we learn to imitate our Lady, we'll be less concerned with the potential consequences and more focused on what God wants us to do.

—From *Listen to Your Blessed Mother: Mary's Words in Scripture* by Gary E. Zimak

To read sample pages from *Listen to Your Blessed Mother*, visit Liguori.org, type the title or **823756** in the search bar, and click on the book.

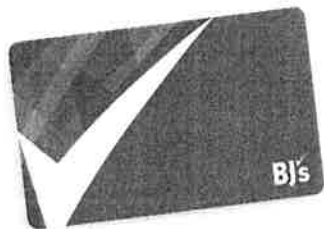


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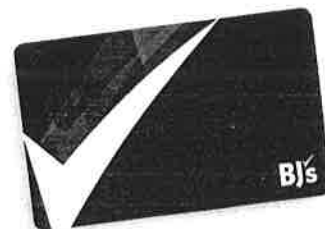
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