

It is hard to believe that it is the first weekend of November...is your Christmas Tree up yet....just kidding, maybe?!? I hope that everyone has not gotten too bad of a stomach ache from their trick or treat candy! We find ourselves beginning this month in the midst of the celebration of "Allhallowtide" that began with October 31 (Halloween) and continuing today (Saturday and Sunday with their respective observances of All Saints Day/All Souls Day). Because November 2 falls on a Sunday we celebrate the latter Saturday Evening and Sunday. November 2 concludes this triduum of celebration as we remember to honor, care for, and remember the dead who have gone before us, especially those in purgatory. I know this day took on a bit of a different meaning last year when I lost my mother and celebrated the year of "firsts" including this day. The whole season of autumn was her favorite, including All Saints Day, which also happens to be one of my favorite feasts to celebrate in the year.

Regardless, as the Book of Ecclesiastes reminds us "to everything there is a season". That is what this weekend is about. Our eternal season is awaiting us as we God-Willing become the saints he calls us to be. November 1 recognizes the countless men and women who have lived a life of holiness and virtue and are venerated as canonical Saints on All Saints Day; we too recognize that what got them to heaven began here with the choice to become holy in the way the Jesus called them to be. There are many saints for many reasons of patronage or intercession. When we pray for the Saint's intercession, we are going to them as we go to a friend or family member asking for help. We do not go in worship of them as God alone, manifested as the Holy Trinity, is only deserving of worship. Further, there are even more countless men and women in heaven who the world may not know universally but God does personally.

What makes today (November 2) so important: we need each other and we all need Jesus. All Souls Day is a great reminder not only of mortality that we will answer for our lives while on earth; but that we are also called to pray for those who have gone before us in death. This is understood as the state of purgatory. This teaching has never wavered in the church and from the time of the Old Testament to the present, we have always been reminded by God to pray for the dead. That is the basis of our teaching as the Catechism states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven." It is a purification and not punishment. It is not that they need extra holiness or that holiness was not achieved on earth; but a time to let the imperfect holiness be fulfilled by letting go of the scars on the soul that were caused by the wound that was the consequence of the action of a forgiven sin. The sin is forgiven, but the consequence of the action remains. (I like to think of purgatory as the laser removal of a scar). Further, this day is one of the earliest feast days that we celebrate because of the connection to the death and Resurrection of Jesus!

I know this day is not easy for some of us especially for those who have lost a loved one recently. But, this is a reminder that we are called to keep their legacy alive by not only living the lessons they taught us, but, more importantly, by praying for them as this helps to manifest the Lord's call of unity of his Church in this life and the next. That is why I hope that we take time not only on this day but frequently to pray for our deceased loved ones by a Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Our Father, offering some of our daily tasks for them, or a simple prayer of trust. We can also offer a Mass (which unites us to those in heaven) as a way not to "pay" but to unite the Communion of Saints. Another great way is to make a visit to the cemetery of your loved one. Another way we can is to light a candle for them in the Church (at a Saint, the Sanctuary Lamp, etc); and at home by their picture to remember the light and life of Christ is never conquered. This is why we also see these motifs honored in our liturgy today. Please take time today and in this month to remember the dead as the adage says: Pray for the Dead and the Dead will pray for you. Most importantly: Eternal Rest grant unto them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Please note the following regarding our Schedule for November:

1. Please feel free to list your loved ones in the Book of Remembrance as they will be remembered at Mass all month.
2. Please join us for the "Man of the Shroud" exhibit that will be available for viewing in the Our Lady of Clarion Center from November 7-11. We are privileged to host this exhibit as one of only four parishes throughout our diocese. The time of viewing is as follows:

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3. Thanksgiving Dinner: Please join us in any way you can for this great community event. There are many items that need covered. Please see the information in the bulletin on how you can help! I am looking forward to doing this great event with you!
4. Turkey Bingo/Calendars: Speaking of Turkey, please join us for the next three Monday's for Turkey bingo in our School beginning at 5pm as well as don't forget to pick up your Lottery Calendars being sold after all Masses as well.
5. Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: This is the final weekend of the Church year (November 22/23). A great way to honor our King and prepare our hearts for the celebration of Thanksgiving a few days later is spending some extra time with him. That is why from the conclusion of the 4pm Mass on Saturday until Sunday morning we will have All-Night Eucharistic Adoration available. What I am asking us to do is to commit to a specific time (of at least one half hour) as a family, group, or individual to spend time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We need at least two person(s) per time slot. You will be able to begin signing up for a specific time beginning Tuesday, November 4 by contacting Linda Summerville at: Lsummerville@icclarion.org.
6. Low-Gluten Hosts: As promised we have received Low Gluten Hosts that are made both in union with the Church by the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. We are happy to support them in this needed endeavor for our brothers and sisters with wheat intolerance. Again, all you will need to do is get yourself into the Communion Line of the Priest and say to him "Low Gluten". He will give you that special host.

You may have also noticed that our regular communion hosts have changed. That is because we are supporting another group of Sisters (Immaculate Heart of Mary Abbey of Benedictine Sisters). Again, we are supporting their worthwhile ministry over a church company that "mass" manufactures them for profit. (no pun intended).

7. Incense: Our prayer life is very important, and we are also people of our senses. From the Old Testament time, to the time of Jesus and the present day, incense has been used as a visible sign of our prayer rising to heaven as well as the mystery of God being close to us through the smoke and fragrance undertaken by our senses. Many times throughout Scripture God was known in the cloud of praise, the offering given to him with the fragrance rising, or the reminder of taking up heavenward. That is why we use this sacramental on feast days and many Sunday's throughout the year as we venerate sacred objects/times. The material that makes incense is also considered precious. That also is why it symbolizes prayer because our relationship with him is precious as he is to us. As we will be using this external witness of our prayer more often, I know that some of us may not like it or are allergic. Please know if you find yourself allergic you are more than welcome to move towards the back when it is used if you need to. I don't want you to get sick. I also don't publish when I use it; not because I don't want you to know; but because it is a decision that is made often after the bulletin is published. Feel free to visit this site for a great explanation of this worthwhile practice for more information: <https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/do-this-in-remembrance-of-me-part-38-incense>
8. Liturgical Ministers: All Liturgical ministers should be on the lookout for an email from me regarding a refresher meeting coming up. Also, there is still time for you to sign up to become a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Server, Usher, etc. Feel free to email me!
9. Stephanie Wilshire, our 11am Organist is continuing to recover from her fall. It will continue to be a long road. Please continue to keep her in prayer and I encourage you, especially if you have frequented the 11am Mass over the years and have benefited from her music, to kindly write her a note thinking about her. You can drop it in the collection basket, the office, or mail it to us and we will be sure to get it to her!

In the meantime, I hope you have a great week and start to the next to last month of the year! Don't judge me too much for beginning to listen to Christmas Music!

Fr. Jason

**PRAY FOR THE INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR
November 2025**

Pope's Intention: For faith-filled young people. We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

Parish Prayer for the week of November 1 (All Saints)

Almighty ever-living God, by whose gift we venerate in one celebration the merits of all the Saints, bestow on us, we pray, through the prayers of so many intercessors, an abundance of the reconciliation with you for which we earnestly long.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer for the week of November 2 (All Souls' Day)

Listen kindly to our prayers, O Lord, and, as our faith in your Son, raised from the dead, is deepened, so may our hope of resurrection for your departed servants also find a new strength.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer for the week of November 9

O God, who from living and chosen stones prepare an eternal dwelling for your majesty, increase in your Church the spirit of grace you have bestowed, so by new growth your faithful people may build up the heavenly Jerusalem

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer for the week of November 16

Grant us, we pray, O lord our God, the constant gladness of being devoted to you, for it is full and lasting happiness to serve with constancy the author of all that is good.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Parish Prayer for the week of November 23

Almighty, ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER LIST

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Pat Aaron
Thomas Amato
Dolores Beichner
Barry Bigley
Karen Bigley
Laura Burris
Richard E. Bowser
Bernice Defilippi
Jim Delaney
Bob DelGreco
Joe DelGreco
Patte DelGreco
Deacon Michael
Dittman
Joe Doran

Vicki Ferringier
Pat Fletcher
Sharon Fye
Angelo Gehenio
Deloris Grant
Jane Griebel
Jackii Hajjar
Crystal Hargenrader
Darl Henry
Tyler Jack
Diane Justice
Brenda Kapp
Brenda Kleman
Jamie McKeogh
Marsha McLendon

Billy O'Malley
Christine Orbich
Regis Orbich
Kaleb Pheiff
Pat Radaker
Thomas Radaker
Jean Raker
Jeb Rapp
Joyce Rapp
Alice Reiner
Greg Rhoades
Braiden Schwartz
Sara N. Smerkar
Marlene Smerker

Bob Smith
Brian Spoonhoward
Airman Alex Stitt
Samantha Stitt
Judy Urbain
Tom Urbain
Brandon Walters
Amber Wochob
Sue Wolbert
Marge Yeany

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR OUR SHUT-INS AND NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Rita Amsler
Darlene Bailey
Delores Beichner
Kathryn Curran
Judy Cuyjet
Grace Distler
Larry Eisenman
Linda Ganoe

Thelma Gatesman
Beulah Groner
Mary Groner
Eleanor Hadjuk
Marge Hargenrader
Betty Hepinger
Helen Hewlett
Nancy McCann

Don McCleary
Mary Jane
MacKinlay
Sarah Nickerson
Shirley Ragley
Sara Rex
Aldo Scalise

Melinia Scalise
Kate Schmader
Kay Siegworth
Patsy Strohmeyer
Kathleen
Thompson
Joan Torkeo

Rosemary Van
Ruiten
BeeDee Walters

If you would like someone's name added to the Prayer List, either complete the form on the parish website or mail a request to the Parish Office with the person's FULL NAME, your name and phone number. Names must be submitted by the 25th of the month to be included on following month's prayer list. **The list is edited quarterly.** Names can be resubmitted.

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The Shroud of Turin has long been venerated by the faithful and is believed by many to be the burial cloth of Jesus of Nazareth. The Shroud is one of the most scientifically studied religious icons in history. As science has progressed, so has the speculation on how the image of the crucified man of the Shroud was made.

After decades of exhaustive and medical, historical and scientific research, the Center for the Study of the Passion of the Christ and the Holy Shroud has developed a moving and informative mobile exhibit on the Shroud of Turin. The centerpiece is a full length canvas replica of the Shroud made by the **Shroud of Turin Education and Research Association, Inc.** In addition, the mobile exhibit contains a large crucified corpus showing the wounds of Christ corresponding to the passion narrative in the Gospel accounts and the wounds shown on the Shroud. The exhibit contains over 31 pop-up display banners detailing the history and science of the Shroud.

Diocese of Erie Tour

(Please contact each parish for specific details.)

St. Boniface Parish, Kersey

November 1-5

Immaculate Conception Parish, Clarion

November 7-12

St. Francis Xavier Parish, McKean

November 14-17

St. Peter Cathedral, Erie

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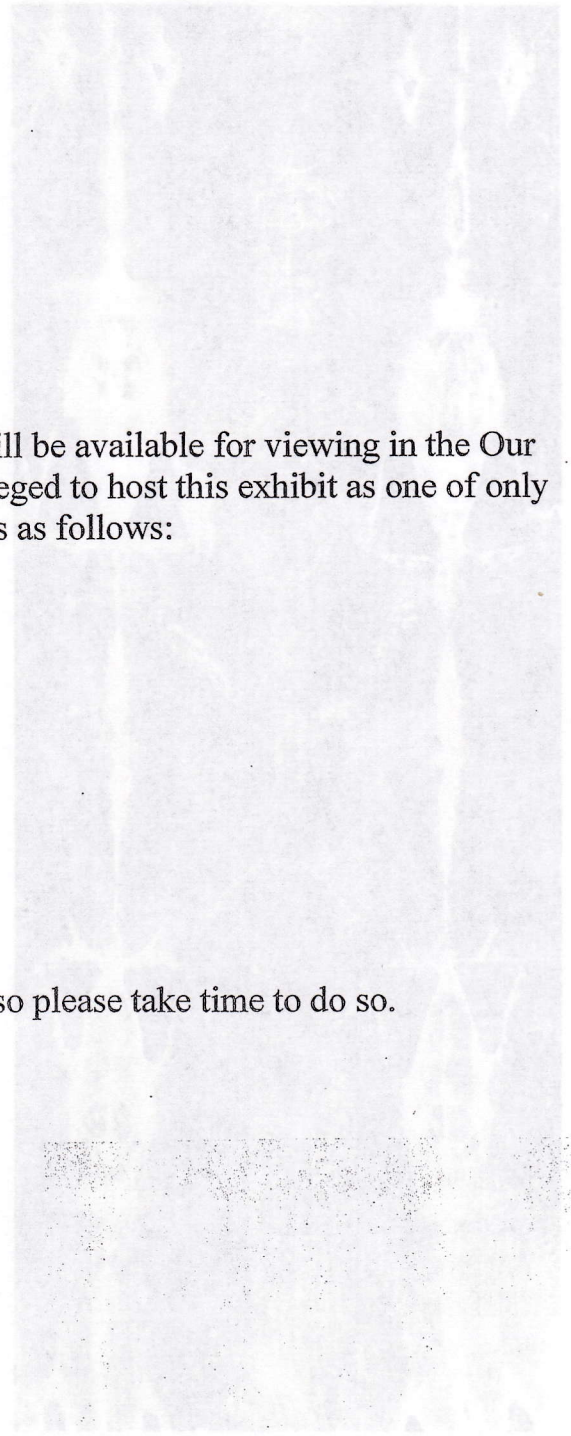
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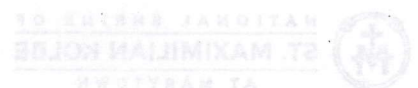
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