



# Blessed Trinity

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October 29, 2023 ▪ The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Glorify God on All Saints Day with this prayer

Philip Kosloski



***Give praise to God, through Mary, on this day she celebrates the saints in Heaven.***

All Saints Day is meant to be a great celebration in the Church, giving glory to God for all the holy men and women united with him for all eternity.

It is a designation we hope to share one day, glorying God in Heaven.

Here is a short prayer from St. John Paul II, uniting ourselves with Mary to give glory to God.

*We exult, O Mary Assumed into Heaven, as we contemplate you who have been glorified and, in the risen Christ, have become the co-worker of the Holy Spirit in communicating divine life to mankind. In you we see the goal of holiness to which God calls all the Church's members. In your life we recognize the clear sign of the path to spiritual maturity and Christian holiness.*

*With you and with all the saints we glorify God the Trinity, who sustains our earthly pilgrimage and lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.*

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Weekday Masses**

Monday - Saturday 8:00 AM

#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday Vigil at 4:00 PM

Sunday

8:00 AM, 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Follow the Sunday Mass on our  
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Confessions will be held  
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**November 12 to 14, 2023**

November 12 and 13      7:00 pm—Mission Preaching  
November 14      7:00 pm—St. Jude Mass

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## **Veterans and First Responders Breakfast**

Sponsored by  
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This event is being held at Blessed Trinity's Parish Hall



**Sunday, November 12, 2023**

**Mass of Thanksgiving at 9:30 a.m.**

Breakfast after the 8:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. Masses

**Veterans and First Responders Free**

\$7.00 per person Tickets-Available at the Door

## **Prayer for Priests & Future Priests**

Eternal Father, We lift up to you these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them, heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness and holiness of your Son Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to you. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

10/29 • Rev. George A. Gyasi  
10/30 • Rev. Francisco R. Hernandez  
10/31 • Rev. Hugh Chikawe  
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11/02 • Rev. Victor Amorose  
11/03 • Rev. Thomas Anastasia  
11/04 • Rev. Elixavier Castro





October 29, 2023

## Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20-26 | 1 Thes 1:5c-10 | Mt 22:34-40

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

### GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Sometimes I stop paying attention to the news for a period of time. There seems to be little that's "new" in the daily barrage of natural disasters and the countless ways we humans hurt each other. I've even stopped using social media, which at least made me smile when seeing photos of friends and family welcoming little ones or celebrating big milestones. Which brings me to today's Gospel: Sometimes it seems overwhelming to want to love as Christ commands, and I feel that there's little, if anything, I can do for people outside of my social circle, let alone on the opposite side of the world. Hearing of my struggles with compassion fatigue, a friend recently reminded me of some wise words that have been attributed to St. Mother Teresa: "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you." We love as Christ commands by willing the good of the other. And it is not trite or cliché to say at times, "honestly, all I can do right now is pray." After all, as the Lord says, "If he cries out to me, I will hear him; for I am compassionate." When our compassion is exhausted, let the Lord carry it, for he never tires. And then, when it is possible, practical, and seems to be inspired by the Holy Spirit, we can do more – whatever that may be.

### GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If you're like me and somewhat daunted by the second greatest commandment, I encourage you to take another look at today's readings. "You shall love your *neighbor*..." (emphasis added). Surely the world is far too large for us to make a difference? Therefore, remember that "God so loved the world" – and what he asks of us is to love our *neighbor*. So leave the world to God; pray for and give alms for those bigger world issues when we're able. When our circumstances change and we have more time and energy to take on more, such as participate in ministry, even better! But until then, when we walk out our front door in the morning, we go forth knowing that we are "imitators ... of the Lord," and that this smaller, much more manageable part of the world is what we are called to tend. Let our most active role in being the body of Christ extend to what is immediate to us – our neighbor and community – because that is where we will have the most influence for Christ in the world.

**MEDITATE** When you feel overwhelmed with the world, reflect upon today's responsorial psalm: "I love you, Lord, my strength." Let God's love for the world and his strength flow into your heart, and know that you can call on him to help you bear the burden of love.



## **Are You Hoping to Receive One of the Seven Sacraments With Us?**

### **Matrimony**

Congratulations on your engagement! Every Diocese in Florida requires at least six months preparation before marriage. Please call our Pastor, Fr. Wayne Genereux, at the Parish Office for an appointment before setting a date.

### **Baptism**

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### ***Journeying Through Grief***

“Grief is not a sign of weakness. It is a tribute to the loved one who died, and a healthy response to our heart ache.”

If you would like to be part of a Grief-Support “group” or you would prefer “one on one” support, please call Rachel between 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the parish office, 727-867-3663

## **Mass Intentions**

### **Saturday, October 28, Feast of Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles**

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (dec)

### **Saturday, October 28, Vigil for The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. Carole Huff (dec)

### **Sunday, October 29, The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Dennis Dutilly (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Marlene Romani (dec)

### **Monday, October 30, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Carole Huff (dec)

### **Tuesday, October 31, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ciminera, Sr. (dec)

### **Wednesday, November 1, Solemnity of All Saints**

8:00 a.m. Mass for Vocations

9:30 a.m. Harry Gordon (dec)

7:00 p.m. Edward Crader (dec)

### **Thursday, November 2, The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed All Souls**

9:00 a.m. Dolores Ciminera (dec)

### **Friday, November 3, Weekday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Joseph Ciminera, Sr. (dec)

### **Saturday, November 4, Memorial of Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

8:00 a.m. Linda & Richard Maloney (liv)  
56th Wedding Anniversary

### **Saturday, November 4, Vigil for The Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00 p.m. James Lawler & Pat Sullivan (dec)

### **Sunday, November 5, Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. Richard Aliotti (dec)

9:30 a.m. Mass for Parishioners

11:30 a.m. Francisco & Maria Barbosa (dec)

## **Blessed Trinity Social Group**

Some parishioners are initiating a social group to take advantage of all that St. Petersburg has to offer. A list of events and excursions is being compiled. More ideas would be warmly welcomed. We will have a special Flocknote Group created to help disseminate info on upcoming events.

Contact Susan Kruse at 803-261-4946 for more information or to offer suggestions for future outings.

To join the Flocknote Group, call the office Monday - Friday, before noon, and Emily can help to add you to the group.



## 40 Days for Life

Join us at the All Women's Health Center, 4131 Central Ave. Blessed Trinity's day is **Thursday, November 2** for an hour or more of peaceful prayer.

To sign up please contact: Rich or Lynn Maloney, 727-258-7406 or [rmaloney67@gmail.com](mailto:rmaloney67@gmail.com) or Cathy Browne, 646-552-8015 or Marilyn Cisek, 727-867-2390

## Saint Mary/Blessed Trinity Present FOLLIES!



An Evening of Dining and Entertainment  
November, 18th 2023

Italian Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. • Show @ 6:30 p.m.

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Social Group

Join the Social Group for  
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## Upcoming Events

### Sunday, October 29

9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
5:00 pm Bartolotta	Ice Cream Social Benefit	PH
5:30 pm Bartolotta	Benefit Concert	PH

### Monday, October 30

7:00 pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	CYH
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### Tuesday, October 31

10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
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### Wednesday, November 1 \*All Saints Day

6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
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### Thursday, November 2 \*ALL SOULS DAY

\*40 Days for Life Peaceful Prayer Day  
@ The All Women's Health Center 4131 Central Ave.\*

### Saturday, November 4

7:00 pm	K.O.C. Autumn Harvest Dance	PH
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### Sunday, November 5

9:00 and 10:30 am	Coffee and Donuts	PH
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### Monday, November 6

7:00 pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer Group	CYH
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### Tuesday, November 7

10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
7:00 pm	Knights of Columbus Mtg.	PH

### Wednesday, November 8

6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
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### Sunday, November 12 \* St. Jude Mission

9:00 & 10:30 am	Veterans Pancake Breakfast	PH
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### Monday, November 13 \* St. Jude Mission

7:00 pm	Life in the Spirit Prayer group	CYH
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### Tuesday, November 14 \* St. Jude Mission

10:00 am	Scripture Class	CYH
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### Wednesday, November 15

6:00 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal	MR
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### Saturday, November 18

5:30 pm Dinner		
6:30 pm Show:	FOLLIES	PH

PH= Parish Hall, MR=Music Room, CYH= Courtyard Hall, CH=Church



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## **Everything you wanted to know about your faith**

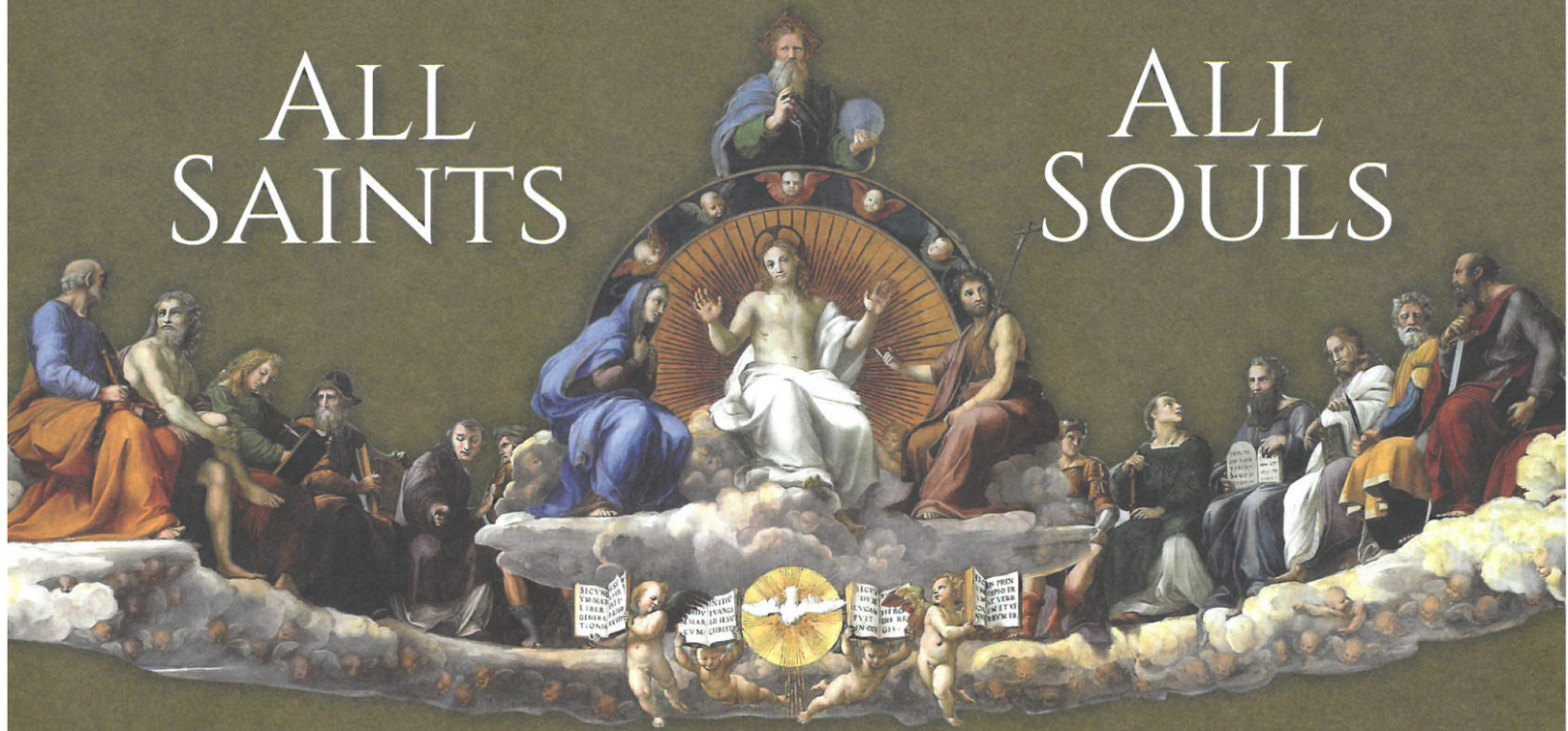
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# ALL SAINTS

# ALL SOULS



## *We Are Called to Holiness of Life*

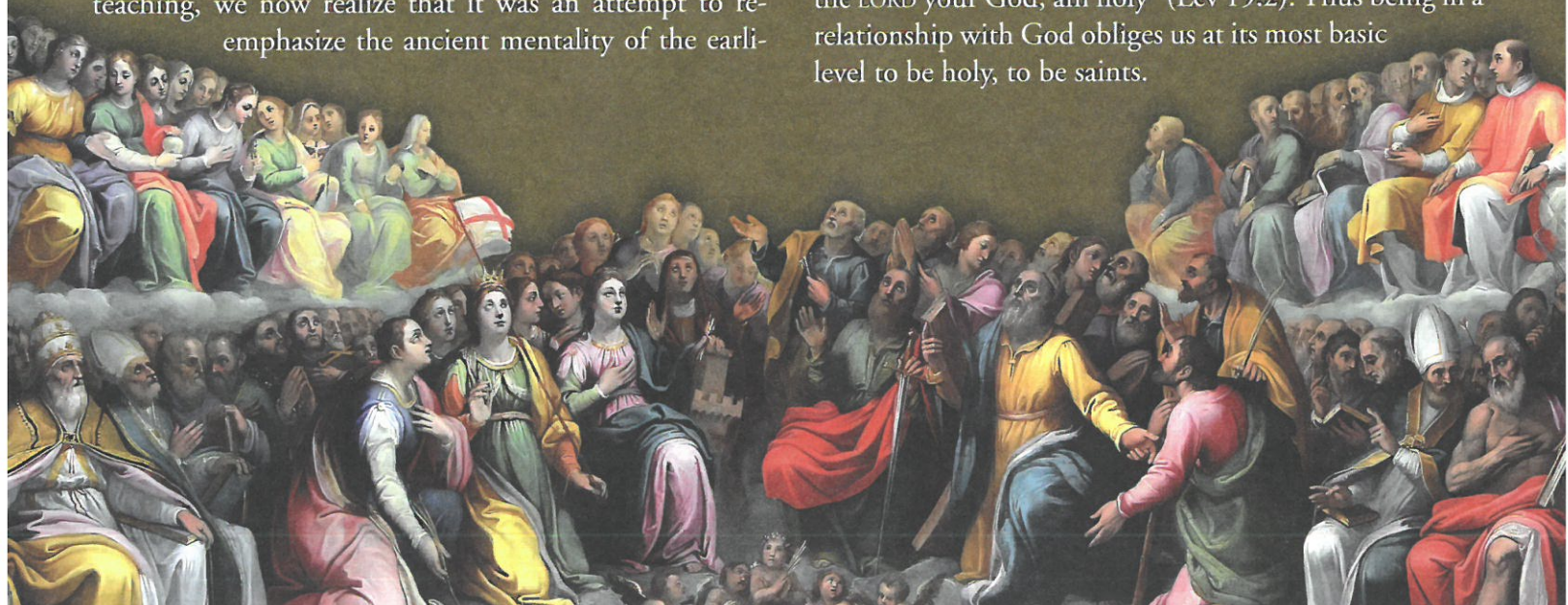
For centuries prior to Vatican Council II (1962–65), the common understanding of saints identified those men and women whom the Church had singled out as exemplary Christians and whose names had been listed in the official list of saints. They had been “canonized” and were privileged with the official title of *Saint*.

But the Bishops gathered at Vatican II recognized that through our baptism, each of us was called to be holy (1 Cor 1:2) so we are all meant to be holy women and men—saints. “All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity. By this holiness a more human way of life is promoted even in this earthly society” (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, #40).

While at first we might think that this was a new teaching, we now realize that it was an attempt to re-emphasize the ancient mentality of the earli-

est Christians. From its very beginning, the Church understood the Body of Christ to encompass all baptized persons, both the living and the dead. Christ’s kingdom transcends time and space, and not even death can sever the relationship that the faithful have in Christ. All are united in a mystical communion with Christ (the “communion of saints” that we affirm whenever we proclaim the Creed at Mass) by virtue of baptism (1 Cor 6:11). St. Paul often addresses those to whom he writes as “holy ones” (saints) to designate all baptized Christians (see Rom 1:7, 15:25; 2 Cor 1:1; Eph 1:1; Phil 1:1).

And in fact the call to be holy in God’s covenant community goes back even further to the Old Testament to God’s instruction to Moses on Mt. Sinai to “Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy” (Lev 19:2). Thus being in a relationship with God obliges us at its most basic level to be holy, to be saints.





## All Saints' Day November 1

This feast, honoring all the saints of the Church, known and unknown, provides an opportunity to reflect on our personal call to holiness and to celebrate the exemplary faithfulness of holy men and women of every place and time, whose lives and deeds continue to inspire us. It was given this date to counter a pagan feast held to appease the dangerous evil spirits associated with the coming of winter and darkness whose customs still linger today in our celebration of Halloween (meaning All Hallows' [= Holy Ones, Saints] Eve).

## All Souls Day November 2

This feast remembers the many nameless and forgotten persons like our deceased family and friends who led us to Christ and into the communion of his mystical Body. It purposefully follows All Saints' Day to shift our focus from the recognized saints to ordinary people, especially those who might need our prayers. From the earliest times, Christians prayed for the dead and many monasteries adopted the tradition of remembering all the faithful departed. Eventually this custom spread throughout Europe and was included into the Church's liturgical calendar.

## HONORING SAINTS IN THE EARLY CHURCH

Honoring saints began in the early Church by remembering the martyrs who by their courageous witness had imitated Jesus' faithfulness to God's ways even to death. Local churches kept a record of their own martyrs and each year set aside certain days to remember and celebrate their "birthdays," the dates of death when they were "born" into eternal life.

Their practice is illustrated today in the First Eucharistic Prayer of our Mass, which was the standard prayer adopted in the eighth century liturgical renewal of the Holy Roman Emperor Charlemagne. After Mary and the apostles, the prayer recalls the men and women martyrs of the first three centuries, "Linus, Cletus, Clement, Sixtus, Cornelius, Lawrence, Chrysogonus, John and Paul, Cosmos and Damian, Ignatius, Alexander, Marcellinus, Peter, Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Agnes, Cecilia, Anastasia and all the saints." By the fourth century many parts of the Church had set aside special days to remember not only their distinguished martyrs but also "confessors" (those who had witnessed and been punished for their faith but did not die), virgins and those whose example was especially helpful for becoming better Christians.

The many local lists of these exemplary saints grew and soon included persons from all walks of life—popes and bishops, clergy, religious and laity, men, women, and children (e.g., the holy Innocents Dec 28), single and married. Finally in 1583 they were collected into a single book called the *Roman Martyrology*, the official list of saints venerated by the Church arranged according to the calendar. Additions to the list are made when new saints are officially beatified and canonized and the days for their memorial are determined.



## PRAYING TO THE SAINTS

From the earliest times, Christians believed that members of the Christian community, though separated by death but now alive in Christ, were still able to help one another. "Being more closely united to Christ, those who dwell in heaven fix the whole Church more firmly in holiness. They do not cease to intercede with the Father for us, as they proffer the merits which they acquired on earth through the one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus. So by their fraternal concern is our weakness greatly helped" (*Dogmatic Constitution on the Church*, #49). Thus the importance of the saints as intercessors for us with God became more popular.

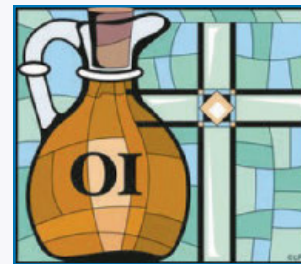
The identification of saints as mediators with God introduces their role as patron saints, that is, one to whom we can go when we have specific needs that require help. Saints are designated as patrons or special advocates for nations, churches, places, crafts, activities, jobs, classes, clans, families, illnesses, causes, etc. Most patrons have been so designated as the result of popular devotion and long-standing custom. The Church has officially designated rather few patrons, and most patron designations, especially more recent ones, are unofficial.



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Christ, Kathryn  
Cisek, Marilyn  
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Curtis, Sherlyl  
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D'Azzo, Lina  
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Fitzgerald, Dan  
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Gawlik, Sofia  
Genereux, Carol  
Grimberg, Carol  
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Helbig, Len  
Hoffman, Bette  
Huff, Walt

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Kindel, Helen  
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Lanigan, John  
Lashley, Diana  
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Lewis, Cynthia  
Maharne, Cecile  
Manley, Jan  
Manley, Paul  
Matthews, Daniel  
Mays, Susan  
Membreno, Mary & Gus  
Mesick, Phil & Nancy  
Nagy, Matthew  
Newcomb, Jeff  
O'Connor, Mary  
Oliphant, Sean  
Parmigiani, Valerie  
Preeper, Helen  
Riley, Marie  
Roberts, Deacon Lionel

Romani, Angelo  
Schulz, Ingrid  
Shelby, Montez  
Stankiewicz, Cy  
Thompson, Susan E.  
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Vanderbeck, Jay  
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