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OCTOBER 31, 2021

31st Sunday Ordinary Time

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekends:

Saturday - 4 p.m.

Sunday - 8 a.m., 10 a.m.

Weekdays:

Monday - Friday 8 a.m.

Holy Days: 8 a.m., 7 p.m.

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GOSPEL MEDITATION: OUR TRUE NORTH

Christians did a great disservice to themselves when they lost touch with Israel's Shema prayer: "Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!" Jesus was very familiar with this prayer and references it in his teaching on the commandments. It is a constant reminder that God alone is God, a lesson of which we must be reminded regularly. Only God can be our true north. There are no substitutes.

Jesus makes a big point of intimately linking the love of neighbor with the love of God. Acts of kindness are important. Many people's lives get turned around as a result of them. We read such stories all the time: a food-

service employee reaching out to someone who is hurting, a classmate standing up for someone who is bullied, and the lonely, homeless, and friendless human being comforted by someone who truly cares. But are these random acts of kindness enough to fulfill Jesus' commandment? As good and effective as these gestures are, they alone are not enough. Being a devout believer is about attending to our relationships. Jesus wants to make sure we have the first one straightened out so that we can properly attend to the others. This is where religion steps in. A good, healthy religion inspires, cultivates, and nurtures our relationship with God so that it pervades and influences all our

other relationships, including those with our neighbor.

Jesus stands before us today and eloquently details the beautiful first and second commandments. When we respond to him will he be able to affirm that we did so with understanding? More importantly, could Jesus, as he did the scribe, confidently tell us that we are not far from the Kingdom of God? We need to hear, once again, who God is and who we are so that we can fittingly and properly live with one another.

Fr. Mark Suslenko /edited LPi



OCT. 30	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Louise Richard† & Lee Lewis† <i>William & Teresa Vermeulen</i>
OCT. 31	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Louise Berry† <i>William & Teresa Vermeulen</i>
10:00 a.m.	Ann Lewis† <i>William & Teresa Vermeulen</i>
NOV. 1	MONDAY
8:00 a.m.	Those who are sick and suffering <i>Lucille E. Hicks</i>
NOV. 2	TUESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Deceased members Ferris & Magnone families <i>Libby Magnone</i>
6:30 p.m.	<i>Deceased parishioners</i>
NOV. 3	WEDNESDAY
8:00 a.m.	Dominic Nguyen† <i>My-Linh Nguyen</i>
NOV. 4	THURSDAY
8:00 a.m.	Vince Scarbin† <i>Ellen McCormick</i>
NOV. 5	FRIDAY
8:00 a.m.	Thomas Andrews† <i>Johnston Family</i>
NOV. 6	SATURDAY
4:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus
NOV. 7	SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	Brenda Kurko† <i>Family</i>
10:00 a.m.	Johnnie Stanley† <i>Deborah Shaffer-Palmer</i>

**THE 2022
MASS BOOK
IS OPEN**

PSR Students Serve

Our Parish School of Religion students are back to serving thanks

to a refresher session with Father. The holidays are approaching, and we will need more servers and lectors to take part in making our parish's celebrations special.



Colton Menendez, left, and Emma King with Father. Avery Taylor, far right, carrying the Cross following Mass.

Trainings to serve or to lector take about an hour, and all parishioners are welcome! Please call the office and tell us you and/or your child will serve!



Bishop Calling for Confraternity Members

All are being called to join a Confraternity of St. Nicholas formed within our

diocese by Bishop Mark Brennan. Members will seek the intercession of the patron saint for children for the protection of all youth from sexual abuse, human trafficking, pornography, and scandal.

The Confraternity of Saint Nicholas is a public

association of the faithful who, through prayer, fasting, and good works, are dedicated to the protection of all children from scandalization, abuse, and trafficking.

States the bishop: "In St. Matthew's Gospel (19-14), Jesus tells his disciples: Let the children come to me and do not prevent them; for

the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' Scandals in society and the Church, going back many

years, have taught us how important it is to take the Lord's words to heart." The bishop adds we that "we must seek God's help and the intercession of His saints in order to protect our children and young people from threats to their moral and spiritual development."

The bishop is encouraging everyone to learn more about the Confraternity of St. Nicholas and join by visiting the website. (See inset.)

The Confraternity is supplemented by the diocese's comprehensive program to protect children and young people in our parishes, schools, and camps.

ONLINE INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

dwc.org/evangelization-and-catechesis/confraternity-of-st-nicholas/

Send written requests for admission to:
Confraternity of St. Nicholas
1311 Byron St,
Wheeling WV 26003

Prayer REQUESTS

Homebound: Rachel Kerekes, Doris Murphy, Semon & Phyllis Prado.

Nursing Homes: Hazel Markey, Katie Renshaw, Joan Weekly, Alma VanSyoc, Ron Flading, Barb Meyer, Raymond Pennybacker.

Recently Sick: Joseph Grampa, Bobby Kleinedler, Anna Mae Veronis Holliday, Sami Wilson, Kathryn Ferrera, Danielle Wilson, Loretta Saporito, Mary Stees, Judith Harbert, Megan Freeland Roskovensky, Annalyn Liette, Mike Gardill, Sandina Leonard, Deanne Ferraro, Celeste Evans, Ted Scarbin, Kelsey Miller, Annie Miller.

CALENDAR

Nov. 2 6:30 p.m.	ALL SOULS' DAY MEMORIAL MASS All Are Welcome!
Nov. 3 6:00 p.m.	MONTH OF LOST SOULS COMMEMORATION St. Joseph Cathedral
Nov. 6 4 p.m.	KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS
Mondays until Nov. 8	INFANT of PRAGUE NOVENA St. Joseph Cathedral 7 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 9	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Church Hall - 6:30 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE THAT
ALL SAINTS' DAY (NOV. 1) IS NOT A
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THIS YEAR
SINCE IT FALLS ON A MONDAY.

SCHEDULES NOV. 6 & 7

LECTORS/EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

4:00 p.m. **M. Hitt / J. Fecat**
8:00 a.m. **R. Hess / J. Hess**
10:00 a.m. **R. Patrone / J. Klug**

ALTAR SERVERS

ALL MASSES - Please Volunteer
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Envelopes	\$2,114.00
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Church Repair	\$30.00
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Diocesan Collections	\$260.00
Memorial	\$25.00
Candles	\$40.00
Online Giving	\$165.15
Attendance	204

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Please report suspected child sexual abuse to your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact W. Va. Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to contacting civil authorities, report suspected cases of sexual abuse by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the diocese at 888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880. Please visit www.dwc.org under "Accountability" for additional information.

**BLOOD
DRIVE
DRAWS
CROWD**

The recent Red Cross blood drive sponsored by the Knights of Columbus drew a great



Duane Gump donating.

turnout. Thanks to event co-chairs Jonette Holmes and Duane Gump, along with the ladies and men of the Knights, for your hard work and dedication. The event was held in Xavier Hall.

**ALL SOULS' DAY
REMINDERS**

THOSE WHO WISH TO HONOR any deceased loved ones may process to the church altar before Masses or place candles at the altar any time during November.

OUR MASS FOR ALL SOULS' DAY is Tuesday, Nov. 2, at 6:30 p.m. in remembrance of those parishioners who have passed away during the past year.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF LOVED ONES who are now deceased may still be placed on the main altar to remember them during a time when we pray for all dearly departed members of our parish family. Photographs will remain on the altar until Sunday, Nov. 7. Please be sure to put your name and phone number on the back.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
(CONFESSIONS):**

Sat. 3:30 p.m. or upon request.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

By appointment. Contact the parish office at least six months before the date of the marriage. Pre-Cana is required.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (PSR):

Sundays during the school term at 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. Grades 1-12.

LINE DANCING WITH LOTTIE

Durbin is back, and parishioners, friends, and neighbors are welcome to come and enjoy the fellowship and fun!

Dance sessions are Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the VFW on Grant Avenue in Moundsville. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and to bring a friend or two!

THE ANNUAL ST. ALPHONSUS

Card Party sponsored by the Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild will be held Sunday, Nov. 14, from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. in St. Alphonsus Parish Hall. Cost is \$10 a seat, and reservations can be made by calling Barb Janetski at 304-243-0604, Mary Flading at 304-650-8162, or the church office at 304-232-4353.



A SPECIAL COLLECTION will be taken up next weekend for the Archdiocese for the Military Services.

*Grant Them
Eternal Rest*

COMMEMORATING THE
MONTH OF ALL SOULS

"FOUR LAST THINGS & MORE"

**Wednesday, November 3
6:00 p.m.**

*Presented by Rev. Mr. Douglas
Breiding - Diocesan Director of
Catholic Cemeteries*

 **CATHEDRAL OF SAINT
JOSEPH 1300 Eoff Street
Wheeling, WV 26003**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

By appointment. The diocese requires instructions beforehand for parents or guardians. Contact the parish office.

REGISTRATION, CHURCH SUPPORT:

Parishioners should be properly registered at the parish office. Please be sure to update your information when you move or change phone numbers.



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