

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses commands the people to love and fear God, and always keep the commandments that they were given. He tells them to observe all statutes so that they will continue to grow and prosper, and tells them that they must love God with all their soul and strength.

Second Reading: Hebrews 7:23-28

Under the old covenant there were many priests, but Jesus will now remain high priest forever because he will live forever, and always be available to those who want to be saved. He does not need to offer sacrifice every day for the sins of his people, because he offered himself up in payment for their sins.



Gospel: Mark 12:28b-34

One of the scribes asked Jesus which commandment is the first, and he replied that the first is to love and honor the Lord and no one else. Jesus explained that they must love God with all their heart, and love their neighbor. The scribe agreed that loving God completely and loving one's neighbor is better than any sacrifice they could make.



For the Week of November 4th through
November 10th

Sunday

Dt 6:2-6; Heb 7:23-28; Mk 12:28b-34

Monday

Phil 2:1-4; Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday

Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday

Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33

Thursday

Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10

Friday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Saturday

Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15

The US Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) provides a full listing of the Sunday and Daily Readings, in print and audio format, on its website, <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 3rd

Liturgy will not be celebrated due to
Convocation

Sunday, November 4th

8:00 a.m. For Our Parishioners
Living and Deceased

10:00 a.m. David Thomas

Monday, November 5th

8:30 a.m. Charlie and Doris Moloney

Tuesday, November 6th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesday November 7th

8:30 a.m. Frank Gulden

Thursday, November 8th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Friday, November 9th

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, November 10th

4:00 p.m. Maren Robertson

Sunday, November 11th

8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Owen Pierce

REMEMBERING THE SICK OF THE PARISH:

Remember in your prayers the sick of the parish: *John Troffo, Valerie Lindyberg, Patricia Dana, Elizabeth Montague, Angela Wilmer, Faith King, Rosemary Keating, Eugenia Brooks, Mary Ann Abeska, Alicia Bourne, and all those whose names appear in the PARISH BOOK OF INTENTIONS.*



NEW TO THE PARISH: Please be sure to register with the Parish Office and introduce yourself to Father Grasing after Mass. Registration forms are available at the doors of the Church, the Parish Office, or online. For additional information, please call 410-778-3160, or go to sacredparish.org.

PREP

Parish Religious Education Program



Bringing the Gospel Home

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ORDINARY TIME
Mark 12:28b-34**

Reflection for Parents

Take some time to reflect on the first part of Jesus' response to the scribe. Consider whether you have put any other gods before the one true God—what people, things, attitudes, and behaviors are getting in the way of your relationship with God? What do you need to do in order to truly love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

Bringing the Good News Into Your Family

Work together to create a special container similar to a mezuzah. Decorate your container with crayons, markers, stickers, and embellishments that express faith and love. Invite each family member to choose a message from today's Gospel such as, "Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone!" or "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart" or "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Ask family members to write or draw their choices on parchment paper or on drawing paper. Have them place their messages in the special container. Place the container near the door your family most often uses. Explain that the container should encourage them to honor the Scripture passage they have written or drawn.

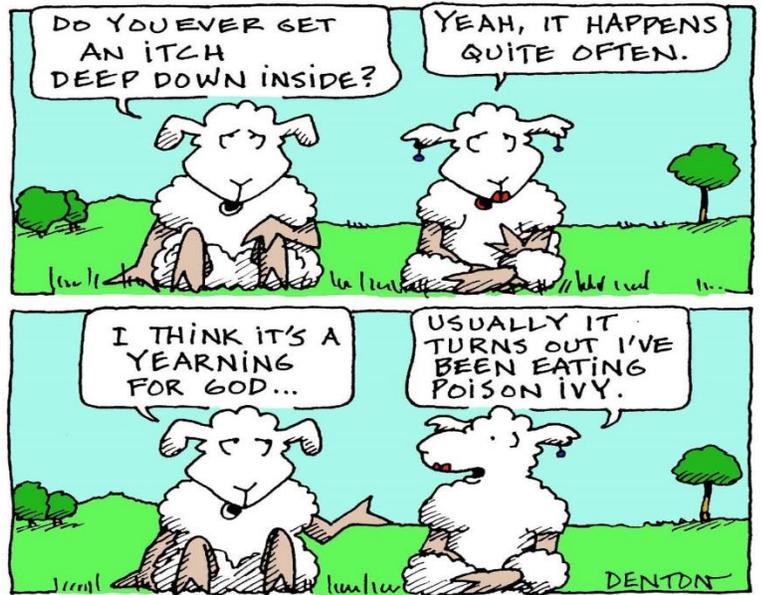
Discussion Starters

1. "The Lord our God is Lord alone!" means . . .
2. One way I can love God more is . . .
3. "Love your neighbor as yourself" means . . .
4. One way I love myself is . . .

PARENTING POINTERS: How well do your children know their deceased relatives? Why not help them remember by praying for each by name today. Go back as far as you can remember and perhaps reminisce about their saintly qualities.



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"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength."

Sheepish Question:

How do I describe my yearning for God?

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL

Spread the news! Immaculate Conception School continues Walk-In Wednesdays every Wednesday from 9 am – 11am. Tours are offered to those who wish to see the school in action.

The next Story Time is on Wednesday, November 7th at 10 am in the PreK-3 Room. Please go to our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/icschoolmd>) and mark "Going" if you plan on attending.

On Tues Nov 6, the American Legion Pocket Flag Program will come to Immaculate Conception School at 1:00 p.m. Students will be taught about the organization, the 5 military branches, the origin of the flag and the project itself and why it began. Students will then write letters to soldiers, as well.

The 6th Grade will go to Dover on Tuesday for Vocations Presentations. Students will play Vocations Jeopardy, participate in an interactive panel, which will teach them about lives of priests, religious sisters, deacons, and candidates discerning a religious education.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending –October 28– Week 18

Thank you for your offering. It is with your continued support and the sharing of your time and talent that the ministries, programs and activities at Sacred Heart and St. John’s are made possible. “Whatever you give to the Lord, He will return to you a hundred fold.”

	Received	ACH	Budgeted	Diff.
Offertory 10/28 Wk. 18	\$4,981	\$485	\$6,346	-\$880
YTD Wk. 18	\$88,277	\$20,493	\$114,228	-\$5,458

DIOCESAN MESSAGE: The Most Reverend W. Francis Malooly, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wilmington, has issued the following statement regarding the recent attack at a Pittsburgh synagogue:

“I express my solidarity with the entire Jewish community in Delaware and the Eastern Shore of Maryland in the wake of the tragic murders at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. I ask that all Catholics join in prayer for victims of this anti-Semitic violence and their families.

On Saturday, November 3, 2018, Catholic leaders from all of our parishes will meet at the Ocean City Convention Center for a convocation in recognition of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington. At that convocation, all of us gathered will join in prayer for the victims, their families, and for peace in our country and world. I ask that this petition be remembered in the General Intercession at all Masses in Catholic churches in Delaware and Maryland’s Eastern Shore this coming weekend.

We stand with all people of good will against all forms of prejudice, violence, and hate, and pray that one day, all of God’s sons and daughters will live in love and peace.”

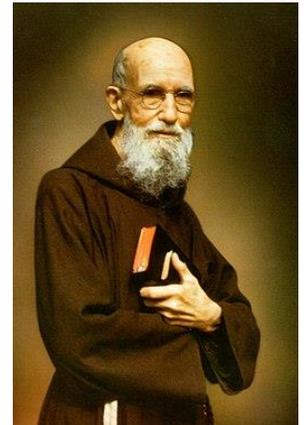
Rejoicing in the Lord: Illustrated History of the Diocese of Wilmington, a beautiful, hardback book has been published. Through words and pictures this volume takes us on a walk through the history of our diocese, providing an opportunity to pause, to offer thanks for all those who have come before us. This helps us see ourselves as part of the history of the larger Church and that is vitally important to those of us who bear the Catholic identity. The book is available for purchase; the cost is \$40 (this is the cost to the parish; *this is not a fundraiser* but rather an opportunity to purchase a book to be read, re-read, passed down to the next generation). To secure a copy please call the parish office.

ELECTRONIC GIVING: It is possible to make your weekly financial commitment to the Parish using Electronic Funds Transfer. We are encouraging everyone to consider using this contribution method. Contact Mary Jo Frohlich with any questions at 410-778-3160, or mfrohlich@sacredparish.org. Sign up forms are available at the doors of the Church.

SAINTS OF NOVEMBER

Solanus Casey – November 3

Bernard Francis Casey was born in 1870. As one of 16 children growing up on a farm in Wisconsin, Barney Casey learned about the importance of sharing. This virtue shaped his life and ministry.



Barney left the farm to work at a variety of jobs. He was a lumberjack, a prison guard, a hospital orderly, and even a streetcar operator, but none of these jobs satisfied him. He believed that God had other plans for him.

When he was 21 years old, Barney entered the seminary in Milwaukee, but he found the studies very difficult. Discouraged, he left. Five years later, he joined the Capuchin order in Detroit. He still had a difficult time learning theology, but he did not give up.

Barney was ordained in 1904. He took the name Solanus, the last name of a 17th-century saint. Although he was a priest, Father Solanus was not permitted to preach or hear confessions because of his weak theological skills. He believed this freed him to devote himself entirely to the ministry of service.

Father Solanus spent 20 years in Yonkers and Harlem, NY, working in relatively menial tasks. He worked as a porter in the Capuchin monastery in Detroit. In a religious order, the porter answers the door and greets all visitors. Day or night, Solanus listened to anyone who came to the monastery and promised to pray for them. He often blessed the visitors and became known as “the Doorkeeper.”

He led a prayer service for the sick every Wednesday. He started a soup kitchen that is still feeding the hungry today.

Father Solanus died in 1957 at the age of 86. Pope John Paul II declared Father Solanus “Venerable” in 1995. This is the first step on the journey to sainthood. Solanus’ life helps us to remember that when we serve others, we serve Jesus.

