

NOVEMBER 5, 2017 | THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA
A CATHOLIC PARISH FAMILY - PALATINE, IL

Parish Information

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:00pm
Sunday 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:15am
1:30pm (*Polish*)

Weekday 6:30am (*Communion Service*)
8:00am (*Including Saturday*)

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays 8:30am—9:30am

NEW PARISHIONERS: All are welcome!
Stop by the Parish Office to register and learn more about our Parish.

BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation class preferable before the baby is born to avoid babysitting concerns. Baptisms are celebrated on most Sundays following the 11:15am Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information. *Upcoming Baptism Prep Classes— Nov 14, Dec 6, Jan 9*

MARRIAGE: Arrangements for the celebration of marriage should be made at least six (6) months prior to your planned wedding date. Call Deacon Tom Dunne for more information.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: Our RCIA (Rite to Christian Initiative) Program is for adults who were never baptized in any faith, who were baptized in another Christian faith but wish to become Catholic or who were baptized Catholics but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist. Contact the Parish Office for more info. Brochures available in the Gathering Area kiosk.

COMMUNION FOR HOMEBOUND: Ministers of Care are available to bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Deacon Tom Dunne for information.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Call the Parish Office to add your name to the sick list. Due to patient privacy (HIPAA Law,) only the ailing person, or in case of their incapacitation, the person delegated for the medical care, can add their name to the sick list.

PRAYERS FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Call the Parish Office to add a name of someone serving in the military, so our faith community can pray for their safety and service.

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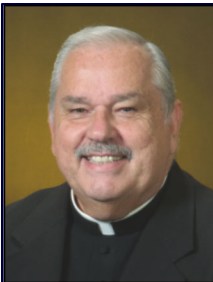
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Second Homily

Dear Parish Family of St. Thomas,

November has already begun with a flurry of activity as we celebrate important moments in the Church's pastoral life and in our own life of work and prayer. November feels like a very Catholic and very American month.

Just this week, after celebrating Halloween with all the children and the Great Pumpkin, we start November solemnly and prayerfully with the two Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. We seek out the Saints as our models of living and seek their prayers and blessings, as we try to emulate their deep faith and belief in the Lord so as to live a Christ-centered life.

On All Saints Day, I was the celebrant of our 8:00am Parish Mass which was also attended by our school children. For the homily, I called up our fifth graders, as well as our Preschoolers (3 and 4 year old) . As I was talking about being good and holy and what saints are, I mentioned that one of our favorite saints is St. Thomas of Villanova. Then one of the preschoolers shouts back "my favorite Saint is St. Thomas Park!" I was dumbfounded as I never heard of that Saint. But then it dawned on me a few seconds later— St. Thomas Park is what our school children call the playground next to the school where they all go and play during recess. Then, I asked them why we should be good and holy! Another preschooler announced very seriously—"because God is watching us all the time." See what you learn during homily time!

Then, we celebrated the Feast of All Souls when we remembered all of our loved ones—relatives and friends—who have died. And in our special All Souls Remembrance Mass, we recalled especially our eighty-eight parishioners who were buried from our Parish Church. We proclaimed their names, their lives, how they lived their faith and how they passed their deep faith on to all of us. We prayed for our dearly departed. We celebrated the gift of their life and blessings, and we believe that they are at peace in the hands of the Lord.

Next weekend, we will celebrate the very important American holiday of Veterans Day. It celebrates the services of all who served in the United States Armed Forces. It is a special opportunity to pray for all of our soldiers and military people. Many of our parishioners are Veterans, and we are grateful for their military commitment. We will celebrate Veterans Day at all of our weekend Masses. Then, later in the month, we will celebrate that American tradition of Turkey Day—Thanksgiving. It is another reminder of how blessed we are by God to live in this great country. And it is another reminder to thank God for all of our blessings—for all of who and what is important in our lives.

That being said, next weekend we will present at all of the Masses, our financial report for the past fiscal year. It will be an opportunity to thank you again for your generosity to our Parish Family and to all the causes presented to you by our St. Thomas of Villanova Parish and the Archdiocese of Chicago.

Your Pastor,

Father Tom

Rev. Thomas R. Rzepiela

P.S. Were you an hour early for Mass today?

P.S.S. Then, I guess you forgot to "fix your clock."

Parish Events

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 5

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:30am	RCIA Classes	MRA
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

Monday, November 6

2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
4:00pm	Religious Ed Classes	School
7:00pm	STV Scripture Study	MRB
7:00pm	Lector Meeting	Church

Tuesday, November 7

8:45am	Smiling Thru the Tears	MRA
1:00pm	Prayer Shawl Ministry	MRB
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
6:00pm	St. Pat/St. Joe Meeting	MRC
6:45pm	STV Scripture Study	MRD
7:30pm	Women's Club Guild 4	MRA
9:00pm	Men's Basketball	RAC

Wednesday, November 8

1:00pm	Golden Villanovans	MRA & B
4:00pm	VOICES Drop-In	TR/RAC
6:00pm	Women's Club Guild 1	MRA & B
6:00pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Church
8:00pm	A.A. (Closed Meeting)	MR4

Thursday, November 9

9:30am	Produce mobile	Parking Lot
2:45pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
7:00pm	Adult Choir Practice	Church

Friday, November 10

8:45am	STV Scripture Study	MRA—D
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Saturday, November 11

8:40am	Morning Bible Study	MRC
8:40am	STV Scripture Study	MRB
10:00am	Craft Fair	RAC

Sunday, November 12

9:15am	Religious Ed Classes	School
9:40am	Children's Liturgy of the Word	MRD
10:30am	RCIA Classes	MRA
3:00pm	STV School Athletics	RAC
5:00pm	VOICES Thanksgiving Dinner	GA
7:00pm	Polish Adult Volleyball	RAC

TODAY

- **MONTHLY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION** Thank you!
- **BEARS FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER SIGNUP** Gathering Area after Mass (Page 10)

UPCOMING

- **SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS** Tuesday, November 7 (Page 11)
- **DIVORCE MINISTRY** Tuesday, November 7—"Surviving the Holidays" (Page 5)
- **GOLDEN VILLANOVANS**
 - Monday, November 6 at 1pm; Ladies Luncheon at Beelow's Patio—763 Rand Rd, Lake Zurich. RSVP to Kathy 847-358-7122
 - Wednesday, November 8 at 1pm in MRA & B. Speaker: Len Marturano—"All about Estate Planning" Also, elections for the Golden Villanova officers.
- **PRODUCEMOBILE** Thursday, November 9 (See below)
- **CRAFT / VENDOR FAIR** Saturday, November 11 (Page 5)
- **K of C SPAGHETTI DINNER** Saturday, November 11 (Page 5)
- **VOICES THANKSGIVING DINNER** Sunday, November 12 (Page 5)
- **VETERAN'S HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY COLLECTION** Next weekend (Page 8)
- **TO BE JOYFUL AGAIN** A non-denominational support group for widows, widowers or anyone grieving a loved one, meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 7pm at Holy Family Parish—2515 Palatine Rd, Inverness. Come get the support you need in this difficult time. All are welcome. Contact Elaine at 847-705-9886 or Bob at 847-438-2884 for more information.

GCFD FOOD DISTRIBUTION

On Thursday, November 9, the Greater Chicago Food Depository Produce mobile will be at St. Thomas of Villanova.

- **Anyone in need of assistance** can pick up free produce. No registration is required. Food distribution will begin at 9:30am and last until 11:30am.
- **Volunteers** are needed to help bag produce and unload the truck, which may arrive as early as 8:00am. Food distribution will begin at 9:30am and last until 11:30am—outdoors, regardless of weather. Thanks in advance for your help.



EARLY BULLETIN DEADLINES

- NOVEMBER 26 Bulletin: Submissions due on or before **Tuesday, Nov. 14**
- DECEMBER 24 Bulletin: Submissions due on or before **Wednesday, Dec. 13**
- DECEMBER 31 Bulletin: Submissions due on or before **Tuesday, Dec. 19**

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR

THIS Saturday, November 11

10am—3pm

Rowley Activity Center

Admission FREE!

All are invited to attend the STV Craft & Vendor Fair sponsored by the STV Family School Association. There will be:

- AMAZING CRAFTS
- INSPIRED VENDORS
- RAFFLE
- CONCESSIONS

Stop in! Check it out! And, don't forget to bring a few friends with you!



K of C—SPAGHETTI DINNER

Saturday, November 11 from 5:00pm—7:30pm at

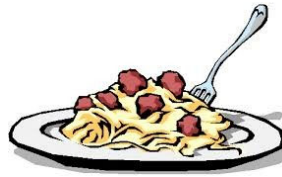
St. Theresa Parish, Lower Dolan Center, 455 N

Benton St, Palatine. Come and enjoy good food and

good friends for charitable causes. We will have a children's' craft corner, so come out and bring the family! All proceeds go to charitable causes.

- **Prices:** Adults—\$10, Children under 12—\$5, Families of four—\$28
- **Menu:** Salad, Minestrone Soup, Spaghetti & Meatballs, Sausage, Garlic Bread, Desserts, Beverages

Questions call: Bruce Alesi 847-394-2154, James Arns, Sr 847-934-9896 or Conrad Bertz 847-359-8173. *Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Count for St Theresa & St. Thomas Parishes of Palatine*



SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS—DIVORCE MINISTRY

Wondering how you will survive the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving and Christmas? Are you dreading these holidays, knowing that everything has changed and that happy memories from past years can't be recreated? The Surviving The Holidays session is open to all separated, divorced, or annulled Catholics, as well as all other faiths. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday, November 7th at 7:00 PM; St. James Parish Center, O'Brien Room—820 N Arlington Hts Rd; Arlington Hts. For more info: Deacon Jim Bannon 224-345-7200 / jamesrbannon@sbcglobal.net

AROUND OUR TOWN

WINE TASTING FUNDRAISER—St. Joseph's Home for the Holidays

- Thursday, November 9th; 4:00pm—8:00pm; 80 W Northwest Hwy, Palatine; \$35 in advance; \$40 at the door; Register online at: www.LittleSistersofthePoorPalatine.Org or call 847-358-5700

CONCERT: Finding God in Popular Music—Brokenness & Healing

- Sunday, November 12; 7:00pm; St. Raymond's—301 S I-Oka, Mt. Prospect; Free Admission. Free-will offering accepted.

VOICES HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP



TEEN THANKSGIVING DINNER

- ◆ Sunday, November 12
- ◆ 5pm—7pm, Gathering Area
- ◆ Potluck—so, sign up in the teen room or email Jeff@stvoices.org. We want to make sure we don't end up with only mashed potatoes for dinner!

NCYC—National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, IN

- ◆ Thursday, November 16—Sunday, November 19
- ◆ *Please pray for the teens and leaders attending.*

TEEN CHOIR REHEARSAL

- ◆ Wednesday, November 22
- ◆ 7pm—9 pm, Church
- ◆ All are invited to sing and share their voice. Instrumentalists welcome, too! Just email jeff@stvoices.org before rehearsal so we know to expect you and your instrument at practice.

THANKSGIVING MASS (Planned by the Teens)

- ◆ Thursday, November 23
- ◆ 10am, Church
- ◆ *Note: We need teens to be Greeters, Ushers, Lectors, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, singers and more for this Mass. Please come help!*

More info?

Visit STVOICES.ORG

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORTS

From: *Mary Strybel, CRE*



Fr. Martin Pable writes: "Humility means not to make comparisons." Humility does not mean, "I am a terrible person," but simply: "I am blessed and gifted in some ways and flawed in others. So I can accept myself, and accept you, without feeling either superior or inferior."

How do we teach humility to our young children? In my humble opinion, catechists teach it best by not only their example of what a faithful person looks like, but also by simply praying with and for our children.

1Peter 3:8 -- Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.

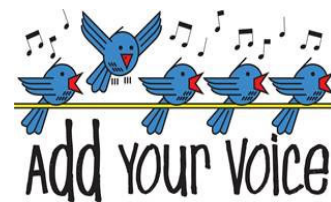
God Bless You and Yours,
Mary

CHOIR INVITE

STILL TIME TO JOIN THE CHOIR!

Did you miss the Choir Open House? No worries! Our invitation to join the 5:00pm Saturday or 9:30am Sunday choirs is ongoing! You are welcome to attend our next rehearsal this Thursday, November 9, at 7:00pm in the church choir area. Not available this Thursday? Drop in any Thursday (except for Thanksgiving) and give us a try during the upcoming Advent and Christmas seasons. Your presence will be a gift to us and to yourself!

If you are interested in learning more about the Resurrection Choir and how you can get involved, please call Pam Maloney at 847-934-7882.



MULTI-MEDIA RACK

Have you visited the expanded Faith Formation multimedia rack which replaced the old, smaller one? The new rack, which holds much more material, is located in the Gathering Area near the washrooms. Please browse the large selection of CD's, books, and pamphlets offered. You'll be sure to find something of interest that will help you grow closer to the Lord and His Church.

CD's

- Religionless Spirituality: Why We Need the Church
- 7 Secrets of Confession
- The Treasure of Our Soul: The Apostles' Creed
- Can You Trust God
- Men and Women Are from Eden
- Put Not Your Trust in Princes
- Born Again? Faith Alone?
- Encountering the Poor: Biblical Roots for Catholic Social Teaching
- The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality
- The Four Levels of Happiness

Booklets

- Sacraments: The Seven Spiritual Wonders of the World
- Who is the Devil?
- The Call to Evangelize
- Science and Religion
- Why Go to Confession?
- Mary
- The Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- The Resurrection of the Body

Books

- The World's First Love
- 7 Big Myths About The Catholic Church
- Catholicism & Fundamentalism
- The Faith for Beginners
- Introduction to the Devout Life
- The One Thing



PASTA PALOOZA - 2017 CHECK PRESENTATION

The Knights of Columbus Holy Ghost Council #4977 presented a check to the St. Thomas of Villanova Voices Youth Group as part of a donation from the proceeds of our recent Pasta Palooza event held this past July. After the 5:00pm Mass on September 30th, members of Voices were on hand to receive the award. Pictured (starting from the left) Pasta Palooza Chairperson, Tom Nicholas; STV Youth Director, Jeff Walczynski; members of STV Voices; Grand Knight, Bruce Alesi; Council Warden, Layne Gabiner.



HALLOWEEN FUN!

On Halloween, the Great Pumpkin visited STV School! Then, the Great Pumpkin took Kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade to visit the residents at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly. The kids were excited to have lunch there. They loved the hot dogs, fries and cupcakes. Don't know who had ore fun– the kids or the seniors?! (Can you spot the real nun in the photos?)



Veterans Household Supply Collection

HELP OUR VETERANS BY DONATING ITEMS THAT THEY NEED TO SET UP THEIR NEW HOME.

When a veteran leaves a shelter or transitional housing and moves to a permanent residence, they often do not have the basic items needed to set up their new home. Aside from a need for bedding and furniture, they need the basic items we often take for granted. This collection drive will serve to assist veterans that are moving into a new home. All of these items will be delivered to a VA facility to be distributed to a veteran in need.

Please bring your items **NEXT WEEKEND—NOVEMBER 11/12** to Church and drop them off in the Gathering Area or Narthex. The VA will distribute 100% of the times collected to service veterans in the greater Chicagoland by the following week's end. Thank you for your generosity.

MOVE-IN ESSENTIALS—SHOPPING LIST

Personal Hygiene

- Bath Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Razor
- Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Combs
- Hair Brush
- Nail Clipper
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush
- Sunscreen
- Chapstick

Kitchen & Cleaning

- Kitchen Trash Can
- Windex
- Pine Sol
- Dishwashing Liquid
- Dishcloth
- Sponge
- Mop
- Bucket
- Broom
- Dustpan
- Paper Towels

Bathroom

- Shower Curtain
- Toilet Paper
- Plunger
- Toilet Brush
- Toilet Bowl Cleaner
- Bath Towels
- Wash Cloths

Miscellaneous

- Smoke Detector w/ batteries
- Flashlight w/batteries
- Wall Calendar
- Appointment Book
- Garbage Bags
- Laundry Basket
- Hamper
- Laundry Detergent
- Aluminum Foil
- Pampers (Diapers)
- Light Bulbs



These Move-In Essentials provide a Veteran exiting homelessness with the basics needed as they transition to their new, permanent residence. *Note: These items are needed on a continuing basis.*

Military Outreach USA—Serving Military, Veterans & Families



2017 FISCAL YEAR SUNDAY SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Date	Weekend Collection	On-Line Giving	Weekly Total	Over / Under Budget: \$23,700
Oct. 1	\$ 22,944.73	\$ 2,023.00	\$ 24,967.73	\$ 1,267.73
Oct. 8	\$ 18,534.81	\$ 2,508.00	\$ 21,042.81	(\$ 2,657.19)
Oct. 15	\$ 19,815.51	\$ 1,698.00	\$ 21,513.51	(\$ 2,186.49)
Oct. 22	\$ 21,750.11	\$ 1,788.00	\$ 23,538.11	(\$ 161.89)
Oct. 29	\$ 18,922.53	\$ 1,603.00	\$ 20,525.53	(\$ 3,174.47)

YTD Budget	\$ 426,600.00
YTD Actual	\$ 386,910.15
Over / (Under)	(\$ 39,689.85)

THANK YOU FROM STV SCHOOL 8TH GRADE

Dear Parishioners,
 Thank You so much for all of your support with our many Fundraisers these past 6 months. We had: 3 Bake Sales; Car Wash; Rummage Sale; Volleyball Fundraiser 8th Graders Vs Staff and Alumni. With all of your support and extreme generosity you helped the Class of 2018 Raise \$11,183.27. Your generosity will help most of our students go on this trip for less than half the cost. We are so appreciative of all that you do for us. Not only through these fundraisers but all School Support you always have given us. Thank You from the bottom of our hearts!!!
 God Bless You all,
St Thomas of Villanova Catholic School Class of 2018

TRACK-A-THON WRAP UP!

Drum roll, please....
 Total amount collected for our 2017 Track-A-Thon is... **\$24,856.00!**
WE DID IT—We met our goal of \$24,000! (And there are still pledges coming!)
 Thank you! Thank you! This fundraiser was put in place to help off-set the amount of money subsidized by the church. School families solicited pledges from family, friends, co-workers and more. The Dream Clergy Team, also contributed by soliciting donations after Mass. They were able to collect \$910.00 to help reach the goal. Thank you to everyone who supported this fundraiser.
 Working together—we did it!



We can still use your help!

THANKSGIVING DINNER PROGRAM



There is still time to help a family in need by providing a Thanksgiving dinner. Food drop off will be in the Rowley Activity Center on **November 21**. More details regarding items to buy and drop off times will be provided, if you decide to participate. If you can help, contact Suzie 847-358-6999 / suzie@stov.org



Share the Joy of Christmas
 Did you miss the chance to sign up?

Help provide Christmas gifts for needy area families. We ask that donors purchase **only 2 gifts (\$50 total) per recipient**. You buy and wrap the gifts; and we will distribute them to the families. Gift drop off is in the Rowley Activity Center on Saturday, December 9 between 10am and noon.

♥ Gift of Love ♥
 DONOR FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Number of person(s) I can assist: _____

Please return this form to the Parish Office ASAP.



From the Desk of the Principal

Grade-Level Happenings:

- Way to go 6th graders! The 6th grade class developed and organized a great service project. Over 300 pairs of socks were brought in by students for PADS.
- The fifth graders built some pretty unique houses as part of their STEM project this week. Veeeeery Interesting!
- Seventh graders are enjoying their partner school from Kansas during their 6 weeks of the Global Read Aloud.
- And... Next week our seventh graders will experience Timber-lee. This exciting, educational field trip creates an experience the students will always remember. Students will dig for fossils, measure kettles created by receding glaciers, use newly learned GPS and orienteering skills to find geocaches, team build and so much more. I think we need to schedule a trip for the adults! Again, we can't thank FOSTOVS enough for providing our bus to Timber-lee.
- Second graders are preparing for their First Reconciliation. We are praying for all of you as you get ready for this special sacrament.
- Third graders are anticipating their traditional trip to the Spring Valley Nature Center. Hope the weather is perfect for you.

God bless our school and Parish Family. Your prayers are so appreciated as we continue to see positive school growth!

God bless,

Mary Brinkman

Attention sports fans, church and school families, neighbors, socialites and anyone looking for a fun Sunday out!

One and all are invited to the Fifth Annual FOSTOVS Bears Game Fundraiser for our school.

**FRIENDS OF ST. THOMAS OF
VILLANOVA SCHOOL PRESENTS:**



Come to Dirty Nellies on Sunday, November 19th
to cheer on the Bears and help raise money for our school kids.

Hey Fans, complete your pass and catch all the action:

- **Open Bar** during the game and **Great Food** with new menu
- **Grand Prize Raffle** with Xbox, Apple Watch and Chicago Staycation
- **Silent Auction** with items like sports tickets, vacation condo and jewelry
- Football Squares, Split the Pot and more

Don't Miss a Play—Sign Up Today!

Stop by the Gathering Area today to buy your event tickets—only \$50 per person or \$45 per person Huddle Pricing with purchase of 6 tickets. And while you are there, buy some raffle tickets or “football squares.” Help make this year’s party great. It’s sure to be the best yet!



**Come hear Jim
Cornelison, the singer
for the Blackhawks,
sing the National
Anthem—LIVE!**

More info: john.hake95@gmail.com / text or call 312-805-6791

NOW IT'S DIFFERENT

We should honor all those who give their lives to God's service, not just the "rabbis" or "masters." But how we do that may change over time. On or near my mother's birthday, I always visited the family plot at Mt. Carmel Cemetery by myself with a yellow rose, her favorite, to place on her grave. I thanked her for being there when I was born, a little joke between the two of us. Over the years the plot had filled. My sister was buried back in 1946, then my grandparents. Dad's death was followed 15 years later by Mom's. My brother's ashes were the most recent addition. I prayed, remembered a few stories, smiled and cried, like most mourners paying their respects. And then I'd leave it all until my next visit.

In my will a few years back I requested that I be buried over my sister between my parents. Shortly thereafter I underwent surgery with complications that led to a call to the undertaker to be ready for a possible pick up. Fortunately, it wasn't necessary. I survived. But the visits are different now. The marble stone with the family name still stands upright and solid, showing none of the 70 years it has endured the elements. But I am aging and my mortality grows more obvious to me every year. Of course, I still mourn the loss of my loved ones. But I also mourn my own inevitable decline. And now I leave the cemetery eager to celebrate the days still ahead for me even as I thank God for past memories, present blessings, and what the future will inevitably hold.

Father Dominic Grassi / Prepare The Word



Are you grieving the loss of a loved one??

This **Tuesday, November 7**, is the next monthly meeting of our grief support group called "Smiling Through the Tears." Come join us to help understand God's plan and love for you. We meet from 8:45am until 10:00 am in the parish meeting rooms. Any questions, just call me—847-358-6999.

Connie West
Director of Bereavement

LITURGY SCHEDULE for NOVEMBER 11 / 12

	SATURDAY 5:00 PM	SUNDAY 7:30 AM	SUNDAY 9:30 AM	SUNDAY 11:15 AM	SUNDAY 1:30 PM
PRESIDER	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Marcin Zasada	Fr. Ray Yadron	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
DEACON	Deacon John Breit	Deacon Tom Dunne	Deacon Len Marturano	Deacon Mark Duffey	
HOMILY	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Tom Rzepiela	Fr. Mirek Kulesa
LECTORS	James Sohn Robert Trauth	Maureen Treanor Stan Nowak	Margo Stanek Bob Stanek	Carol Schaffnit Earl Schaffnit	
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Our Weekly Prayers

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, November 6

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ Maureen Ludwig;

✠ Don & Marlene Kolakowski

Tuesday, November 7

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ William Yadron

Wednesday, November 8

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am ✠ Eileen Ferguson;

Int. for John & Sylvia Schaffer

Thursday, November 9

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am Int. for Kristina Sromek

Friday, November 10

6:30am Communion Service

8:00am For All Who Are Sick

Saturday, November 11

8:00am ✠ Bob Mayer, 50th Wedding Anniversary for Bob & Carol Slanicky

12:00pm First Reconciliation

5:00pm ✠ Madaline Tomaszek;

✠ Kenneth Oeschger;

✠ Marino Guardalabene;

✠ Boifacio Quiaoit;

✠ Joanne Sartori

Sunday, November 11

7:30am ✠ David Sladky; ✠ Mary Harrold

9:30am ✠ Lena Grieco;

All Living & Deceased Parishioners

11:15am ✠ Mildred Rissky;

✠ Richard Heart;

✠ Marie Kay;

Int. for Garry Passafiume

1:30pm Mass—POLISH

WEEKLY READINGS

Mon: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36; Lk 14:12-14

Tue: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcd-e-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wed: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9; Lk 14:25-33

Thu: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; 1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Fri: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Sat: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11; Lk 16:9-15

Sun: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18 [13-14]; Mt 25:1-13

OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Mason John Bruno

FOR OUR SICK

Barbara Amato

Lou Anderson

Jim Baur

Vito Boffa

Cherie Bott

Andy Bouchonville

Charles Campagna

Eleanor Campagna

Anna Marie Candorla

Tom Cook

Baby Seamus Cullen

Brenda Darling

Jason Dean

Emily Dempsey

Beth Dix

June Falardeau

Jeanne Formanski

Jaime Forseth

Kirk Forseth

Faith Forseth

Parker Forseth

Daniel Gajewski

Mel Gass

Bill Gerl

Ralph Gonzalez

RJ Hubka

Adeline Kaczmarek

Mary Anne Kiesel

Wesley Knutson

Mary Alice Kobler

Susan Kordell

Lauren Lambert

Gene Lazich

Harold Lewis

Allan Loden

Peggy Lowe

Baby Alexa Mang

Helen Mariano

Bob Maruska

Elayne Maruska

Baby Benjamin Mauro

Mike McGee

Candida Morales

Mike Moran

JoAnn Moser

Paul Moser

Erin Nicholas

Mary Obey

Rita Olles

Jim Redmond

Patty Reynolds

Elaine Romanchek

Ken Romanchek

Dick Samojsla

Carlos Serna

Shawn Smith

Russell Spano

Kristina Sromek

Alice Stedronsky

Anne Swaw

Robert Szott

Sharon Tadsen

Tom Yadron

Frances Zanetti

Martha Zara

IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

Lord, bless the men and women of our military as they answer the call to serve our nation and defend our freedom. Protect and heal them-- body, soul, mind and spirit--especially those in harm's way. Most of all let them know your love; that you are with them, and that you will never forsake or abandon them. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

U.S. Air Force

- MSGT Dan Fialek
- SSGT Justin Godsey
- MSGT Matthew Grelck
- CPT Erin Killion
- CPT Sean McGee
- SrA Trenton J. Metyk
- SSGT Darrel J. Moe
- Lt Col Ross A. Mol
- SSGT Brian R. O'Donnell
- SrA Joshua Olszak
- MAJ Matthew Walz

U.S. Army

- MAJ Robert Bland
- MAJ Bernadette O'Shea Bland
- PFC Ryan Camis-Sutherland
- CPT Ben Couchey
- SSGT Brian J. Dankowski
- CPT Joel Hilborn
- SPC Jeffrey Ketelsen

- SF Joseph Kilcullen III, Green Beret
- LT Michael Labek
- 2LT Daniel Lloyd
- SSGT Dustin Lyles
- SPC Michael Medina
- SGT Kevin Miller
- CWO2 Timothy O'Cain
- CPT James Ruetsche, Ranger
- PFC Will Willis
- Troops in the Middle East

U.S. Coast Guard

- LT Kevin O'Brien

U.S. Marine Corps

- MAJ Joey Cross
- CPL David Crouse
- PVT Nicholas G. Dean
- WO1 Thomas Grygowski
- PFC Jeffrey Daniel Krantz

- CPT Thomas McCarthy
- CPL Cameron Miller
- CPL Sam Miller
- SGT Conor O'Neill
- SGT Nicholas Regini
- CPL Kyle Rich
- LT Jake Schlenbecker
- SGT Corey A. White

U.S. Navy

- ENS Jeremy Adams
- LCDR Kevin Brandwein
- LCDR John-Paul Falardeau
- CAPT Jason Haen
- SN Caleb Harrington
- PO2 David Holley
- LT Quinn Daniel Kilpatrick
- SN Gregory Minott
- AN James Steining



ROSE OF LIFE

In Memory of THOMAS F. KEENAN
A Great Brother-in-law

FOR OUR DEPARTED, REST IN PEACE

✠ *Olga Capocci*

Mother of Christina Lucchese

✠ *Valentine Pawlak*

Father of Noel Pawlak

✠ *John Cooney, Sr.*

Father of Mary Beth Cooney



NIEDZIELNA SKŁADKA

1 października 2017 r	\$ 2,068.00
8 października 2017 r	\$ 1,443.00
15 października 2017 r	\$ 1,943.00
22 października 2017 r	\$ 1,686.00
29 października 2017 r	\$ 2,240.00
W sumie: \$ 9,380.00	

Pierwsze dni listopada... pozytywne dni...'

Wszystkich Świętych i Dzień Zaduszny i atmosfera kilku następnych dni to bardzo pozytywny czas i to nie tylko ze względu na jego duchowe, religijne przesłanie, dotyczące ostatecznych przeznaczeń każdego człowieka... To także niezwykle pozytywny, rodzinny czas bycia razem, czas refleksji i wspomnień z przeszłości i umocnienia relacji rodzinnych...

Taki to nasz początek listopada. Dla nas jest oczywisty, dla innych - tak niezwykle. Tak często skarżymy się, że żyjemy w coraz bardziej zatowimowanym społeczeństwie, w świecie skoncentrowanym na 'tu i teraz', albo nerwowo biegnącym w przyszłość, bez chwili refleksji, bez oglądania się za siebie. Ale właśnie Wszystkich Świętych i Dzień Zaduszny pokazują, że to wciąż nie do końca prawda.

Wciąż jest w nas ogromne pragnienie bycia razem, wspomnienia, spotkania się, wzięcia w nawias dni codziennych...

Na początku listopada idziemy 'na groby' i to nie tylko najbliższych, przyjaciół, znajomych. Przystajemy przy grobach ludzi o znanych nazwiskach, przypominamy sobie żołnierzy, uczonych, artystów, polityków, lekarzy, nauczycieli. Otaczają te nagrobki wieńce, splendor i cześć, czasem odzyskane po dekadach.

Przystajemy też przy grobach najcichszych, niemal zrównanych z ziemią, grobach, które obumarły w czyjejś pamięci, albo których nie ma już komu na tej ziemi otoczyć wspomnieniem, modlitwą, ciepłem płomienia zniczy. Są też groby najmniejsze, nierzadko skupione w jednym miejscu, wokół których milkną rozmowy, szczególnie gdy ktoś przy nich stoi z nisko pochyloną głową. Drobne ciała przysparza ziemi, wielki smutek czeka ukonienienia.

Wszystkich Świętych, Dzień Zaduszny - wielki znak chrześcijańskiej eschatologii, chrześcijańskiej tożsamości. Owszem, nie tak rzadko już

mocno zlaicyzowanej, bo przecież nie wszyscy, którzy w tych dniach odwiedzają cmentarze, regularnie (lub w ogóle) chodzą do kościoła. Oni kultywują te dni, bo taki jest polski, niepisany obyczaj. I to także jest dobre i piękne, nadaje sens, oswaja ze śmiercią, ocala przed stylem życia, w którym nie trzeba już robić żadnego rachunku sumienia - religijnego czy świeckiego.

W 'songu' 'Zaduszki' Jan Krzysztof Kelus opisał ten listopadowy fenomen jako społeczny rytuał, obcowanie ludzkiej wspólnoty ze śmiercią, z bólem:

'Raz w roku: zaduszkowy tłum - cmentarze wejście pierwszą bramą - wyjście czwartą bramą dla wszystkich dziś!

Po drodze można patrzeć w lewo - w prawo co mu postawili - co mu napisali ile miał lat ile miał lat

Dzień zmarłych: dla wygody nas - żywych wstrzymano pogrzeby by nie popsuł święta zbyt świeży ból wracając można patrzeć w lewo - w prawo co mu postawili - co mu napisali ile miał lat ile miał lat

A potem: znów przez cały rok - cmentarze mała grupka ludzi przestraszy wiewiórki ktoś będzie łkać i znowu: płyta pomnik murowanie żeby zobaczyli co mu postawili, żeby przeczytali co mu napisali ile miał lat ile miał lat...'

I rzeczywiście, to jest taki wyjątkowy rytuał. I dobrze, że tak jest. Tym bardziej, że to chyba najbardziej tłumny rytuał, który przenosi przesłanie Kościoła poza mury kościołów, poza ściśle dziś wytyczaną linię podziału na to, co świeckie, i na to, co religijne... I dlatego też Wszystkich Świętych i Dzień Zaduszny to dni 'misyjne'. Pozwalają bardzo wielu zrozumieć (a przynajmniej zastanowić się nad tym) skąd krzyż nad grobami, co oznacza nadzieja zmartwychwstania, dlaczego tak istotne są nasze wybory między dobrem a złem...

W cmentarnym, listopadowym gwarze jest wielkie dobro, zarówno duchowe, jak i społeczne. Są tacy, co mówią, że Polacy cierpią na 'kult śmierci, męczeństwa i ofiary'. Taki sąd to jednak gruba pomyłka. Pamięć o zmarłych nie jest kultem śmierci ale pięknym świadectwem uznania dla przeszłego życia, którego ślady odnajdujemy w kulturze, w rodzinnych pamiątkach, które ludzie starsi odnajdują w rysach swoich wnuków. Cieszymy się z tego, że umiemy się wciąż wspólnie smuć i wspólnie pamiętać - bez tego byłoby nam zdecydowanie trudniej w tak zagonionym świecie...

