

SCRIPTURE READINGS

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26

This passage from the book of Exodus enjoins all to adhere to specific religious and social laws. It urges all to act with justice and compassion towards others.



Second Reading: 1

Thessalonians 1:5c-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for receiving the word of God so eagerly and totally. Word of their faithfulness has spread throughout Macedonia and Greece; they have become a model for all Christians.

Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

Matthew recounts the incident in which a lawyer, seeking to entrap Jesus, asks, "Teacher, which commandment of the law is the greatest?" With simplicity and authority, Jesus responds that the first commandment is to love God with one's entire being; the second is to love one's neighbor as oneself.



For the Week of October 29th through
November 4th

Sunday

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

Monday

Rom 8:12-17; Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday

Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday

Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11 or Rom 6:3-9; Jn 6:37-40

First Friday

Rom 9:1-5; Lk 14:1-6

First Saturday

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Lk 14:1, 7-11

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, October 28th

4:00 p.m. Marie Gruber

Sunday, October 29th

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

10:00 a.m. Mary R. Gilligan

Monday October 30th

8:30 a.m. Grace Ennis

Tuesday, October 31st

8:30 a.m. James Davis

5:00 p.m. (SJ) For Our Parishioners, Living
And Deceased

Wednesday November 1st (All Saints Day)

8:30 a.m. (SH) For Our Parishioners, Living
And Deceased

7:00 p.m. (SH) For Our Parishioners, Living
And Deceased

Thursday, November 2nd (All Souls Day)

8:30 a.m. Mass for All Souls

Friday, November 3rd

8:30 a.m. Communion Service

Saturday, November 4th

4:00 p.m. John Kerrigan

Sunday, November 5th

8:00 a.m. Ray Brilz

10:00 a.m. Jack DePoulter

**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, Jennifer
Willis, Laurenson Ward*, 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.

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Parish Religious Education



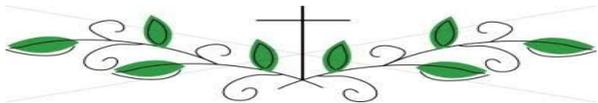
Bringing the Gospel Home Thirtieth Sunday of Ordinary Time Matthew 22:34-40

REFLECTION FOR FAMILIES: Our children see us live out this gospel message in the every-day things we do for other people. How often do they quietly notice us help an elderly relative, take food to a sick neighbor, or visit someone in a nursing home. We don't really have to preach this gospel message to our children, but sometimes just inviting them along is witness enough to shape their lives.

BRINGING THE GOSPEL INTO YOUR FAMILY:
Read your parish bulletin together (or newspaper, etc.) to see where your family might live out this gospel message. What neighbor is in need of your help? Keep in mind that whatever you do for this person, you do also for God.

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. A time I remember when someone showed compassion to me was when...
2. The thing about me that makes it difficult for me to love completely is...
3. One sacrifice I make in order to follow these two commandments is...



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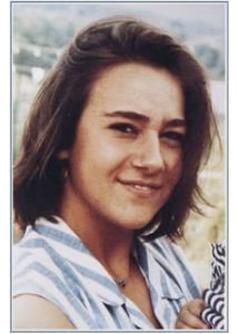
PARENTING POINTERS

Sunday October 29: With Halloween approaching, we are immersed in "fake scariness." But sometimes children have real fears. Talking about ways that you overcame your own childhood fears can give your child hope. Movies/TV can often exaggerate danger and trigger fears.

OCTOBER SAINTS

CHIARA LUCE BADANO –
October 29

Beatified: September 25, 2010
Venerated: July 3, 2008



In 1971, after praying and hoping for a baby for more than 10 years, Ruggero and Teresa Badano of Sassello, Italy, welcomed a little girl whom they named Chiara.

Even at the age of four, Chiara seemed aware of the needs of others. She would sort through her toys to give some to poor children, and she would never give away just the old or broken ones. She invited less-fortunate people into the family's home for holidays and visited the elderly at a retirement center. When other children were sick and confined to bed, Chiara visited them. She loved the stories of the Gospel and loved to attend Mass.

When she was 9, Chiara became involved with the Focolare movement and its branch for young people. Focolare emphasizes brotherhood and unity among all people.

Chiara was very popular. She had a lot of friends, she played sports, and she loved to sing and dance. But when asked, she said she did not try to bring Jesus to her friends with words. She tried to bring Jesus to them with her example and how she lived her life.

When she was 17, Chiara learned she had a very serious form of bone cancer. Treatments were painful and unsuccessful. She became paralyzed. One day someone asked her if she hoped to walk again, and her answer was no. When she suffered, she felt closer to Jesus. She even refused to take pain medication that would make her too sleepy to continue to live her life.

Despite her illness and being confined to bed, Chiara wrote letters and sent messages to others. She attended Focolare youth meetings. She inspired everyone who she encountered with her faith and love for others. She gave all her savings to a friend who was becoming a missionary in Africa. When her life was nearly at an end, she said, "I have nothing left, but I still have my heart, and with that I can always love."

Chiara died in 1990. She was a normal, everyday girl, and possibly a normal, everyday saint. Chiara's brief life showed us how much one person can accomplish in God's name.

PARISH NEWS

Offertory – Week Ending –October 22nd – Week 17

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 10/22 Wk. 17	\$5,046	\$605	\$6,058	-\$407
YTD Wk. 17	\$93,004	\$15,780	\$102,986	\$5,798

MASSES FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY

St. John on October 31st at 5:00 p.m.

**Sacred Heart on November 1st at 8:30 a.m. and
7:00 p.m.**

Sacred Heart on November 2nd at 8:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Our Parish Religious Education Program will be presented on **Saturday December 16th**, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Please join the children of the parish as they once again tell the story of our Lord's birth, accompanied by the singing of some of your favorite Christmas carols. *After the pageant, there will be dinner served in the Hall.*



BIBLE STUDY: A Bible Study class meets **every Tuesday morning from 10:30 a.m. until noon** in the Sacred Heart Church Hall. We will be discussing the readings for the upcoming Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Jim Twohy at 443-282-0161.

All are welcome.

DONATED STATUE: If anyone would like a gently used lawn statue of St. Francis, which needs a little TLC, please contact Becky at the church office, 410-778-3160.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE: Please remember in your prayers Mary Smith and Barbara McGlenn, James McCarthy, and our deceased parishioners, loved ones, and benefactors. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.



On Saturday, October 21, 2017, approximately 75 volunteers packaged 20,088 meals in 2 hours and 20 minutes. 35 of these volunteers were from Sacred Heart Parish. We raised \$1,235.00 with our yard sale in June and generous parishioners donated an additional \$1,830.32 for a grand total of \$3,065.32, (more than double the \$1,500.00 we had set as our original goal!) A check in this amount was presented to the RAH facilitator at the packaging event. Whether you donated your time, money, items for the yard sale, or helped on Saturday to package the meals, we couldn't have done it without YOU! THANK YOU! What a blessing to be part of such a caring and compassionate faith community! For more information about Rise Against Hunger and the work they are doing to feed hungry people around the world go to www.riseagainsthunger.org.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SAN MARCOS GUATEMALA SISTER DIOCESE:

Monday, October 30 at 7:00 p.m.

Our Wilmington Diocese has enjoyed a sister relationship with the diocese of San Marcos for the past 15 years. Visitors from this Guatemalan diocese, Bishop Carlos Trinidad and Padre Roberito Matias, will be giving a presentation in our parish hall. It will be an excellent opportunity to learn about life and faith in Latin America and guaranteed to be a fruitful experience. Washington College students and faculty will join us. Refreshments will be served. See you there! For more information or questions, please call/text or email fellow parishioner Mary Jo Frohlich at 302-559-7766 or maryjofrohlich@gmail.com.

VOCATIONS: All Christians are called to love the Lord with all their hearts, souls and minds, and to love their neighbor as themselves. Some are called to express that love in lives of service to God's people as priests, deacons, religious sisters or religious brothers. Are you being called to live out your life in one of these vocations? If you think so, call or write Father Norm Carroll, Diocesan Director of Priestly and Religious Vocations (302-573-3113 or vocations@cdow.org). Be sure to visit our website: www.cdow.org/vocations!

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments." Learn how to better love your spouse by participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter(WWME) weekend. The next weekend is on **November 3-5, in Rehoboth Beach, DE**. For more information and to apply online visit wwwmw-delmar.org, or call Tony & Linda Massino at 302-220-9833, or email at application@wwme-delmar.org

