

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) November 2, 2025

Reading I: Wisdom 3:1-9
Responsorial Psalm: 23:1-6
Reading II: Romans 5:5-11
Gospel: John 6:37-40

First Reading

Wisdom 3:1-9 focuses on the hope of eternal life for the just, emphasizing that their souls are in God's hands, at peace, and will be greatly blessed in the end, rather than being destroyed by death. This passage is often used during Masses for the deceased to console the bereaved and reinforce our belief in the communion of saints and the promise of resurrection through Christ, highlighting that God's love and care are with the elect.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23:1-6 emphasizes God as the loving and protective "Good Shepherd" who provides for all needs, guides believers on the right path, and offers comfort and security even in the darkest times. This passage is seen as a profound expression of trust in God's provision, guidance, and presence, leading to a life of contentment and an assurance of eternal life. The imagery of the shepherd is a powerful metaphor for Jesus' care for his flock, while the verses also speak to a lavish banquet of God's blessing in the presence of enemies and an overflowing cup of goodness.

Second Reading

Romans 5:5-11 emphasizes the reconciliation of humanity with God through Christ's death, highlighting that God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, which provides a sure hope. The passage contrasts humanity's unworthiness - being "helpless," "ungodly," and "sinners" - with God's extraordinary love demonstrated by Christ's sacrifice for us. This justification by his blood means we are saved from God's wrath and are no longer enemies, but are now reconciled and can "boast of God."

Gospel:

John 6:37-40 emphasizes that Jesus' will is to save and raise to eternal life everyone the Father gives him, a will fulfilled through his love and the faithful who come to him in belief and obedience. This passage highlights the doctrine of Jesus' protective care for believers, who will be raised on the last day, and that all who believe in him are offered eternal life. It also connects to the Eucharist, where Christ's presence satisfies the soul's deepest hunger and thirst.



Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 2, 2025

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12:00 p.m. (Noon) + Susanne Welch
req by Estate

+ All Souls

Monday, November 3 - Friday, November 7, 2025

MASS AT RESURRECTION PARISH
St. Joseph Site 8:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 9, 2025

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

12:00 p.m. (Noon) + Lillian Cina
req by Family

+ All Souls

There are a limited number of Masses available for your intentions between now and the end of the year. Please call the office at 585-343-1796 to schedule yours.

GRIEF SHARE

Offered at St. Brigid Church Parish Center on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 through Wednesday, December 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. (either session). You may attend all or any of the sessions.

Session 10: (November 5, 2025) questions for God.
— Trusting God with questions is a step forward in faith.
— The benefits of asking God "what can I learn from this".
— You can learn what happens after death in God's Word.

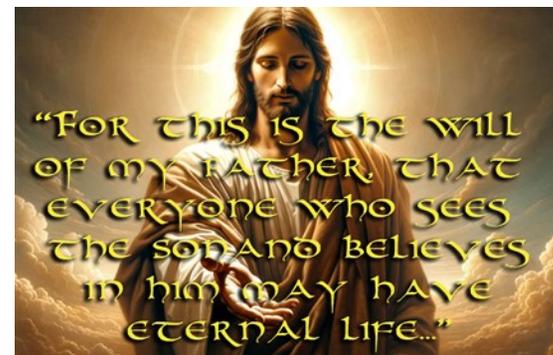
Additional information will be in weekly bulletins.

ASCENSION

Roman Catholic Church

Rev. Scottston F. Brentwood, O. de M., *Pastor*
Rev. Matthew Zirnheld, *Senior Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Eugene Costa, O. de M., *Parochial Vicar*
Rev. Mr. Walter T. Szczesny, *Permanent Deacon*

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Mass Time:

Sunday, November 2, 2025 ~ 12:00 Noon

Parish Office Hours:

Monday and Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Confessions:

Saturday at 3:00 p.m. at Resurrection Parish, St. Joseph Site

Contact information:

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**All Souls Day
October 26, 2025**

It isn't often that All Souls Day falls on a Sunday. This gives clergy a good chance to preach on the reality of Purgatory and the importance of prayers for the deceased. The most powerful prayer we have is the Mass, and every Mass is offered for someone (living or deceased). What great impact you could have as a priest offering those Masses! Contact Fr. Dave Baker at 716-847-5535 or visit buffalovocations.org.



**Please join us for the Rosary
at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays
in Ascension Church.**

Faith Formation

The next Family Faith Formation Session will be held on Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. in Ascension Hall followed by Mass at 12:00 p.m. (noon).

Thank You!

Thank you to all of our Bingo workers who worked week after week during the recent run of the Queen of Hearts. Your dedication to the parish was proven every week. The jackpot was won on the second to last card, several weeks ago. The last two months of that run were a frenzy and it was all hands on deck! There was much hard work behind the scenes, on the floor and in the concession stand. Please know you are all appreciated.

**October 26, 2025
Includes online deposits**

Weekly Offering	\$2,544.51
Miscellaneous	65.00
TOTAL	\$2,609.51

**St. Martin de Porres
November 3**

St. Martin de Porres was born in Lima Peru on December 9, 1579. Abandoned by his father, he spent only 2 years in primary school and was placed with a barber/surgeon where he learned to cut hair and the medical arts. At that time Peru forbade descendants of Africans or Indians to become full members of religious orders. Martin, who spent long hours in prayer, found his only way into the community he longed for was to ask the Dominicans of Holy Rosary Priory in Lima to accept him as a volunteer who performed the most menial tasks in the monastery. In return, he would be allowed to wear the habit and live within the religious community. When Martin was 15, he asked for admission into the Dominican Convent of the Rosary in Lima and was received as a servant boy and eventually was moved up to the church officer in charge of distributing money to deserving poor. After eight more years with the Holy Rosary, Martin was granted the privilege to take his vows as a member of the Third Order of Saint Dominic by the prior Juan de Lorenzana who decided to disregard the law restricting Martin based on race. However, not all of the members in the Holy Rosary were as open-minded as Lorenzana; Martin was called horrible names and mocked. At the age of 24 he became a Dominican lay brother and was placed in charge of the infirmary. He took care of everyone, regardless of race or wealth, slave or free. It is said he had the gifts of aerial flights, bilocation, instant cures, miraculous and spiritual knowledge and an excellent relationship with animals. During an epidemic in Lima he cared for many of the friars who became ill. In January of 1639 he became very ill with chills, fevers and tremors. After almost a year with this illness he passed away on November 3, 1639. When his body was exhumed 25 years later it was still intact. St. Martin de Porres was beatified by Pope Gregory XVI on October 29, 1837 and canonized by Pope John XXIII on May 6, 1962.

***Pray for Pope Leo XIV.
May God grant him wisdom!***



**All Souls Day
November 2**

All Souls Day, observed on November 2nd, is a day set aside to pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those who are in purgatory, undergoing purification before entering the fullness of heaven. It is an act of mercy and hope, trusting in God's promise of eternal life.

While we hope and believe that our loved ones are in heaven, we also recognize that many may still be on their journey toward the pearly gates. Our prayers, sacrifices, and Masses offered on this day assist those souls in their journey toward the fullness of God's presence.

Altar and Rosary Members:

We are still accepting donations of lottery tickets for the Lottery Basket we will raffle at the November 22 - 23 Bake Sale.



**All Souls Day
November 2**

**Please make your All Soul's Day donations separate from your regular ones since All Souls donations are used for Masses and deposited to the Mass account only.
Thank you for your assistance.**