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NEW MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY MASS OF ANTICIPATION

5:00PM- English

SUNDAY

9:00AM - English 10:30AM - Polish 12:00PM - English 1:30PM - Spanish For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and everyone who humbles himself will be exalted.



Jesus Christ

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Saturday and Sunday: Closed

or by appointment

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATIONS

Saturday: 4:15 pm By request: After Mass Sunday - Saturday: Mornings



Saturday - October 25...Weekday

9:00AM... + Marie and Stan Stanley, req. Family

5:00PM... + Geralyn and Edward Boccher, req. Family

Sunday - October 26...30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM ...+ Robert Merkle (8th Anniv.), req. Wife Johanna

10:30AM... + Tadeusz Deręgowski, od żony i dzieci

+ Edmund Grzymala, od Rodzina

12:00 Noon...+ Frank and Anita Meeks, req. Family

1:30PM...People of the Parish

Monday - October 27...Weekday

9:00AM...+ Angelina Spalluto, req. Bob and Lucille Thurston

Tuesday - October 28... St. Simon and St. Jude Weekday

9:00AM...+ William Populis, Birthday in Heaven, req. Wife Matilyn

Wednesday - October 29... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Meagan Renee Canavesio, req. Mother

Thursday - October 30... Weekday

9:00AM...Our Seminarians, req. Parish Family

Friday - October 31... Weekday

9:00AM...+ Carlo Riello, req. Antonia Riello

Saturday - November 1...All Saints

9:00AM...+ People of the Parish

12:00 Noon...+ All Saints

5:00PM... + All Souls

Sunday – November 2...The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

9:00AM ...+ All Souls

10:30AM... + All Souls

12:00 Noon...+ All Souls

1:30PM...+ All Souls



STEWARDSHIP

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted." LUKE 18:14 Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

The Tabernacle Candle will burn this week for the **Deceased Members of the Parish.**

The Bread and Wine for the Month of October is in Memory of Jerry Signorelli at the request of Peter and Beverly Cirino.

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for those whose health is challenged in any way especially for Marian Parcinski, Olivia Schiffer, Al Caraldo, Margaret Macknowsky and Jim Rushforth.

OUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all the **Faithful Departed**.

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

God is just and does not show favoritism, but hears the prayers of everyone. Anyone who serves God, no matter how lowly his position here on earth, will be heard and answered.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Paul writes to Timothy that he thinks his mission is near the end, and he is glad his faith is still strong. Paul hopes that all nations will hear the gospel. But, if he is executed as he anticipates, he is sure he will live forever in heaven.

Gospel: Luke 18:9-14

Jesus tells a parable about a Pharisee who went to the temple, and offered up a prayer of thanks because he was not a sinner like the tax collector who was also there to pray. The tax collector was far more humble, acknowledging his sins, and asking forgiveness for them. Jesus said the tax collector's prayer would be heard because, "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, while he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Domingo 30º del Tiempo Ordinario

"... porque todo el que se engrandece será humillado, pero el que se humilla será engrandecido." LUCAS 18:14

El orgullo y el ego son la raíz de la mayoría de nuestros pecados. Pensar que su tiempo es demasiado valioso o que su talento es superior al de cualquier otro, o que su dinero le da estatus, es otra manera de poner esas cosas antes que a Dios. El orgullo es lo opuesto a la humildad. Recuerde, todo lo que tenemos y lo que somos es un don de Dios. Deberíamos ser humildes por la increíble generosidad de Dios y ser agradecidos por todo lo que se nos ha dado. Al final, la gratitud nos lleva a la humildad.



Religious Classes Wednesday 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Classes are in the school building. Parents are required to pick up their children from the cafeteria at 7:45.

All Religious Education children **are** required to attend Sunday Mass every weekend and have their booklet signed.

Invitation to Attend Your Parish Session



Cardinal Tobin invites all of the faithful to participate in a parish listening session. At your parish session you will learn more about the We Are His Witnesses initiative and your planning area and will see multiple draft model options to consider for the respective planning area. There will be small group discussion and facilitated large group feedback. If your parish has more than one Listening Session, the information presented at both is the same.

You are encouraged to review the planning area information and draft models in preparation for attending your parish session-they will all be available at: www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org

Parish listening sessions:

- 1. Tuesday, October 28th at 6:30PM
- 2. Thursday October 30th at 6:30PM

In the Gym both sessions in English.

PRE-CANA Preparation

For all the engaged couples who are planning to get married or those who are married civilly and would like to receive the sacrament of Matrimony, we offer a course of Pre-Cana on Thursday nights in the Office at 8:00PM.

If you are interested, please talk to Fr. Marcin or Fr. Bernardo.

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

For those Catholics who did not complete their full initiation (Catholics who may have been baptized but who were never confirmed or received First Communion), or are non-Catholics who are considering becoming Catholic, we offer the next time of preparation on

Mondays at 7:00PM in the parish office.

If you are interested in learning more about the Christian faith, the Catholic Church, or about becoming Catholic, please contact: Fr. Bernardo, at vicar@bestchurch.net.

Knights Of Columbus

If you are interested in the Knights of Columbus, talk to the members of Knights after the Masses this week, or contact John Beckman at: jabeckman111@gmail.com.

The K of C has many services to offer, and being a member is very rewarding.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Calling all Women of Faith!

We are excited to share the Fall meeting schedule for the re-launch of the Parish Women's Faith and Fellowship Group at St. Bernard of Clairvaux and St. Stanislaus Kostka. If you have not attended the first meetings you are still invited to join. The next meeting, is Thursday, November 20 in the Parish Center 5:30-7:00PM, with an additional fall meeting on 12/11/2025.

Each evening will include prayer, Scripture reflection, faith-sharing, and fellowship, with a light dinner served. All women are warmly invited to join us as we grow together in faith, friendship, and service. Bring a friend and be part of this vibrant community.

Please call the Parish to RSVP, so we can plan for food.



CHAIR EXERCISE

Patty Casterline leads the Chair Exercise Classes on Tuesday afternoons 1:30PM in the Parish Center. Classes will continue for the next 3 weeks. It's not too late to join; you are welcome to just show up.

ROSARY SOCIETY

The Rosary is prayed every day before the 9AM Mass followed by the Divine Mercy Prayers. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed on Thursdays after the Mass concluding with Benediction at 10:45AM.

October is the Month of the Rosary.

The Rosary will be prayed in the church on
Tuesdays 1:00PM and Wednesdays 7:00PM.

CHOIR

Practice is in the church on Thursday evenings at 7:00PM. If you are interested, come to our practice or stop by after 9AM Sunday Mass to talk to our Cantor. We would love for you to join in to enhance our Choir.

ASSISTANTS NEEDED

We offer Chapel on Sundays at the 9AM Mass during the readings and Gospel. The children leave the congregation with a teacher and discuss the Gospel according to their level of understanding for about 10 minutes. We are in need of assistants for Chapel on Sundays at the 9AM Mass. This

would only be one Sunday a month during Mass, and a lesson is planned for you to assist in this class. Pease contact Karole or call the office for more information.

This is also a great opportunity for our Confirmation Students to earn service hours.

St. Mary's Recycle group will be here on Monday, October 27th. If you have any religious articles to pass on, please bring them to the office by

Noon on Monday

Nothing can be accepted after that date and time..

Polskie Duszpasterstwo w Parafii św. Bernarda i św. Stanisława Kostki

XXX Nidziela Zwykła

Z Listu świętego Klemensa I, papieża, do Koryntian

Patrzmy na Stwórce i Ojca świata, trzymajmy się całym sercem Jego wspaniałych i przeobfitych darów pokoju i dobroczynności, rozważajmy je w myśli i wpatrujmy się w duszy w Jego wolę pełną łaskawości. Patrzmy, jak jest dobry dla wszystkich swoich stworzeń. Niebiosa puszczone w ruch Jego rozkazem sa posłuszne Jego władaniu. Dzień i noc wypełniaja bieg przez Niego wyznaczony i wzajemnie w drogę sobie nie wchodzą. Słońce i księżyc, i gwiazdy niezliczone zgodnie krążą po torach, które im nakreślił i z nich nie zbaczają. Ziemia, tak jak postanowił, przynosi owoc w swoim czasie i żywi ludzi, zwierzęta i wszystkie istoty na niej żyjące, i nie stawia Mu oporu, i nie czyni inaczej niż rozporządził.

Otchłań niedostępna i niezbadane podziemne obszary również podlegają tym samym prawom. Bezmiar wód morza, Jego nakazem zebrany, nie przekracza wytyczonych mu granic, ale tych się trzyma, jakie mu ukazano. Rzekł bowiem Pan: "Aż dotąd, nie dalej! Tu fal twych wzburzonych zapora". Także i ocean, którego ludzie przebyć nie zdołają, i światy poza nim leżące, są poddane Prawom Pańskim.

Wiosna i lato, jesień i zima zgodnie po sobie w porządku następują. Wichry zrywają się ze swoich miejsc w odpowiednim czasie i bez przeszkód spełniają swoje zadanie. Źródła wiecznie tryskające, uczynione dla pożytku i zdrowia, wciąż podają ludziom swe życiodajne



krynice, a nawet i drobne żyjątka gromadzą się razem w porządku i zgodzie.

Pan i Twórca świata ustanowił więc porządek i zgodność wszechrzeczy i wszystkim hojnie udziela swoich darów, ale najobficiej ich udziela nam, których chroni Jego miłosierdzie, przez Pana naszego Jezusa Chrystusa; Jemu niech będzie chwała i uwielbienie przez wszystkie wieki wieków. Amen.

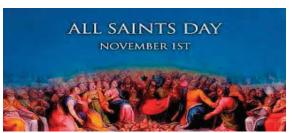
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27 października - Pasowanie na Ucznia Pierwszoklasistów. Dzień Patrona Szkoły oraz Spotkanie z przedstawicielami IPN, lekcja historii dla klas 5-11

1 listopada – 12:00PM Msza po Polsku na Wszystkich Swietych



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints' Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some Protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day. which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

In Ireland, the Church celebrated All Saints' Day on April 20, to avoid associating the day with the traditional harvest festivals and pagan feasts associated with Samhain, celebrated at the same time.

Following the establishment of the Frankish Empire, and following the reign of Charlemagne, the holy day, which was already celebrated on November 1, became a Holy Day of Obligation by decree of Pope Gregory IV and Louis the Pious, who was king over a portion of Charlemagne's former empire.

Following the Protestant Reformation, many Protestants retained the holy day, although they dismissed the need to pray for the dead. Instead, the day has been used to commemorate those who have

recently died, usually in the past year, and to remember the examples of those who lived holy lives.

The Catholic practice however, celebrates all those who have entered heaven, including saints who are recognized by the Church and those who are not.

Holy day customs vary around the world. In the United States, the day before is Halloween and is usually celebrated by dressing in costumes with themes of death commonly associated. Children go door-to-door in costume, trick-or-treating, that is soliciting candy from their neighbors. The holiday has lost much of its connection to its religious origins.

Although nearly everyone celebrates Halloween for the fun of the secular holiday, the following religious solemnity, is not widely practiced or acknowledged by most Americans unless they are Catholic.

In other countries, such as Portugal, Spain and Mexico, traditional practices include performance of the play. "Don Juan Tenorio" and offerings made to the dead. All Saints' Day occurs on the same day as the Mexican "Dia de los Angelitos" a day dedicated to deceased children.

The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that has spread in popularity into parts of the United States and across Latin America. It is celebrated from October 31 through November 2, to coincide with both the American tradition and the Catholic holy days. Those three days are dedicated to all of the dead.

Across much of Europe, the day is commemorated with offerings of flowers left on the graves of the dead. In Eastern Europe, candles are lit on graves instead of offerings of flowers.

In some places, such as the Philippines, graves can be painted and repaired by family members. These celebrations often blur the distinction between All Saints' Day, which is properly dedicated to those who are in heaven, and All Souls' Day, on which prayers are offered for all those who have died, but have not yet reached heaven.



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From Fr. Marcin's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel in today's Liturgy presents us a parable with a Pharisee and a tax collector - a religious man and a sinner. Both of them go up to the Temple to pray, but only the tax collector truly lifts himself up to God, because he humbly descends into the humility of himself, and he presents himself as he is, without masks, with his poverty.

The text begins by saying: "Two people went up to the temple area to pray." This aspect recalls many episodes in the Bible, where in order to encounter the Lord, one goes up to the mountain of His presence: Abraham goes up on the mountain to offer the sacrifice; Moses goes up Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments; Jesus goes up the mountain where He is transfigured. To rise, therefore, expresses the need of the heart to detach itself from a flat life in order to go towards the Lord; to rise up from the plateau of our ego to ascend towards God, freeing oneself of one's own "I"; to gather what we live in the valley to bring it before the Lord. This is "rising," and when we pray, we rise.

To live the encounter with Him and to be transformed by prayer, to rise up to God, we need to descend. In order to rise towards Him, we must descend within ourselves: to cultivate the sincerity and humility of the heart that give us an honest outlook on our frailties and our inner poverty. Indeed, in humility we become capable of bringing what we really are to God: the wounds, the sins and the miseries that weigh on our hearts, and to invoke His mercy so that He may heal us, restore us and raise us up. It will be He who raises us up, not us. The more we descend with humility, the more God raises us up.

Indeed, the tax collector of the parable humbly stops at a distance: he does not come close, he is ashamed, he asks for forgiveness, and the Lord raises him up. Instead, the Pharisee exalts himself, self-assured, convinced that he is fine. Standing up, he begins to speak with the Lord only of himself, praising himself, listing all the good religious works he does, and disdaining others: "I am not like that person there...". This is a spiritual arrogance: "I am fine; I am better than the others." In this way, without realizing, you adore your own ego and obliterate your God. It revolves around oneself. This is prayer without humility.

Brothers, sisters, let us beware of narcissism and exhibitionism, based on vainglory, that lead us to be self-centered. Where there is too much "I", there is no space for God in us.



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