

LOVE GOD—LOVE PEOPLE

November 19, 2023 — Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

Parishioner Susan McLeod Writes A Book (see page 4)



PRAY

LOVE

SERVE

GROW

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OFFICE HOURS:

Monday–Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU!

The deepest need in everyone's heart is to be loved. That's it. Only Jesus Christ can fill this need in your heart, and we want to help fill your heart here at our parish! We are not a perfect parish but we want you to know that you are welcome to come home to Your Father's House. Everyone is welcome in our Father's House - come home!

Mass Schedule

Monday – Friday
7:00 am in Church

Weekends in Church

4:15 pm Saturday Traditional
10:00 am Sunday Contemporary

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Saturday
Confessions

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Our Adoration Chapel is ALWAYS open! You need a code to get in at night and week-ends. Please call the parish during office hours to register for the code.



PASTOR'S CORNER

Fr. Larry Richards

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Praised Be Jesus Christ!

I am so looking forward to being able to spend time here without being on the road for talks! This weekend on Saturday I am in the Diocese of Allentown speaking at a men's conference and then I am free until the first weekend in February! God is good - I do love bringing people to Christ at various places, But I also love just being here with you, my parish family. Speaking of our parish family, I want to congratulate one of our parishioners, Susan McLeod, who just published her book called "My Poetic Lifetime Journey." What a great accomplishment! You can purchase it from her or on amazon! We are so proud of her.

This Thursday, of course, is Thanksgiving Day! Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday, but now it is different with the passing of my mother and sister. I am planning on going to Pittsburgh, and my brother and I are going to a restaurant for Thanksgiving dinner. I will also spend time with my stepfather Buck who turns 85 in a few weeks and who has not been well physically. Please keep him in your prayers.

The meaning of Thanksgiving Day, of course, is giving thanks. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. The Mass is the supreme thank you to God, because it is our union of the gift of our lives with Jesus' gift of His life. As I remind you every year, Thursday is NOT a holy day. It is NOT a day where you HAVE to go to Mass - it is a day where we find out what kind of people we are. In the Gospel, Jesus healed ten lepers, but only ONE came back to say thanks, only one! Are you one of the nine, or are you the one who comes back to say thank you for all that God has done and continues to do for you? It seems that we always come before God and say: "I need, I want, please do." This is our chance to come back and say: "I love You; You are so good, thank you!" Remember the most important thing that we can be thankful for is that Jesus Christ died for our sins! Make sure you truly thank Him for His great love! Mass will be held at 9:00 am so PLEASE come!

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PERPETUAL ADORATION

We are always in need of Committed Adorers in our Adoration Chapel – please sign up for an hour with Jesus! Call or text Geoff and Amber Dietz at (814) 403-3921 to sign up or ask questions.

The following 73 hours are also in need of another committed adoror:

Sunday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 6 AM, 8 AM, 12 PM, 1 PM, 3 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM

Monday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 8 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM

Tuesday: 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 9 PM, 11 PM

Wednesday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 5 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Thursday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 9 AM, 1 PM, 2 PM, 11 PM

Friday: 1 AM, 2 AM, 4 AM, 5 AM, 8 AM, 2 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 7 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

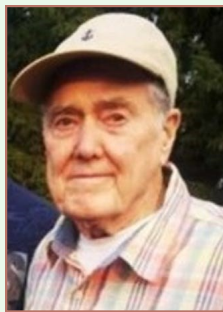
Saturday: 12 AM, 1 AM, 2 AM, 3 AM, 4 AM, 12 PM, 2 PM, 3 PM, 4 PM, 5 PM, 6 PM, 9 PM, 10 PM, 11 PM

Please commit to 1 hour

In Loving Memory Of Donald Dacus



Father to parishioner
Bernie Aldridge



8/3/1929—11/7/2023

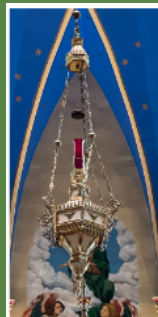
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Please keep the following requests in your conversations with God:

Healing

Rome, Jack, Audrey, Martha, Gratia, Peggy, Kathy, Amy, Mike, Mary, Carol, Monica, Aurora, Marnie

Kat—Healing Heart
A Family—To Accept Jesus
Phyllis—Quick Resolution
Gretchen—Peace
Geraldine & Helen—Eternal Rest
Kim—Strength/Peace
Betsy—Safe Travels
Gerry—Successful Surgery/Healing
Ron Jr—Healing/Peace



SANCTUARY LAMP MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp will be burning in memory
of Beulah Kiehlmeier

November 12th-November 25th, 2023

Pam Kiehlmeier



THIS WEEKEND:

Saturday 4:15 pm 11/18/23—Saints Peter & Paul, Saint Rose
+ Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

Sunday 10 am 11/19/23—Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary
Time
+Kathleen Crane (Cheryl Lenhart)
+Michael Zewe (Anniversary)

Monday 7 am 11/20/23—Weekday
+Maureen Arnold (Jerry Arnold)

Tuesday 7 am 11/21/23—Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
Mary
- TA Walkiewicz (Steve & Susan Yurkewicz)

Wednesday 7 am 11/22/23—Saint Cecilia
+Judy Deist (Christine Anderson)

Thursday 7 am 11/23/23—Saints Clement & Columban
+ MaryBeth Smogorzewski (TA Walkiewicz)

Friday 7 am 11/24/23—Saint Andrew
+ Fr Slavko Barbaric (Dan & Dawn Schaaf)

UPCOMING WEEK:

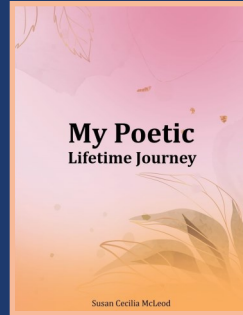
Saturday 4:15 pm 11/25/23—Weekday
+Patricia Oakes (Mary Griffith)

Sunday 10 am 11/26/23—Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the
Universe
+Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

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As I come before God this thanksgiving, one of the things that I am most grateful for is that I can be here with you as your pastor. Every day I am more and more grateful for you and all your encouragement, support, and prayers! Thank you!

I love you.
God Bless+++
In His Love,
Fr. Larry



This book is a personal journey of events, trials, struggles, fears, hope and love and living through it. Each poem shows an individual story.

Poems explain that during our darkest moments that we must focus on the light even if the hardest pill swallowed is when we realize we could mean nothing to people that meant a great deal to us.

It shows strength does not come from what you can do, it comes from overcoming what you thought that you could. To be brave to stand for what you believe in even if you stand alone. Great things happen to those who don't stop believing, trying, learning and being grateful and never think God can't work through you.

The stories in the Poems also shows you'd be surprised at how much you can accomplish with real change, enduring change, and happens with one step at a time. Until God opens another door, praise him in the hallway and show the world more, kindness, compassion, and forgiveness.

It reminds us to never let a day go pass without looking for the good, feeling good within, praising and being there for each other, appreciating, blessing and being grateful. We must remember, look up... we are blessed beyond measure.



Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month: We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but in the United States up to 2.5 million youth experience homelessness every year. Each year up to 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (www.nctsn.org) offers information on a range of child safety topics. For additional resources on recognizing and reporting child abuse visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/



Holy Trinity Annual Christmas Market

(Sponsored by: Holy Trinity Parish Education Program)

Friday, December 15th 4:00 – 7:00PM
Saturday, December 16th 9:00AM – 12:00 Noon

Holy Trinity Social Center, 23rd & Reed Street



Orders being taken -
November 4th until December 4th

PAYMENT IS DUE WITH ALL ORDERS
****credit cards accepted****
Order in advance...Supplies will be limited during the market
Cookies*Pierogi***Nut Roll***Sweet Bread***Oplatki and more...**

Order forms available at www.holytrinityrc.org
 To place an order call Liz, 814-722-0015.




REQUESTING A SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTION AVAILABLE IN CHURCH AND CHAPEL

As a reminder, the sanctuary lamp/candle is for all who enter the Church/Chapel to be mindful that Christ is truly present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, in the tabernacle. When we come into His presence, we remain reverent to spend time with Him in quiet prayer, and to just enjoy His company.

We are now offering the sanctuary candle to be lit in the chapel along with the church for a donation of \$10. All are invited to have the candle burn in honor of a deceased loved one, or in request for a particular intention. The intention of the sanctuary candles will be included in the bulletin like those for whom Masses are being offered.

If you would like to have a sanctuary candle lit in honor of a person, or special intention, please call the Diane in the parish office or email her at

dianekiehlmier@stjoesbol.org.



Altar Servers- November 25th-26th

4:15 PM Glenn Holland

10:00 AM Olivia, James, and Gavin Grutkowski

Lectors-November 25th-26th

4:15 PM Nick Constantino

10:00 AM Deanna Baker

Extraordinary Ministers-November 25th-26th

4:15 PM Deacon Doug, Katy and Jeff McGovern, Steve Henderson

10:00 AM TA Walkiewicz, Nancy Murray, Mike Giannamore, Trish McDaid

Ushers- November 25th-26th

4:15 PM Tom May, Tom Nichols, Mike Wolfe, Rob Preedit

10:00 AM Chuck Swantek, Dave Gustafson, Paul Miller, Ed Root

Greeters- November 25th-26th

4:15 PM Mary K and Jim Jagodzinski

10:00 AM Donna Snippet, Patty Jarrett, Cindy Moyak, Tom Parr

Sacristans-November 25th-26th

4:15 PM Steve Henderson

10:00 AM Nancy Murray

Fellowship-November 26th

NO FELLOWSHIP

WE SERVE THE LORD WITH OUR GIVING!

*"God loves a
Cheerful giver."*



WEEKLY GIVING REPORT

Number of Households – 407

Offertory	\$ 4,945.54
CSA in Envelope	\$ 1,246.00
On-Line Offertory	\$ 2,975.00
On-Line CSA	\$ 1,435.00
Total Income	\$ 10,601.54

Weekly Expenses \$11,522.00

Attendance (For Both Masses) 361

Please remember us in your will! You can help us even after the Lord has called you home! Simply ask your attorney to have the following statement included in your will: I leave St. Joseph Church, Bread of Life Community, Erie, PA, the sum of _____ or _____% of the residue of my estate for its religious, education and charitable works.

Religious Ed—Julie Lampard

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Holiday Calendar for Religious Ed

No Class November 26th

December 3rd —Pre K— 5th and Confirmation

December 10th— Pre K— 5th and Edge

December 17— **No Class**

January 7th— Pre K — 5th and Confirmation

Attention Parents:

December 3rd for Confirmation & December 10th for Pre K— 8th we will be having safe environment training .It is mandatory training through our Diocese. Anyone that can not make the training, Please email Julie or call the office.

A Prayer for our students

Lord, our God, in your wisdom and love You surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your spirit upon our students and fill them with Your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to You, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

What's going on at St Joe's?

- Weekday Masses are at- 7 am in the church.
- There will be **NO Fellowship** November 26th.
- Gifts are due back by December 10th for the Angel Tree. Leave (unwrapped) gifts in gift bag with the angel inside by the trees or you can bring to the office.
- The Food Pantry is in need of egg noodles, soups, stew, Chili and Instant Oatmeal. You can drop off items at the office.
- We need some volunteers to help out with Fellowship. Please call the office if you are interested.
- We need volunteer's to run the screens during the 4:15 pm and 10 am Masses. Please call the parish office if you are interested.
- Religious Ed Parents-There will be fellowship in the Multi-Purpose Room Up stairs for those who would like to Stay while the kids are in class. Everyone is welcome.



A Family Perspective

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

