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## Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Observance of All Souls Day

**Congratulations to  
Edgar Alivés on his First  
Holy Communion!**

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### A Sabbath Thought

We are *commanded* to love, not because love is difficult but because it is not always apparent. Because each of us is the center of his or her own universe, we sometimes tend to act as dictators rather than lovers. But we *must* love. It's the law.

### About Today's Bible Readings

#### DEUTERONOMY 6:2-6

Being the people of God is a full time job. It demands all our heart, soul and strength.

#### Responsorial Psalm: 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

**R. I love you, Lord, my  
strength.**

#### HEBREWS 7:23-28

Jesus Christ, our great high priest, stands before God with all our names in his heart and on his lips.

#### MARK 12:28-34

It is all very simple, says Jesus. Religion is a matter of loving God and neighbor. That way leads to the kingdom.

### ENTRANCE RITE – Psalm 119:151-152, 159

*V. You, O Lord, are near and all Your commands are permanent. Of old I know from Your decrees, that You have established them forever.*

**R. See how I love Your precepts, O Lord; in Your kindness give me life.**

*V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,*

**R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

### ALLELUIA: Psalm 119:12

*V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*V. Blessed are You, O Lord; teach me Your statutes.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

### THE GOSPEL – MARK 12:28B-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions.

**This is the Gospel of the Lord!**

# Worship Services

Today – Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

31<sup>st</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

All Souls Day

Intentions for the repose of the souls of all departed loved ones.

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

First Holy Communion of Edgardo (Edgar) Avilés during the 9:30 Mass.

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Sunday – Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>

Veteran's Day

32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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Sunday – Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday - Ordinary Time

Confirmation of Scarlett Sadowski

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

ONE MASS ONLY!

Please join us in welcoming Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky

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Sunday – Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>

Solemnity

Christ the King

8:00 AM – Holy Mass

9:30 AM – Holy Mass

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ALL SOULS DAY

We will observe All Souls Day today. There are slips on the table in the Vestibule. If you would like to have your departed loved ones added to our prayers, please write them down, and give them to Father Senior Donald. The names will not be read individually but placed in a bowl in front of the altar and prayers offered for all those remembered.

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SAUERKRAUT PIEROGIS

There are several dozen frozen Sauerkraut Pierogis left from the Picnic. They can be purchased for the special price of \$5.00 per dozen. Please see Tom Schalata or Gary Waszk. Thank you.

## INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Debra Caldwell, Dan Shaner, Sharon Fitzwater, Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, Bill and Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Janice Elaine Casperson, Elizabeth McAlanis, Barbara Waszk, Jackie Weinhold, Jane and John Aldershoff, Father Senior Ed Ratajack, Eileen McCoury, Alexis, Matthew and Kristy Samsel, Janet Kelly, Laura Alfano, Scott Gaydos, Donald Barth, Kenneth Cerminara, John Freeman, Sr., Bob Price, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk, Mary Ann Bezek, Eric Meck, Damon Grossman, Joseph Grossman, Jr., Kevin Grossman, Corby Beck, Tom Beck, Skye Sadowski, Jeannine Dresh, Violet Hart, Nancy Ziolkowski, John Bennett, Alicia Bennett, David and Judy Wunderlich, Tammy Bolich, Berne Bloom, Marilyn Seiders, Peggy Smith and family, Chi Koch, Vicki Shoemaker, William Kutenits, Todd Shaffer, Kelly Wylezik Shawn Siedel, Father Carmen Bolock, Christine Mulutzie, David Mulutzie, James Horning, Frederick Smith, David Metzger, Amber Irving, Paul Edling, Natalie Frankfort, Cheryl Weinhold, Carol Urban, Kenneth Borah, Joe Bezek and Bud Hoffman. Our Father....

If there are any changes to this list, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>; The ANS will meet in the Library after the 9:30 Mass.

Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup>; Veteran's Day Celebration in the Fellowship Hall at 10:45 AM. See below for more info.

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>; Confirmation of Scarlett Sadowski. Please join us in welcoming Prime Bishop Anthony Mikovsky to Saint Stephen the Martyr for this joyous occasion. **There will be one Mass only at 9:00 AM this Sunday, please make a note.**

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>; Regular Monthly Meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>; *Wigilia* sponsored by the Polish American Heritage Society of Berk's County. Please see the Flyer on the table in the vestibule for more information.

If there are any other events not listed here, please let Fr. Sr. Donald know!

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## THE KNIGHTS CLOSET

The Reading School District has informed us that the Knights Closet Project which provides items of basic necessity to students in need will resume this year. The parish has generously participated in this worthwhile cause in past years and I hope that we will find it in our hearts to continue to do so. Please leave your contributions on the table in the Fellowship Hall and we will get them to those in need. Thank you in advance for your kind generosity.

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## VETERAN'S DAY

On Sunday, Novembers 10<sup>th</sup>, at 10:45 AM, will host a Special Breakfast and Service in the Fellowship Hall recognizing our veterans. We will be honored by the presence of a guest speaker from the PA National Guard, Captain Brandon Sweeney. This breakfast and service will be free to all who attend. Please see the flyers on the table in the vestibule for more information. Take several and spread the word to your friends and neighbors. November 11<sup>th</sup> is set aside each year to remember and to honor all those who serve or who have served in the armed forces of the United States of America, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for us and for our freedom. Please, do not forget or diminish their service in any way. Go out of your way to thank a veteran or active duty member this week and pray for their safety always.

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## COFFEE AND DONUTS

**We are pleased to gather for the Fellowship hour in the Church Hall following each Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served with the coffee being free and the suggested donation for each donut being \$1.00. I hope that many of you will join us.**