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History of All Saints and All Souls

All Saints

It seems unusual that our church liturgical calendar schedules two major celebrations on days that are back-to-back. But that is precisely the situation with the solemnity of All Saints, a liturgical feast, and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls), a liturgical observance.

All Saints is a churchwide holy day of obligation and normally celebrated on Nov. 1.

All Saints' Day, which began most likely as All Martyrs' Day, can be traced to the earliest Christians. By the third century, the followers of Christ were annually honoring their brothers and sisters who had given their lives (martyred) while witnessing for and defending Jesus Christ.

Today, All Saints' Day is a solemnity and holy day of obligation on which the universal church honors the martyrs, the saints and the confessors, including all known and unknown, all who have gained the reward of heaven.

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All Souls

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed, or All Souls' Day, evolved onto the church calendar long after All Saints' Day. Sometime between 998 and 1030, St. Odilo, the abbot at the Benedictine monastery in Cluny, France, encouraged all the monks to pray for the souls of those who had died, those awaiting the joys of heaven. He instituted this commemoration on the day after All Saints' Day, and soon other religious orders and churches began, on that same date, to annually remember all who had died.

Remembering and praying for the faithful departed is tied directly to our belief in purgatory. On All Souls' Day the universal church prays for all those in purgatory, people who were much like us, whose offense may have been less than ours. By pleading for them, we are inspired to lead purer lives.

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November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 All Saints Day **Masses 8:00** **10:00** **Daylight Savings Time Ends**. Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 a.m	2 All Souls Day **Masses** **8:00 am** **10:00 am** **6:00 pm**	3 **Election Day** 	4	5	6 **First Friday** **Mass** 8:00am **Confessions** 8:30am – 8:50 am **Adoration** Beginning at end of Mass 9:00am **Benediction** 9:00 am	7 **Mass 8:00**  Confessions **3:15 – 3:45** **Cinch Card Tournament** Hall at 5:00pm
8	9	10 **St. Vincent de Paul Society** (2nd Tuesday) 2:00 PM Hall	11 **Veteran's Day** 	12	13	14 **Mass 8:00**  Confessions **3:15 – 3:45**
15	16	17	18 **Knights of Columbus** (4th Wednesday of the month) *****Change for Thanksgiving** 6:00 pm Hall	19	20	21 **Mass 8:00**  Confessions **3:15 – 3:45**

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
22 **Day of prayer for Diocesan Unity in the Holy Eucharist** 10am Mass to 4:30pm	23 **Parish Council Meeting** 6:00pm Hall	24	25	26 **Thanksgiving Day** **Mass 8:00am** 	27	28 **Mass 8:00**  Confessions **3:15 – 3:45**
29 1st Sunday of Advent	30	Sunday, November 1 All Saints Day 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass  Vigil Mass Saturday, October 31 4:00 pm Mass		Monday, November 2 All Souls Day 8:00 am Mass 10:00 am Mass 6:00 pm Mass 		Sunday November 1  **Daylight Savings Time Ends.** Set clocks back one hour at 2:00 am

First Fidays

BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER 2026:

First Friday Devotion times will be changed to the following:

- Mass at 8:00am,
- Confessions from 8:30am to 8:50am,
- Adoration begins at the end of Mass and concludes at 9:00am with Benediction

Help Wanted - Dustbusters



Do you have 2 hours once a month to help clean our church?



A small crew of dust busters could use some additional members. If you are interested in helping, please contact Fr, Matthew at the rectory, 814-886-2504.



Happy Birthday



1	Jeremy McIntosh	11	William Mulhearn	21	Lilah Hoover
2	Cherri Heiss	12	Missy Erzal		Caleb Hurley
	Bridget Michina	13	Andrew Lee Sr.		Noah Jones
	Brenda Orr		Sadie Scott		Christopher Mulhearn
4	Donna Hritz	14	Margaret Conrad	23	Brian Davis
6	Virginia Gallagher		Woodson Erzal	26	Joseph Gides
	Thomas Orr		Stephen Mardula Sr.		Debra Hartline
	Marianne Wheldon		Lauren Ronan		Michele Klayko
8	Sandra Miorelli		Ray Serre		James Lego
	Michelle Proctor	15	Joyce Pyo		Coleen Prostejovsky
	Reed Wilson	17	Nickole Bender	27	Richard Nadolsky
9	David Dunmyer		Tabitha Sibis		Grace Osman
	Guido Fabri	19	Justin Cox		Barbara Pysher
10	Nancy Cassisi		Benjamin Kirsch	29	Patience Kick
	Frances McIntosh		Robin Lee		Taylor Tomlinson
	Lisa Tremel		Taylor Rabatin	30	Lori Rainey
11	Brady Jones	20	Evelyn Gresko		





Birthday Milestone

Congratulations to Sandra Miorelli who will be celebrating her 80th birthday this month.

Please call Fr. Matthew, the Pastor, if there are any necessary corrections.

November Wedding Anniversaries



5	Bill and Joanne Dunmyer
12	James IV & Pamela Lego
12	George and Tammy Nesbella
14	Alfred and Donna Hritz
15	Michael and Shelley McIntosh
21	James and Carmella Drass
23	John and Betty Bucynski
23	Robert Sr. and Debora Rabatin
25	Fred and Gloria Kuntz
25	Thomas Jr. and Patricia Muldoon
26	Ronald and Linda Sweeney
28	Kerry and Kathleen Hammond
29	James and Mary Kozak





Anniversary Milestones

Congratulations to the following couples celebrating golden anniversaries and beyond this month.

Fred and Gloria Kuntz	59
Thomas Jr. and Patricia Muldoon	59
Alfred and Donna Hritz	56

Congratulations to the following couple celebrating special anniversary this month.

James and Carmella Drass	56
Robert Sr. and Debora Rabatin	52
Michael and Shelley McIntosh	51



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Adult Education Class — October 12, 2026

A presentation and discussion reviewing the stain glass windows of this church was held in the Church. ***Thank you to*** Liz Wilt for putting together the slide show and to Amy Hazlett for leading the presentation and to Colleen Keagy for organizing this event. It was much appreciated!!





Adult Christmas Social — December 31, 2026

You are invited to our Adult Christmas Dance on Saturday, December 31st.

- 5:30 pm to 10:00 pm
- $25.00 – Single ticket
- $45.00 – Couple tickets
- A money raffle for $750.00 will be held at this event
- **Contact Anna Leahey at 814-935-4501 for ALL tickets**



Spotlight on the Knights of Columbus

Council 11084 - Lilly, PA

For more information, contact these leaders of our local council:

Officers for 2026-2027

Grand Knight.....Gary Nagy
Deputy Grand Knight..... Deacon Sam Albarano
Chaplain……VACANT
Financial Secretary.....James R. Secriskey
Chancellor.....Robert Kunrod
Treasurer .....Patrick J. Rainey
Recorder.....George W. Nesbella

Bloodmobile 2026-2027

Our Council will be sponsoring blood drives.

Friday December 11, 2026
Friday March 12, 2027
11:30am – 4:00pm



Help support our local Knight of Columbus and get a chance to win some cash.

Tickets are available from any Knight of Columbus member.

Veteran's Day - November 11

A Time for Remembrance

A Veteran's Day Prayer
"Bless Them Abundantly"

Dear Lord,
Today we honor our veterans,
worthy men and women
who gave their best
when they were called upon
to serve and protect their country.

We pray that you will bless them, Lord,
for their unselfish service
in the continual struggle
to preserve our freedoms, our safety,
and our country's heritage, for all
of us.

Bless them abundantly
for the hardships they faced,
for the sacrifices they made,
for their many different contributions
to America's victories
over tyranny and oppression.

We respect them, we thank them,
we honor them, we are proud of them,
and we pray that you will watch over
these special people
and bless them with peace and happiness.
In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.

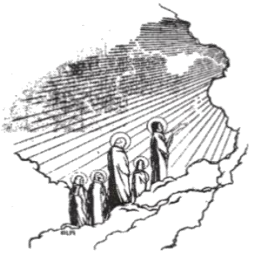


The Souls of the Just are in the Hands of God…

Since last All Soul's Day,
we pray for these souls who now rest with the Lord.
November 2, 2025 to November 2, 2026
May they rest in peace.

Rest in Peace

December 11, 2025	Robin C. Behe
December 23, 2025	Charles J. Duffy
December 28, 2025	Josephine Sophie Lysic
January 4, 2026	Donald Lee Callen
January 7, 2026	Duane Francis Misiura
January 11, 2026	Patricia Ann Felus
February 4, 2026	Beverly A. Parks
April 5, 2026	Carol Ann McLucas
April 6, 2026	Carmella Cecelia Martynuska
May 1, 2026	Deborah A. McCarthy
May 3, 2026	Ronald George Segada
May 16, 2026	Michael George Phillips, Sr.
May 26, 2026	Frederick G. Lee
June 3, 2026	Evelyn Jean Hutsky
July 7, 2026	Jacqueline Hershberger
July 10, 2026	John Donald (Jack) Bost
July 22, 2026	Rosemary Kertes
July 26, 2026	Adam Jay Fufari
September 2, 2026	Viviana Rose Heil
September 5, 2026	Shirley Mae Przbys
September 29, 2026	Patrick J. Sloan
October 14, 2026	James A. Kick



May Their Souls and the Souls of All the Faithful Departed Rest in Peace!