



THE BLIND MAN SAID,  
“Master, I want to see.”  
JESUS TOLD HIM,  
“Go your way;  
your faith has saved you.”

MARK 10:51-52

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### Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church

Tuesday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph Church

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church

10:30 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: at ICC 3:45 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.; at St. Joseph: 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.

☩ anytime upon request

## BROKEN

Today's readings are about those whom society often looks down on, those who are physically disabled, who have been imprisoned. We read about those whose losses are so great that they cannot stop weeping. Hebrews reminds us that even those in the exalted position of priest are themselves beset by weakness. Weakness is at the very heart of the priest's ability to minister to others. Finally it is a blind man, shouting from the side of the road, shushed by those around him, told not to make a scene, whom Jesus sees. His sight is returned because of his faith, and his first choice as a sighted person is to follow Jesus.

The lesson of today's readings is that God is focused on the marginalized, on the outsiders, on those whom we too often try to silence. God is focused on those parts of ourselves, our weaknesses that we try to hide by turning our attention to anything else. The readings are all about the less-than-perfect. They talk about weakness, deep crushing sorrow, brokenness that is part of our humanity, and a strength rooted in the love of God for us despite all of that.

Success is not measured by strength, wholeness, or power. Success is measured by our weakness, by God's embracing of that weakness and our choice to follow God. The priest has power only because of the weakness that is a part of each person. We are the blind, the lame, the sorrowing. And we are the ones whom God saves and transforms. The blind man in us cries out when decorum would have us be quiet. Our faith cries out for salvation, for wholeness, for redemption, for sight, and we are heard. Our blindness is transformed into sight, and with such vision we see the world as God sees it, broken and beloved.

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 28, 2018

# Liturgical Schedule ~ Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Special Prayer Intentions- these are the people for whom we will be praying at Mass:

## **Sat. Oct. 27**

4:30 pm (@ ICC) **Gerald Rothermel** (Rita O'Donnell & Milton Suchon)

6:30 pm (@ SJC) **Michael Gontar** (Maxine Shimaski)

## **Sun. Oct. 28**

8:00 am (@ SJC) **Justin Guth** (George Strubinger) / **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

10:30 am (@ ICC) **Ray & Janice Donnelly** (Mary & John McGuire)

## **Mon. Oct. 29**

8:00 am (@ SJC) **Msgr. Joseph Dooley** (McClafferty & Megergee Family)/ **Louise Thear** (Michael Martino)

## **Tues. Oct. 30**

8:00 am (@ ICC) **Gwen Gillespie** (Snisky Family) / **Helen Bliss** (Pat & Pam Reilly)

## **Wed. Oct. 31 Vigil -Solemnity of All Saints- Holy Day of Obligation**

6:30 pm (@ SJC) **Robert M. Kistler** (Eleanor Kistler) / **Patricia Kurtz** (Bernie Krebs & Family)

## **Thurs. Nov. 1 Solemnity of All Saints- Holy Day of Obligation**

12:05 pm (@ ICC) **Virginia Davenport** (children-Lynn & Jay, grandchildren-Chelsea & Jonathan) /  
**Irene Milan** (Pat & Pam Reilly)

6:30 pm (@ ICC) **William Hilferty** (Kennedy Family) / **Evelyn Dinan** (Stephanie)

## **Fri. Nov. 2 The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed/All Souls' Day**

8:00 am (@ SJC) **All Souls**



## *31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*

## **Sat. Nov. 3**

4:30 pm (@ ICC) **Jack T. Mulligan**/Bday (Family)

6:30 pm (@ SJC) **Kevin Cassidy** (Irene Cibik)

## **Sun. Nov. 4**

8:00 am (@ SJC) **Edward Crowley**, Bday (Wife & Family) / **Living & Deceased Parishioners**

10:30 am (@ ICC) **Frank Izzo** (Joe Digilio)

Lay Ministers for the Weekend of Nov 3/4		
Ministries:	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Lector:	Jay Miller	Terri Kokinda
E.M.:	B Miller J Nederostek, G Straubinger	R Reese, G Lorenz, J & M McGuire
Altar Servers:	J & J Behrens	D & J Lorenz, B Becker

**RESPONSORIAL PSALMS ~ THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US; WE ARE FILLED WITH JOY.**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION** today is a Special Collection for Hurricane Relief/Catholic Charities.

The A.D. Times envelopes can be placed in either collection basket.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the soul of **Reverend Edward W. McElduff** and **Reverend James C. Bechtel**, and the souls of all the faithful departed.

**PLEASE NOTE THE TIME CHANGES** for the Holy Day, All Saints Day, Wed. Oct 31 and Thurs. Nov 1.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE** are being announced for the second time for **Brian Carroll & Carra McDonald**.



**BULLETIN DEADLINE-** There is an early bulletin deadline for the weekend of Nov. 10/11. All information must be submitted no later than Wed. Oct. 31.

**WCC Question of the Week**  
 What would you say if Jesus asked you, "What do you want me to do for you?"

**SPECIAL COLLECTION:** Hurricane Florence and Hurricane Michael have both left much devastation in their wake. While forecasters had been able to predict the paths and ferocity, it will take months, if not years, to recover from the damage done to public infrastructure, homes & agriculture that have crippled areas of Georgia, Carolinas, & Florida. To aid in the recovery, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a special Collection to be taken up across the US. Bishop Schlert has authorized this collection for this weekend, Oct. 27/28. The funds will be administered by Catholic Charities USA. This is a great opportunity to show that "charity begins at home" as we help our brothers and sisters to the south to regain their lives.

**THANK YOU** for being a voice for mission on World Mission Sunday! Please continue to pray for missionaries, and for the people to whom they bring the "Good News" of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!

**DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER,**

we as Catholic Christians pray for all those who have died during the previous year. Please remember these people and their families in your prayers: *Ilona Wildoner, Catherine O'Leary, Msgr. Joseph Dooley, Al "Butch" Heaney, Margaret "Midge" Mulligan, Rosemary Brown, Ann D. Fauzio, Tyler Joseph Kowatch, Bernadine Kattner, Samuel Conzonerri, Joseph R. Roman, Manuel Dominic, Rev. Michael Ahrensfield, Stella Nederostek, Jodee Cutola, Mary Louise Huber, Rose Zurn, Rev. James Bechtel and Rev. Edward McElduff.*



**A PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS**

*Jesus, dear Savior,  
on this day we prayerfully remember all our loved ones who have died. Please give them comfort and hope and may they be at peace, knowing that they will rest in God's arms eternally. Thank you for our memories of them and for the good times we shared. We ask You, please, through their intercessions, to deepen our faith, strengthen our hope and increase our love that we, too, may someday stand before You, ready to enter Your Holy Kingdom. Amen*

**THE ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES**

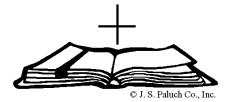
will be placed on the Altar during the month of November. Please complete the back of the envelope if you wish to have someone remembered at all the Masses in November.



**THE 2019 MASS BOOK IS OPEN FOR REQUESTS.**

Mass intention envelopes are available in the Church for requesting a mass. Please fill out a mass intention envelope, providing the name of the person the mass is being requested for, mark living or deceased, and include the name & phone number of person requesting the mass. You may also call the Rectory Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri, from 9am to 12pm, or email iccjt@ptd.net. The Mass stipend is \$10/request. Please note that due to the high volume of weekend requests, there is a limit of two Sat/Sun. requests a year per family will be accepted. There is not a limit to the weekday masses at this time.

Mass Intentions



**THE WOMEN'S CLUB ANNUAL BASKET RAFFLE IS APPROACHING!**

If you are interested in donating a basket for the raffle, please contact Judy at 570-325-3310. Please let Judy know the name of your basket by November 8. The baskets are due to Judy by December 6. The drawing will be held on December 15, 2018 after 4:30 Mass. Thank you for your continued support of the Women's Club and all they do for the Parish, members and especially the children!

**COURT RYAN # 911 OF THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**



invite you to come and see what our group/our court is able to do for people around the world, for people in our country, for people in our community, for each other and for ourselves. We meet the last Tuesday of the month at 6pm in the Brogan room of St. Joseph's Rectory. Please join us on Tuesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>! We would love to see you and share with you our mission and purpose.

**CONCERT & HOLY HOUR:** Fri. Nov 16 we will have the opportunity to spend time with Jesus and to spark renewal in the Allentown diocese. Project 177- A Holy Hour and a Full Concert will be held at St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Allentown at 6:30 pm. It will include top Catholic recording artists in the country, Marie Miller who sang for the Pope in Philadelphia, Ben Wagner whose first album just came out, with well-known local priests leading the Holy Hour. Call 610-432-0034 for FREE tickets.

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:** Take turns as a family wearing a blindfold and trying to find your way around a room. Discuss how it feels to take the blindfold off. How do you think Bartemaeus felt when his blindness was cured.