01 NOVEMBER 2026 SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 11/1/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✠ Fr. Gary Powell, OFM Cap.
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) For the People of Ukraine
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Sr. M. Felice Duska, RSM (req. by Mihalco Family)

24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST / ARCHANGEL MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS 11/8/26
Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family
Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✠ Michael and ✠ Mary Smalley (req. by Mihalco Family)
11:00 AM (E) ✠ Martha Karmazon (req. by Don Kowalski Family)

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

10/26/26 **$ 1637.00**

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* David Kearney, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Helen Krajnik (Nightingale Nursing Center), Elizabeth Andrijiw (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary's Asbury Ridge). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION

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E.C.F. CLASSES – 9:15-10:30 AM

All students through 8th grade are WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED to attend. E.C.F. classes on one Sunday per month throughout the school year. Our next class will be on Sunday, November 8, at 9:15 AM.

MERCY CENTER FOR WOMEN CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Mercy Center for Women serves women and children who may be homeless or need emotional, financial, spiritual, rehabilitative, or life-skills assistance. They house women and children at their facility while women go through various programs to get on their feet. This collection will help their Christmas celebration. We will be collecting $10 and $20 gift cards to Tinseltown movies, Target, Walmart, or Chick-Fila as well as nicer quality bath & body items, new socks for women and children, and postage stamps. Additionally, they always need liquid laundry soap, baby food, and diapers. This collection will end on Sunday, November 22.

SCRIPTURE PRAYER - *May the Word of God dwell in our hearts and guide the actions of our lives.*

A PRECIOUS GEM

Our souls are precious gems to the Lord. St. Peter writes, "For you know that the price of your ransom from the futile way of life handed down from your ancestors was paid, not in anything perishable like silver or gold, but in precious blood as of a blameless and spotless Lamb, Christ. He was marked out before the world was made, and was revealed at the final point of time for your sake. Through Him you now have faith in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory for this very purpose – that your faith and hope should be in God" (1 Peter 1:18-21).

When we stray, like the lost sheep in the Gospel of St. Luke, He seeks us out – at any cost. Our souls are too precious to Him to lose even one of us! When the Enemy snatches us and tries to steal our souls by tempting us to sin, Christ urges us to repent, and rejoices when we do so. Thus, Jesus concludes, "In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner" (Luke 15:10).

The Value of Solitude

Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while. (Mark 6:31)

The author Fr. Henri Nouwen wisely noted, "Somewhere we know that without a lonely place, our lives are in danger." Jesus and Nouwen were not referring to loneliness. They were urging a temporary departure from others in order to have the essential quiet space for a healthy inner life. Jesus' invitation came out of his experience of being immersed in constant activity. People hungered for his presence and healing abilities. He knew the importance of going apart for prayer and renewal. Every person needs some solitude. Parents with young children long for even snippets of it. So do people forced to work two or three jobs to pay their bills. Monks and nuns would seem to have a sufficient amount of solitude, but even they must make real efforts to attain enough of it. Today, rather than bemoaning the inhumane tendency of people being busy every moment of their waking hours, it is more valuable to set an example by deliberately taking time for our own necessary solitude. *-Living Faith*

ALL SHOOK UP

In life we are often shook, perhaps upon the death of a loved one, the birth of a child or in a moving spiritual moment at church or in nature. It can be a frightening experience, but God can uplift you. Mary was blessed to be the mother of Jesus. The shepherds shared the Good News of Jesus' birth. Those who saw Jesus' empty tomb were filled with great joy at his resurrection, knowing that death was defeated.

We should not be afraid when shook. God will make things happen in his way and his time for our benefit. He may shake things up so we will be uplifted in his love and care.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

We can take individual incidents that happen to us and they may look terrible and bring heartache and sadness. Yet, God can take the sum total of all life's experiences, cement them together with His love and wisdom, and bring forth something good for us.

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JESUS PRAYER *– Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*