

November 2, 2025 / All Souls' Day



# Church of St. John

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## PARISH VISION

To both welcome the unchurched in the Eastern Pocono Region and beyond, and to nourish and challenge all current church members by forming leaders and creating an irresistible weekend experience at the Church of St. John.

### Mass Schedule

Monday, Wednesday, Friday – 9:00 AM  
Tuesday and Thursday – 12:00 PM  
Saturday – 4:00 PM and 6:30 PM (Spanish Mass)  
Sunday – 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

**Live stream** available on Saturday and Sunday on our YouTube channel, Facebook page, and church website.

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

### Eucharistic Adoration

Mon, Wed, Thurs & Frid: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Tuesday 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM &  
4:00 PM – 8:00 PM

### Sacrament of Confession

Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
Or by appointment

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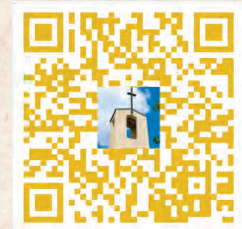
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### Deacon Max Francois

*Permanent Deacon*

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# Word, Worship and Prayer

## Mass Intentions

### **SATURDAY, November 1**

9:00 am Deceased Priests of the Diocese of Scranton  
& the Priests' Purgatorial Society  
4:00 pm Cecilia Komolafe by Cecilia Komolafe  
6:30 pm Arnaudy Camilo  
by The Camilo Family and Juan  
& Jean Illescas by Tanya Illescas

### **SUNDAY, November 2** Any readings from no. 668 or from the Masses for the Dead

8:30 am Patricia Ann Kolakowski  
by Deacon Max & Violette Francois  
11:00 am Lance Francois by Mom & Dad

### **MONDAY, November 3** Rom 11:29-36; Lk 14:12-14

9:00 am Beloved Dead of the Azcueto/Alday Family  
by Alday Family

### **TUESDAY, November 4** Rom 12:5-16b; Lk 14:15-24

12:00 pm Alfred Pettenati by Leslie Pettenati

### **WEDNESDAY, November 5** Rom 13:8-10; Lk 14:25-33

9:00 am Cecilia Komolafe by Deirdre Roberts

### **THURSDAY, November 6** Rom 14:7-12; Lk 15:1-10

12:00 pm Marie Suave by Yvonne Accomasso

### **FRIDAY, November 7** Rom 15:14-21; Lk 16:1-8

9:00 am The Capobianco Family by James Capobianco

### **SATURDAY, November 8**

4:00 pm Dennis Francis by Kathleen & Frank Eick  
6:30 pm People of Parish

### **SUNDAY, November 9**

8:30 am Nancy Ann Bialkowski  
by Cheryl & Joe Scibetta  
11:00 am Nella & Alfred Pettenati by Leslie Pettenati

## For Those In Need Of Hope, Healing & Health

Consuelo Accomasso, Michael Alotta,  
Marius Bondoc, Jessica Lopez,  
Brian Martinez, Sal Pomara, Arthur Poor,  
Samantha Rodriguez, Walter Sanders,  
Rob Truex, Elizabeth Valentine

## For The Souls Of Our Dearly Departed

Kathryn Capobianco,  
Edward & Beatrice Crosby, Michael Dwyer,  
Catherine Fusco, Danilo & Norma de Guzman,  
Dion Lissimore, William Mulero,  
Juana Quinones, Wendell Lissimore Senior,  
Jose Neil Sipalay, Florito Sipalay Sr.,  
Juanita Valentin, Elizabeth White,  
Anthony Zanella

*To add to this list, please email:  
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## Announcements for this Week

### **All Souls Day – Nov. 2**

At all Weekend Masses, we will remember the  
faithful departed and read the names of  
parishioners who passed away this past year  
in the Book of the Dead.

### **Election Day – Tuesday, November 4**

The Church of St. John will once again serve  
as a polling place this year. The church will be  
open for normal office hours

**(9:00 am–1:00 pm), with**

**Daily Mass at 12:00 pm and Adoration from  
9:00 am–12:00 pm and 1:00–4:00 pm.**

Please note: **The hall will be closed**, and  
bathroom access will be limited to the office.  
Thank you for your understanding.

## SANCTUARY CANDLE

Peace & Unity Around The World  
by The Church of St. John  
November 1, 2025 — November 7, 2025

## TABERNACLE CANDLE

Souls' of the Faithful Departed  
by The Church of St. John  
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You may reserve a candle for your special intentions—  
whether in memory of a loved one, for healing, or to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and other  
meaningful occasions. A special card is available to accompany the reservation.  
To arrange this, please contact the Parish Office.





### “Pilgrims of Hope” Week 4: Hope in the Midst of Grief

Grief is a human journey that we all must travel at certain times in life, whether through the loss of loved ones, disappointment, or unwelcome change. Scripture speaks into our sorrow not with hollow reassurances, but with the deep promise of hope, hope that is rooted in God's presence, faithfulness, and eternity.

The Book of Wisdom offers words of comfort that have echoed through centuries of Christian mourning: **The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them ... they are at peace (Wisdom 3:1-3).** Even though loss may feel devastating, the Scriptures remind us that death is not the end; in God, there is peace beyond our understanding, and those who have died in faith are secure in his loving hands.

Paul, in his letter to the Romans, reminds believers that **hope does not disappoint** – because – **God's love has been poured into our hearts (Romans 5:5).** In suffering, we are invited to discover an endurance and character that produces an even greater hope. Christian hope is not the denial of pain or loss, but the assurance that God's love and Christ's resurrection have conquered even death itself. **Psalm 23** echoes this reality, painting a picture of God's gentle guidance through **the valley of the shadow of death** promising comfort and rest for our weary souls.

The Gospel story of the widow of Nain is striking: as she joins a funeral procession for her only son, Jesus sees her pain, is moved with compassion, and restores her son to life (**Luke 7:11-17**). Jesus draws near in our moments of greatest vulnerability. He promises a life that is not swallowed by grief but transformed by the hope of resurrection. His response to sorrow is not distance, but renewed presence and compassion.

In our parish, this week is dedicated to remembering the dead, to supporting the grieving, and to prayer. The feast of All Souls calls us to pray for our beloved departed, entrusting them into God's mercy, and praying the St. Gertrude Prayer for the souls in purgatory. As a faith community, reaching out to those who mourn through our Grief Support Group, a compassionate word, or our prayers, becomes both a work of mercy and a sign of our hope.

Hope in the midst of grief does not mean forgetting those we have lost or pretending all is well. It means daring to believe that love is stronger than death, that Christ has gone before us, and that we remain connected in the Communion of Saints. As we bring our prayers and sorrows to God, we are invited to keep alive the flame of hope, a hope that looks for the resurrection, trusts God's promise, and brings comfort to ourselves and one another.

#### Small Group Discussion Questions:

1. Which Scripture from this week's readings most speaks to your experience of grief or loss? Why?
2. How have you experienced God's presence or comfort during times of mourning?
3. What does it mean to say Christian hope **“does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5)** in practical terms?
4. How can our parish more actively support those who are experiencing grief or who have lost loved ones?
5. Who or what are you praying for this week as a sign of hope, and how might you invite others to do the same?




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<b>Middle Smithfield 3:</b> Middle Smithfield Presbyterian Church 5205 Milford Road	<b>Middle Smithfield 4:</b> Community & Cultural Center 5200 Milford Road

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[middlesmithfieldtownship.com/212/voting](http://middlesmithfieldtownship.com/212/voting)

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