

From the Desk

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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Well, we had 268 trick or treaters at our house on All Hallows Eve. I think it was a record. It was a mild evening, and it was great to see children in their costumes. We are now well into of the month of November, the month dedicated to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. I enjoy looking at the picture displays in each of our churches, honoring our beloved dead. I don't know if it's just part of getting older, but I tend to think more often of my own parents, in-laws, relatives and friends who were such a part of my life but are no longer with me. The other day I was thinking of a bachelor uncle of mine who died many years ago. My mother would often invite him for Sunday dinner. He had no telephone, so my mother would invite him by getting word through a neighbor. We children were always glad to see him, he had a lively sense of humor and added life to our dinner table and Sunday afternoon. But he lived alone, and when we stopped to visit him at his house we often found him sleeping on his living room couch. He was a devout man, and I still have the large glow in the dark rosary we found under the cushion of that couch after he died. But I do think about the amount of time he spent living alone all those years.

During November, we focus upon the doctrine of the Communion of the Saints. What it comes down to, is that whether we are alive or dead, we do not have to lose the connections we have with our deceased loved ones. Those bonds we forge throughout life continue through the graces of prayer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit. I look back fondly on those Sunday dinners and holiday meals with family and friends, and while none of us can go back in time and have those dinners with them again, we can live in the hope that our loved ones have been or will be invited to the heavenly banquet, and that we will join them someday. Thanksgiving and the deer hunting "holy week" are almost here. Make the most of the time you have now with family and friends, but don't forget about your deceased loved ones. Pray for them, and that one day you will be reunited with them with the angels and saints in heaven.

*In Christ,
Deacon Ned*