



Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church Newsletter  
October 24, 2021

My Dear Parishioners,

This past Monday, we celebrated the Feast of St. Luke the Evangelist. His Feast is always relevant, but this year it is even more relevant as we have been journeying through his Gospel at our daily Masses.

I have always imaged St. Luke to be something of a renaissance man: someone who was highly intelligent and well educated, with many talents and interests. I have also imaged him as someone with a big heart with a special love for those in need.

What we do know about him is that he was a convert who was a physician, a writer, and a historian. We also know that he was a committed student and disciple of St. Paul. Through this relationship he would compose two works which have been handed down to us through the Sacred Scriptures: the Gospel of St. Luke and the Acts of the Apostles.

His relationship with St. Paul would have brought him into contact with many other early Christians, including other Apostles, other eyewitnesses to the Resurrection, and St. Mark (who also started out as a disciple of St. Paul and who would also compose a Gospel). Through them, I believe that it was very possible that he was even able to meet our Blessed Mother.

These contacts and what he learned from them would assist him in his mission, which as he himself writes, was to compile the facts about Jesus Christ. As a historian, he wanted to compile the facts about Our Blessed Savior to show that His coming was the most important event in the history of the world. As a disciple of St. Paul, he further wanted to compile these facts so that others would come to believe. In the prologue of his Gospel, he writes: *Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received.*

We notice that he addressed the Gospel of St. Luke, along with the Acts of the Apostles, to a person named Theophilus. Theophilus is Greek for a “lover of God.” So, we can say that these books are not so much addressed to a specific person, but to all lovers of God and to all who are seeking the truth.

His intention in composing these two works was that they would be read together. Together, they show Our Blessed Savior completing the first stage of His Mission with His Passion, Death, and Resurrection in Jerusalem. Then they show the second stage of His Mission beginning as the Apostles begin to preach the Good News in Jerusalem then throughout the known world under the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. In the beginning of Acts of the Apostles he writes: *In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He (Jesus Christ) presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”*

We can very correctly say that the second stage of Our Blessed Savior’s Mission was the establishment of the Catholic Church. We can also say that St. Luke was an important instrument in the establishment of the Church. Because of St. Luke and the teaching and witnessing of so many saints, we have every reason to believe that Jesus is the Christ and that through Him and His Church that we have the way to eternal life.

Speaking of Saints, November 1<sup>st</sup> is All Saints Day. All Saints Day is usually a Holy Day of Obligation. This year however, since the Feast falls on a Monday, it is not. There will be one Mass at 7:30 AM. There is also one Mass on Tuesday morning for All Souls Day.

This works in my favor, for that first week of November, I have been called to jury duty. Of course, I have written before about the importance of us Catholics to be involved in civic affairs and to fulfill our civic duties. So, I feel obligated to “practice what I preach” and fulfill my duties as a juror, whatever they may or may not be.

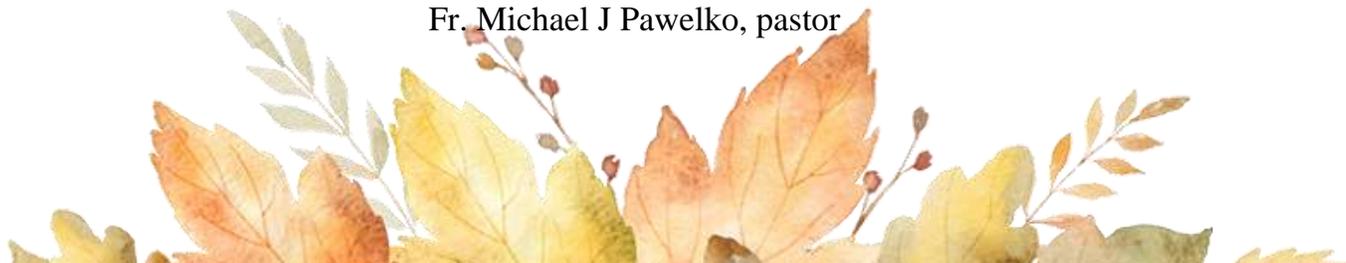
I would like to take the opportunity right now to express my gratitude toward everyone’s generosity to Legacy of Life. As I said last week, they do great work in assisting mothers with troubled pregnancies and do so much to preserve life. I am certain St. Luke is very proud of our parish and its generosity to so many different causes.

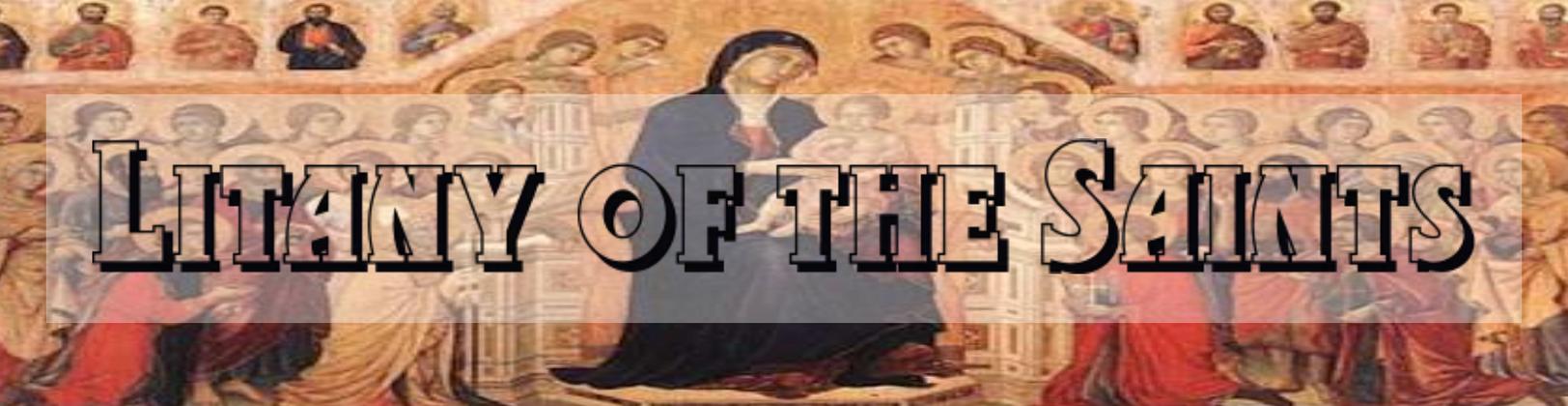
In this newsletter, I am including a Litany of the Saints in preparation of our observance of the month of November, the month of All Saints and All Souls. Also, as in other years, we will have our book of remembrance available to write the names of our deceased loved ones, and also any envelopes that we receive for All Souls will be kept on the Altar for the entire month.

Let us continue to lay siege to Heaven with our Rosaries and our Chaplets for the living, the deceased, and for peace in this world.

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, pray for us!  
St. Joseph, Patron of the Church, pray for us!

Fr. Michael J Pawelko, pastor





# LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us.

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

God, the Father of heaven,

*have mercy on us.*

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

*have mercy on us.*

God the Holy Spirit,

*have mercy on us.*

## **Holy Mary,**

*pray for us, (repeat each versicle)*

Holy Mother of God,

Holy Virgin of virgins,

St. Michael,

St. Gabriel,

St. Raphael,

All you Holy Angels & Archangels,

St. John the Baptist,

St. Joseph,

All you Holy Patriarchs & Prophets,

St. Peter,

St. Paul,

St. Andrew,

St. James,

St. John,

St. Thomas,

St. James,

St. Philip,

St. Bartholomew,

St. Matthew,

St. Simon,

St. Jude,

St. Matthias,

St. Barnabas,

St. Luke,

St. Mark,

All you holy Apostles & Evangelists,

All you holy Disciples of the Lord,

All you holy Innocents,

St. Stephen,

St. Lawrence,

St. Vincent,

Sts. Fabian and Sebastian,

Sts. John and Paul,

Sts. Cosmos and Damian,

All you holy Martyrs,

St. Sylvester,

St. Gregory,

St. Ambrose,

St. Augustine,

St. Jerome,

St. Martin,

St. Nicholas,

All you holy Bishops & Confessors,

All you holy Doctors,

St. Anthony,

St. Benedict,

St. Bernard,

St. Dominic,

St. Francis,

St. Pio,

All you holy Priests & Levites,

All you holy Monks & Hermits,

St. Mary Magdalene,  
St. Agatha,  
St. Lucy,  
St. Agnes,  
St. Cecilia,  
St. Anastasia,  
St. Catherine,  
St. Clare,  
St. Elizabeth,  
St. Faustina,  
All you holy Virgins & Widows,  
All you holy Saints of God,

### **Lord, be merciful.**

*Lord, save your people, (repeat each versicle)*

From all evil,  
From all sin,  
From your wrath,  
From a sudden & unprovided death,  
From the snares of the devil,  
From anger, hatred, & all ill-will,  
From the spirit of uncleanness,  
From lightning & tempest,  
From the scourge of earthquake,  
From plague, famine, & war,  
From everlasting death,

By the mystery of your holy Incarnation,  
By your Coming,  
By your Birth,  
By your Baptism and holy fasting,  
By your Cross & Passion,  
By your Death & Burial,  
By your holy Resurrection,  
By your wonderful Ascension,  
By the coming of the Holy Spirit,  
On the day of judgment,

Be merciful to us sinners,  
That you will spare us,  
That you will pardon us,  
That it may please you to bring us to true penance,

Guide & protect your holy Church,  
Preserve in holy religion the Pope, and all those  
in holy Orders,  
Humble the enemies of holy Church,  
Give peace and unity to the whole Christian  
people,  
Bring back to the unity of the Church all those  
who are straying, and bring all unbelievers to the  
light of the Gospel,  
Strengthen and preserve us in your holy service,  
Raise our minds to desire the things of heaven,  
Reward all our benefactors with eternal  
blessings,  
Deliver our souls from eternal damnation, and  
the souls of our brethren, relatives, and  
benefactors,  
Give and preserve the fruits of the earth,  
Grant eternal rest to all the faithful departed,  
That it may please You to hear and heed us,  
Jesus, Son of the Living God,

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the  
world,

*Spare us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the  
world,

*Graciously hear us, O Lord!*

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the  
world,

*Have mercy on us.*

Christ, hear us,

*Christ, graciously hear us.*

Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.

*Lord Jesus, hear our prayer.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*

Christ, have mercy on us.

*Christ, have mercy on us.*

Lord, have mercy on us.

*Lord, have mercy on us.*











**GIVE BLOOD**

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

*Give something that means something*

FROM  
**2PM-7PM**

Father McBride  
Hall  
(Gymnasium)

100 BROAD STREET  
HILLTOWN, PA 18927

**MONDAY, NOV. 22ND**

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