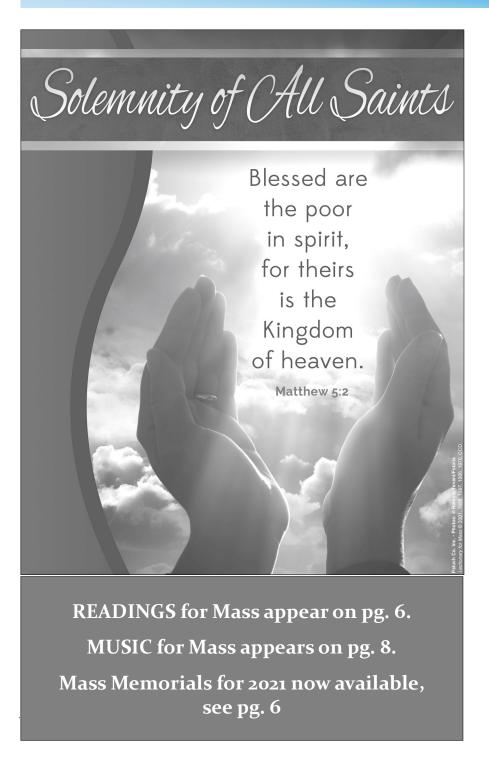
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"Let us then pursue what leads to peace and to build up one another." (Romans 14:19)

November 1, 2020 | Solemnity of All Saints



### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Weekdays at 7:30 AM (except Thursday) Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM

Weekend Mass with music can be viewed online each week by visiting our website. To attend in person, **please sign up by Friday** by visiting our Facebook page for more details (addresses below).

### **CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available on Saturdays, from 3-4 PM in the church. Masks must be worn; social distancing must be followed.

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# **Weekly Mass Intentions**

If you would like to honor a friend or family member with a Mass, please see available dates on pg. 6.

**SATURDAY**, October 31 - Weekday; Vigil 4:30 PM: **Diane Hunter**, *Req. by Her Son* 

**SUNDAY**, November 1 - **ALL SAINTS** 

8:00 AM: **Joseph Cullen**, *Reg. by Sue and Mike Pimer*;

Donald and Carol Riordan

9:30 AM: William and Shirley Klemenz, Birthday

Remembrance, Req. by the Family

11:00 AM: **John Lorenti**, Req. by Tony Laudano

MONDAY, November 2 - The Commemoration of All the

**Faithful Departed** 

7:30 AM: Nemia Natan, Req. by May Sarno

TUESDAY, November 3 - Weekday

7:30 AM: **Richard Barretta**, Reg. by Gabriel and Robin

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WEDNESDAY, Nov. 4 - St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

7:30 AM: **Alphonse Russo**, **Sr.**, *Req. by Joe L. Mauer* 

THURSDAY, November 5 - Weekday

7:30 AM: No Mass

FIRST FRIDAY, November 6 - Weekday

7:30 AM: **Edwin and Connie Bates**, Req. by Connie Bates

**SATURDAY**, November 7 - Weekday; Vigil 7:30 AM: **Intentions of our Parishioners** 

4:30 PM: **Gerry O'Neil**, *Req. by Mary* 

**SUNDAY**, November 8 - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 AM: Ed Smith, Reg. by Friends

9:30 AM: **Denise Nugent**, Req. by Helen and Charles

Dolan

11:00 AM: **Joseph Klivak**, *Req. by Skip and Mary Ellen* 

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### **Eucharistic Adoration**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." (Mt 11:28)

Adoration takes place on Saturday morning for one hour, immediately following the 7:30 AM Mass. Social distancing and masks are required as we strive to keep people safe.



Welcome to our Parish Family:

Penelope Sue Wiley Zachary James Wiley

# **Better Days to Come**

A letter from Fr. Dillon

Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I've been encountering a lot of people experiencing COVID-19 fatigue. So many of us, including me, are plain worn out by this virus that just won't quit. There seems to be no end in sight, and little, if any, promising news out there regarding anything an end to this scourge.

I, too, am tired of the precautions we must take to protect ourselves and others. There are places that I want to go and people with whom I want to spend time and I haven't been able to do so since mid-March. If you're in this same place, we find ourselves just not knowing what to do.

A couple of suggestions come to mind; they work for me, hopefully they may benefit you as well. As always, the first is to pray that the Good Lord will give you patience and that He will help to calm your anxieties and ease your fears. Try spending a little time in quiet meditation, prayer, devotional practices or just being in the presence of God.

The second thing is something I do when I travel on a long journey: I don't focus just on the destination, which may take many hours or days to get to. I always look at the trip in segments and just focus on completing that one segment. For me, it makes the trip less daunting

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and easier to endure.

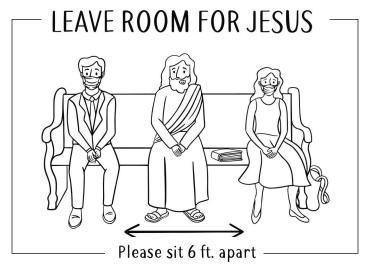
In applying this to our present situation with the pandemic, I suggest that



we make small calendar benchmarks. Right now, we have dispensation from Sunday Mass which concludes on November 28. Should that date come and we are in the same position, then choose a new benchmark date: maybe Christmas or New Year's. If things still remain the same, go for Valentine's Day and continue doing this until the virus is finally contained and hopefully beat. Emotionally and psychologically, we have to do what we can to keep strong and get through this.

Once COVID-19 has been defeated and we are assured it is safe to gather, I would like to have a "Good-bye to COVID" parish celebration. It may be in the form of a parish picnic, where we can get together, without masks, and enjoy each other's company in a relaxed and fun atmosphere. As part of this celebration, I think it would be appropriate to have a fire-pit which we can all throw our masks into as a sign of our triumph over this dreaded virus. I propose this today because I want us to have something to look forward to once we get past this.

We've now come to an annual ritual that I don't like: returning to Standard Time. I really don't like when it gets dark so early, it seems to take so long for the amount of daylight to grow once we pass the solstice in December. Like everything else, we shall get through it and a new day shall arise. Let's all keep looking forward in hope for better days.



# We pray for those who are sick.

Out of respect for whom we pray, only family members may add names to this list.

Jason Adams, Maureen and Peter Alonso, Charles Asarisi, Augliera Family, Louis Altieri, Amanda, Valeria Asperelli, Priscilla Banning, Danielle Boros, Gerard Canadeo, Frank Consorte, Michael Cote, Rosalie, Lucy Anne Criscuolo, Karen Cronan, Howard Curtis, Deanna Cusano, Jeff Davis, Dawn DellaRocco, Albert DeLucia, Frank Dini Jr., DeNigris Family, Patti Dowling, Monique Ek, Sandy Eocai, Linda Foley, Tony Fusco, Geraldine, Patty Gigola, Therese Gill, Dee Green, Judy Florio, Maureen Freeman, Patti Fusco, Ray Guarino, Tom Halligan, Karen Hodgdon, Bill Kapinos, Hank Kowalski, Julianna, Rose Jarvie, Florence Johnson, Ann LaBonia, Carmen Limauro, Claudine Lopez, Charles Maddelena, Noah McEachern, Genevieve Mieczkowski, Theresa Montz, Mary Moran, Gabby Murillo, Devin O'Connor, Judy Palmer, Joseph Pekar, Joseph R., Marsha R., John Rakos, Jim Raymond, Don Robillard, Elizabeth Ross, Rose Santilli, Mark Scecina, Elizabeth Shamaly, Jack and Joan Shea, Richard and Suzanne Smallman, Anthony Spina, Daniel Steinau, Gwen Stiewing, Anthony Terasi Sr., Anthony Terrasi, Jr., Jessie Terrasi, **Doris Worrell** 



# In loving memory, we pray for these souls.

Our Parish extends sincere sympathy to the family and friends of:

The Victims of the Coronavirus

# Please pray for those serving in our military.

Parishioners are invited to add the names of armed forces personnel on active duty to this list by calling the rectory office.

Jeffrey Batres, USMC Staff Sgt. Adam Dudek Staff Sgt. Danielle Luby Pfc Teagan Fransen, USMC SPEC Giovanni Gigola Airman Gabriella Gigola Airman Aaron Butner Airman Sean Hufcut E3 Lexi Ronan, USN E5 Ryan Ronan, USN Pvt. Christopher Miller **SPC** Alexander Capuras E4 Raymond Mayberry, USMC Senior Airman, Hunter Cole, USAF Airman 1st Class Skylar Hampton ıst Lt. Pilot Michael Dupliesse

# Our Monthly Parish Devotion: Praying for Deceased Loved Ones

May we pray for them now, and always.

St. Gertrude the Great is invoked for souls in purgatory and for living sinners. Our Lord told St. Gertrude that the following prayer would release 1,000 souls from Purgatory each time it is said. The prayer was extended to include living sinners.

Eternal Father, I offer Thee the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, those in my own home and within my family.



### **All Saints**

By Deacon Frank Bevvino

This weekend we celebrate the eve of the veneration of the saints of the church (Halloween), the veneration (All Saints), followed immediately by the feast of All Souls in which we honor those family and friends who

have gone before us. This annual commemoration coincides with the end of the year--the harvest, the reaping of the reward for hard work in the field of life. These saints and souls that we commemorate sowed in the field of life and now reap the harvest of Eternal Life as promised in our Gospels.

Those who have gone before us have endured with patience the joys and the challenges that life brings. We are touched by the people we meet in life, whether they be family, friend or a saint whose life resonates with us. We take on certain characteristics that we find admirable. We honor them by doing this because we show appreciation for what their life means to us. Imitating a saint or someone close to us is a way we learn to love. As the writer Oscar Wilde once said, "Imitation is the greatest form of flattery."

As the saints are honored by the Church as imitators of Christ, so we are called to do the same. Yet as we read the lives of the saints, we learn that they struggled in and matters of life and faith as we do. Their difference from us lies in they held true to their faith in God and the example of Jesus Christ amidst all the difficulties dealt them. Be it physical pain (in the case of the martyrs) or struggles of faith (in the case of many other saints), they held onto what they knew to be true: the promise of Resurrection!

Our family and friends who we honor during these days now know that their struggles were not in vain. The joys we shared with these people always came along with the challenges of life. Taken all together, it is the promise of Eternal Life and the love of family and friends that keep us going.



The Beatitudes in the gospel this weekend have a calming effect against the struggles of life. As we continually try to imitate the life of Christ, we know that practicing His virtues not only helps others, but also the people

that love us and whom we love. They, too, face the same struggles, but when we practice the virtues of the Beatitudes, we allow others to see an example that they can follow.

Jesus in His lifetime was an example to His disciples. Although they struggled with understanding His teachings, it was in the Resurrected Christ that they realized the love He had for them and all people. Through the centuries, followers of Jesus handed down the role of sharing the love that they had, out of love for the risen Christ

Through God's grace, despite all our struggles, we carry on that tradition for generations to come.

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As religious education classes get underway— sort of! — we're looking for the following donations to keep everyone safe:

- Hand sanitizer
- Sanitizing wipes
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- Disposable masks
- Disinfecting spray

If you are in a position to donate any of these items, please leave your donations in the back of the church. **Thank you!** 



# 2021 Mass Book Now Open

2020 Mass Memorials Still Available

You may book Mass intentions for the remainder of the year through June 2021 by calling the Rectory Office at (203) 934-6357. Donations for daily Mass intentions are \$15; weekend Masses, \$25.

#### Weekends:

Vigil, 4:30 pm – None remaining in 2020 8:00 am – 12/27 9:30 am – 11/29 11:00 am – 12/13, 12/27

### Weekdays at 7:30 am:

November: 7, 10, 13, 14, 16, 24, 25, 28 Dec.: 2, 4, 5, 7, 14, 15, 16, 18, 19, 22, 23, 28, 29,30

**Sanctuary Candle:** Week of 11/22

December 8, Holy Day: Feast of the Immaculate Conception:

7:30 am, 6:30pm

December 24, Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm

December 25, Christmas Day: 8:00 am, 11:00 am



### THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The combined Social Justice Committee of Our Lady of Victory and St. John XXIII are so grateful for the food and donations you contributed to help WHEAT at our first Food Drive-by last Saturday, Oct. 24!

It was a huge success!

- ♦ 8,000 lbs. of food were collected
- \$1,650 in donations

We could not have done it without the help of the Knights of Columbus and YOU! Thank you for answering the cry of the poor.

# Sunday's Readings: Nov. 1

"...This Word of God proclaimed in the liturgy possesses a special sacramental power to bring about in us what it proclaims. ... How, then, do we respond to this wonderful gift of God's Word? We respond in word and song, in posture and gesture, in silent meditation and, most important of all, by **listening attentively** to that Word as it is proclaimed." -- General Instruction of the Roman Missal, United States Catholic Conference of Bishops.

First Reading — John's vision of a vast throng from every nation and people, whose robes had been made white in the blood of the Lamb (Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14).

Second Reading — By God's love, we may be called God's children (1 John 3:1-3).

**Gospel** — The Beatitudes: your reward will be great in heaven (Matthew 5:1-12a).



# **Let Us Pray** This Week...

This **Prayer for Elections** is reprinted from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops Newsletter:



Lord God, as the election approaches,

- we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city, state, and country,
- and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.
- We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity,
  - especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty.
- We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned. Men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender.
- We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom.
- We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and
- peace. We ask this in the name of your Son Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# Free Teaching of Pope's Letter

You are invited to examine Pope Francis' Encyclical, "On Care for our Common Home," in eight Zoom presentations.

Nov. 5, 19; Jan. 7, 28; Feb. 11, 25; Mar. 11, 25 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM via Zoom

Presented by the Laudato Si' Team Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry.

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# Sign Up to Attend Mass

Masses are reaching capacity and walkins may not be allowed to enter. The link to sign up can be found here:

### Website: Go to www.olov.org

- At top of page, click on "November Sign-ups"
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- Click on the Mass you want to attend
- Then, at the bottom, click on "Submit."
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# New to Our Parish?

Thinking of Becoming a Parishioner?

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# All Saints Day

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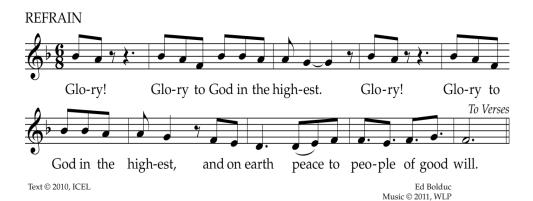
### **OPENING SONG:**

#### FOR ALL THE SAINTS



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### **GLORIA:**



### PSALM 24: ALL SAINTS, ALL YEARS



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### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ALLELUIA NO. V



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### **OFFERTORY:**

**Salvation Belongs To Our God:** By Adrian Howard, Pat Turner or

We Are The Light Of The World: By Jean Anthony Greif





# Making Music (Safely!) During A Pandemic

By Ed Perez, Music Director

We are fortunate to have dedicated music ministry members that are navigating their way through a pandemic. Since no more than two or three households sing at any given Mass to maintain proper social distancing, parishioners listen to a variety of "small groups" throughout the weekend.

The vocalists are masked when not singing and they all have their own books so there is no

sharing of music. Any additional music is scanned and sent to them. They also receive recordings, so they can prepare to the best of their ability on

their own. They review briefly before any service at which they sing. Best of all, the youth choir members have also been involved in this process.

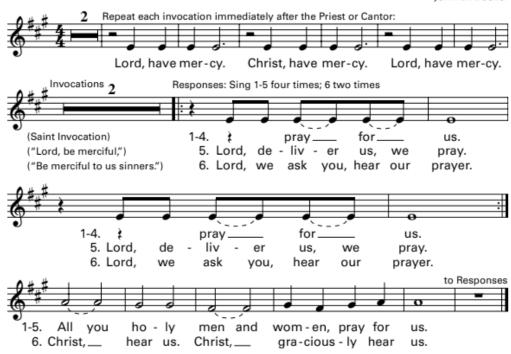
It has been a challenge for the music ministry, but they are meeting that challenge while still maintaining the integrity of the program. We look forward to the day when we can all sing together, and the congregation can join them in "singing a joyful song!"



### **COMMUNION:**

### LITANY OF THE SAINTS\*

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# **CLOSING SONG:** For The Healing of the Nations

- For the healing of the nations, Lord we pray with one accord; For a just and equal sharing of the things that earth affords. To a life of love and action Help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2. Lead us now, Lord, into freedom, From despair your world release; That redeemed from war and hatred, All may come and go in peace. Show us how through care and goodness Fear will die and hope increase

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