

The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed

(All Souls Day)

Fr. Michael says.....

When we think of the Church, a few ideas might spring to mind.

“The church” might be our church building or another particular one. “The Church” might refer to the ordained institutional leadership - the pope, bishops, priests, and deacons.

More accurately, the Church is the entire body of Christ - all of us who are baptized and joined to God in this living family of God’s people. We experience that family in a more tangible way when we come together to celebrate the Mass every week, but the Church is even more than those we can see at Sunday Mass.

Traditionally, we’ve seen the Church as existing in three states:

First, the Church Militant. This is us. If you are reading this bulletin, then you are a Catholic Christian living your life on earth and fighting the good fight. Rather than fighting other people, we are in a battle against sin and evil in ourselves and in the world, knowing that there are supernatural forces arrayed against us. We are also conscious of the spiritual allies who fight on our side - the saints and angels.

After death, we may belong to the Church Suffering (also known as the Church Penitentiary or the Church Expectant). These are the souls in purgatory who are being purified before entering into the eternal life of heaven. They are being cleansed of sins and earthly attachments.

These souls rely on our prayers for help in this process. That is why we celebrate the feast of All Souls; it’s why we celebrate funeral masses; and it’s why we offer masses for those who have died - we still play a part in their lives.

Finally, there is the Church Triumphant - the saints in heaven. Whether we know their name or not, everyone in heaven is a saint and enjoys the presence of God. They also offer their prayers for us so that we can choose holiness in our lives.

These saints may be famous Catholics who we commemorate in the liturgy, or they may be unknown. They may even be people we have known on earth.

*May God bless you for your
goodness to His Church for the week of
October 26, 2025*

Blessed Sacrament

Adult Collection	\$5,606.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$278.01
SVdP	\$855.00
Improvement Fund	\$50.00
Loose	\$289.25

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Our Lady of Lourdes

Adult Collection	\$1,378.00
Children’s Envelopes	\$0
Candles	\$55.00
SVdP	\$35.00
Improvement Fund	\$200.00
Loose	\$55.00

The three divisions of the Church highlight the communion we have with one another - even after death. It is never just those of us who are gathered in one church building, or even all the Christians in the world. **We are surrounded by a “great cloud of witnesses” (Hebrews 12:1).**



PLEASE DON'T FORGET:

Everyone is invited to participate in the **All Souls procession** that is taking places this **Sunday (12/2)** at **3:00pm in Mt. Calvary Cemetery** in Steubenville.

This is a great opportunity to pray for our beloved dead - especially since so many of our family members and fellow parishioners are laid to rest there.

We will pray together, sing hymns, and process around the different areas of the cemetery.

Today (and all of November 1 - 8), the Church offers a plenary indulgence to those who visit a cemetery and pray for the dead.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

Sat.	Nov. 1	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Bob Phillipson (Pat Marshall)
4:30pm	(BLS)	
Sun	Nov. 2	The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls) Ronald Inverso (Paul, Tricia & children)
8:00am	(BLS)	
9:30am	(OLL)	Living and deceased members of our Winterville parishes
11:00am	(BLS)	Cynthia Rose Phillipson (Family)
Mon.	Nov. 3	Weekday Arthur Bodo (Leslie Piergallini)
8:00am	(BLS)	
Tues.	Nov. 4	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Joseph DiNicola (Suzanne Synodinos & family)
8:00am	(BLS)	
Wed.	Nov. 5	Weekday Guy Almonte (wife, Yolanda & family)
8:00am	(BLS)	
5:30pm	(BLS)	Adoration & Prayer
Thurs	Nov. 6	Weekday LaVerne & Howard Lugar (Their children)
8:00am	(BLS)	
5:15pm	(BLS)	All the Souls in Purgatory (Rita Controguerra)
Fri.	Nov. 7	Weekday Betty Thress (Family & Friends)
8:00am	(BLS)	
Sat.	Nov. 8	<u>All Saints</u> Fr. Charles Mascolino
8:00am	(BLS)	
Sat.	Nov. 8	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Dorothy DiBenedetto (Kathy & Rob)
4:30pm	(BLS)	
Sun.	Nov. 9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica Americo DeStefanis {BD} (wife, Hilda & family)
8:00am	(BLS)	
9:30am	(OLL)	Mary Lou WileyWilley (Margaret Fodor)
11:00am	(BLS)	Living and deceased members of our Winterville parishes



FAITHFUL DEPARTED

It may seem strange to pray for someone who is already dead and who, according to our earthly reckoning of time, has already undergone judgement. But God is not subject to the constrictions of time as we understand them. **Our prayers for the dead are, like our prayers for the living, an expression of charity and the unity that exists between all members of the Body of Christ.**

Prayer for the dead is a practice which not only predates Catholicism but predates Jesus Christ, as we see in the Second Book of Maccabees (2 Maccabees 12:42-45)

“By virtue of the ‘communion of saints,’ the Church commends the dead to God’s mercy and offers her prayers, especially the holy sacrifice of the Eucharist, on their behalf,” says the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

All the faithful departed are those who have died with hope and trust in a loving God who calls us to greater growth and development, even beyond death.

Our growth and development in Christian perfection takes a long time. At the time of our death, many of us might not be saints yet. (Surprise) But God, in his mercy, allows for those who love Him to experience purification after death. Our word for that state of being is Purgatory. It’s the “antechamber” of heaven, so to speak. We know we’re getting in the house, but we’re not quite ready to go all in. There is rain to shake off our coats and dirt on our shoes.

While the Western Church has emphasized the cleaning and purifying nature of purgatory, the Eastern Church has emphasized the growth and development aspect of it.

Here on earth, we pray for the souls in Purgatory. One way is to offer a mass for the intention of a specific loved one. We can also remember the departed in our daily prayers. Just as we have special intentions for family and friends here on earth, we can pray for those who have died. It is a good act of Christian charity to pray for the forgotten, those who have no one else (or left) to pray for them. God knows who they are! @LPi

**Remember in your prayers the intentions
of our Holy Father, Pope Leo**

NOVEMBER

(For The Prevention of Suicide)

Let us pray that those who are tempted to commit suicide might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



Nov.8 th & Nov. 9 th	
Saturday 11/8	4:30pm
Lector:	Lew Musso
EMOCH:	Linda Berkey
Altar servers:	Thomas & Gus Symington
Sunday 11/9	8:00am
Lector:	Christina Mitchell
EMOHC:	Teri Ossio
Altar servers:	Christian Mitchell & volunteer
(OLL)	9:30am
Lector:	Denise Todoroff
Altar servers:	(Volunteer)
	11:00am
Lector:	Steve Kuruc
EMOHC:	Jodi Taylor
Altar servers:	Peter Kissinger & Inversos
If you are unable to be at your designated ministry when you are scheduled, <u>it is your responsibility</u> to find a replacement. Thank you! Please don't just not show up.	

PARISH NEWS / EVENTS

IN THE HOSPITAL as of Oct. 30th:

Trinity Med. Ctr.: Fr. Tom Magary

Please pray for all who are ill at home, homebound or in nursing homes & their caregivers.



will be on **Saturday, Nov. 1** from 9:30am to 12:00noon, in lower Sargus Hall.

The topic will be "Stuck in Grief?" Being "stuck" in grief is not about time but about taking steps forward in faith. Feeling "stuck" is a result of negative thought patterns and Bible reading and prayer can defend against these thoughts.

OLL CWC: The ladies will have their annual **NUT ROLL & PUMPKIN ROLL SALE** on **Sunday, Nov. 16**, after the 9:30am mass. Nut rolls are \$14.00 each & pumpkin rolls are \$12.00 each. As in the past, there will be NO PRE-SALES.

The **Christmas party** will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 13**, beginning at 1:00pm, at Scaffidi's Restaurant. A sign-up sheet is posted in the back of the church for

reservations, which are a must! And the last day to make your reservation is Dec. 7.

The 50 / 50 winner for the month of October was Susan White. Congratulations!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

To all the generous sock donors: You are fabulous!!

We collected a total of 647 pairs of socks!! (240 – children's, 222 – women's & 185 – men's) to be donated – all thanks to your generosity!

NEVER, EVER LOST

I lost my wallet this year. It was such an annoyance to replace everything in it. A friend, moved by sympathy, gave me a beautiful new one. One month later I lost that one, too, with all my newly replaced cards. No matter what I did, I couldn't find what I had lost. I resigned myself to never seeing either of my wallets again.

Fortunately, the Lord Jesus is not like me in this regard. In today's Gospel (John 6:37–40), he says, "This is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me." Jesus, unlike me, is ever vigilant with what the Father has given him. **He searches for every lost soul** — as the shepherd leaves the ninety-nine to pursue the one lost sheep, or the woman rejoices upon recovering a lost coin — and even descends to the depths of loss on the cross and into the realm of the dead **to recover that which seems forever lost.**

On All Souls' Day, as we remember our faithful departed, these words kindle a hope beyond hope in our hearts. Even the dead are not lost to Jesus, though they may seem so to us. Nothing entrusted to him by the Father is ever truly lost. **So, we may hope that every soul, no matter how wandering or forgotten in life, is secure in his loving care and destined to be raised on the last day.** Of what the Father gives him, he loses nothing.

— Father John Muir @ LPi

Prayer for those in Purgatory:

Dear God, In your mercy and through the passion of your Son, erase from the souls in purgatory their sins and failings. Bring the souls in purgatory to your peace and grant them eternal rest. Amen.

Prayer for Our Deceased:

Dear Lord, Bring your consolation to this time of sorrow. We turn to you as we remember and mourn the loss of someone deeply loved and dearly missed. May their journey home be marked with your grace, and our journey on earth be marked with your comfort. Amen.