

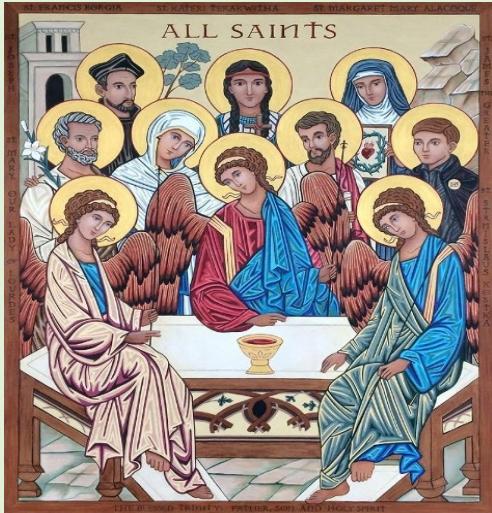


**FEAST OF
ALL SOULS**

Remembrance

**St. Michael
Netcong, New Jersey**

The Church of Saint Michael
October 29, 2023
Thirthieth Sunday in Ordinary Time



Please remember in your prayers those who have died: Paul Grogan

Please remember in your prayers the sick of our parish: May Lee, Special Intention, Lucy Pintos, Karlene Yaple, Joseph Conklin, Marysia Hancock, Bev Couter, Kathy Conklin, Special Intention, Carmen Pina, Paula DiElsi, Roseann Lehmann, Louis DiBernard, Tim Paternostro, Margie Kern, John Matits, Elsie DeFeo, Alina & Luca Chretien, The Buga Family

Readings for the Week

Thirthieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Exodus 22: 20-26
Psalm 18: 2-3, 3-4, 47, 51
1 Thessalonians 1: 5c-10
Matthew 22: 34-40

Special Remembrance

The Sanctuary Lamp, which burns near the Tabernacle as a reminder of our Lord's presence in The Most Holy Eucharist, was given in loving memory of: *Paul Grogan*

Marian Flowers

The Marian floral arrangement for this week in the month of October was given in loving memory of *Rosa and Roberto Hernandez*

Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, October 28
5pm Joanne Tiscia, Paul Grogan

Sunday, October 29
7am Frank Hartman, Paul Grogan
9:30am Ronald E. Costanzo, Santina and Vincenzo Frantangelo
11:30am Matthew and Frances Soccio, Keith Nixon
1:30pm Special Intention

Monday, October 30
10am Josef Cardinal Mindszenty

Tuesday, October 31
10am Mary & Michael Soccio

Wednesday, November 1 All Saints Day
7am, 10am, 7pm, 8pm Pro Populo

Thursday, November 2 All Souls Day
10am All Souls

Friday, November 3
10am Mary & John Ronzo

Saturday, November 4
10am Richard Fletcher, Theresa Donnaruma
5pm Louis Castaldi, Pat Buckley

Sunday, November 5
7am Paul Grogan
9:30am Antoinette Gugliemini, Paul Grogan
11:30am Robert Poth, Richard Kuncken
1:30pm Special Intention

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All Saints Day

Wednesday, November 1st is All Saints Day. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.
Mass times will be 7:00 am, 10:00 am, 7:00 pm in English. The Mass in Spanish will be 8:00 pm.

Fr. Mike's Message

The first week of November is a liturgically jam-packed week. Immediately after we celebrate all the saints in heaven on All Saints Day (Nov. 1), we remember all the beloved deceased on All Souls Day (Nov. 2). In fact, the universal Church prays for all the souls of the faithfully departed throughout the entire month of November with extra fervor and intensity, so that through the mercy of God, they may soon enter into His eternal glory.

How do we understand the Catholic custom of praying for the deceased? I believe we can approach this from a few angles. First, the tradition of praying on behalf of the dead predates Christianity. It is not only ancient but scriptural. In the second century BC, the Jewish leader, priest, and heroic warrior, Judas Maccabeus, championed the cause of the Jewish nation against their Greek oppressors. After winning a battle, he offered sacrifice for the sins of the fallen Jewish soldiers. We can find an account of this in the Second Book of Maccabees,

"Turning to supplication, [the soldiers] prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... [Judas Maccabeus] then took up a collection among all his soldiers... which he sent to Jerusalem to provide for an expiatory sacrifice. In doing this he acted in a very excellent and noble way, inasmuch as he had the resurrection in mind; for if he were not expecting the fallen to rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he did this with a view to the splendid reward that awaits those who had gone to rest in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Thus he made atonement for the dead that they might be absolved from their sin." (2 Mc 12:42–46)

This passage shows clearly that our predecessors in faith already had the hope of a glorious resurrection. Furthermore, in their love towards the deceased countrymen, they asked God to forgive their sins, so that the deceased may be worthy to share God's splendid reward.

Our faith tells us the love of Jesus Christ is so real and so strong that it transcends life and death. Likewise, as Christians, our love for brothers and sisters in Christ also transcends life and death. In addition, our Church is so vast that it is not only made up by the members living in this world, but it is also consisted of those who are already living in God's eternal blessedness in heaven, as well as those who are undergoing purification in the purgatory.

For these reasons, just as the saints do not stop praying for us because they already precede us in heaven, we do not stop praying for our deceased loved ones because they are no longer with us in this world. Out of our love for these brothers and sisters who yearn to soon see God face to face, we are called to offer to God our prayer and supplication on their behalf. Because of this love, God will grant them the reparation for the consequences of their sins, so that they may soon enter into the fullness of the life of the Holy Trinity.

In fact, in every Mass, after the consecration of bread and wine, we commemorate all the deceased members of the Christian family. In addition, we may also offer Masses and our own private prayers, such as the rosary, for our loved ones who passed on before us.

The Catholic tradition of praying for the dead shows that in the mystical body of Christ, we are all inextricably connected to each other. The merit and love of one member has a positive impact on the whole. Our Catholic faith is so much more than the relationship between Jesus and me. Rather, it is this web of love linking God, the entire Christian community, and myself. It is precisely because of this, we have the hope that we and our loved ones will one day all be enwrapped by the never ending cycle of love of the Blessed Trinity.

We pray for all those who have died this past year:

John Conrad Savino, Christine Elizabeth Parker, Margaret Jozowski, Ricardo Fiorey, Kieth Richard McHale, Chester J. Verdi, Sr., Daniel Gene Benson, Joseph W. Sabatini, Sr., John Michael Drinka, Giulio Fenimore, Anthony Stabile, Ruth Stabile, Janet Chanda, Margaret Lamanna, Robert Emmett Depew IV, Arthur, Arthur Francomacaro, Paula Gail Tardive, Robert J. Franzino, Barbara Potenzano, Leila Rencis, Paul C. Grogan.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

La primera semana de noviembre es una semana litúrgicamente repleta de actividades. Inmediatamente después de celebrar a todos los santos en el cielo en el Día de Todos los Santos (1 de noviembre), recordamos a todos los queridos difuntos en el Día de Todos los Fieles Difuntos (2 de noviembre). De hecho, la Iglesia universal reza por

todas las almas de los fieles difuntos a lo largo de todo el mes de noviembre con fervor e intensidad adicionales, para que, a través de la misericordia de Dios, puedan entrar pronto en Su gloria eterna.

¿Cómo entendemos la costumbre católica de rezar por los difuntos? Creo que podemos abordar esto desde varios ángulos. En primer lugar, la tradición de rezar en nombre de los difuntos precede al cristianismo. No solo es antigua, sino también escritural. En el siglo II a.C., el líder judío, sacerdote y valiente guerrero Judas Macabeo defendió la causa de la nación judía contra sus opresores griegos. Después de ganar una batalla, ofreció sacrificios por los pecados de los soldados judíos caídos. Podemos encontrar un relato de esto en el Segundo Libro de los Macabeos:

"Volviéndose a la súplica, [los soldados] oraron para que el pecado fuera completamente borrado... [Judas Macabeo] entonces recaudó una colecta entre todos sus soldados... que envió a Jerusalén para proporcionar un sacrificio expiatorio. Al hacer esto, actuó de una manera excelente y noble, ya que tenía la resurrección en mente; porque si no esperaba que los caídos resucitaran de nuevo, habría sido superfluo e insensato orar por los muertos. Pero si lo hizo con la esperanza de la espléndida recompensa que aguarda a quienes han descansado en la piedad, fue un pensamiento santo y piadoso. Así hizo expiación por los muertos, para que fueran absueltos de sus pecados" (2 Macabeos 12:42-46).

Este pasaje muestra claramente que nuestros predecesores en la fe ya tenían la esperanza de una gloriosa resurrección. Además, en su amor hacia sus compatriotas difuntos, pidieron a Dios que perdonara sus pecados, para que los difuntos fueran dignos de compartir la espléndida recompensa de Dios.

Nuestra fe nos dice que el amor de Jesucristo es tan real y tan fuerte que trasciende la vida y la muerte. Del mismo modo, como cristianos, nuestro amor por los hermanos y hermanas en Cristo también trasciende la vida y la muerte. Además, nuestra Iglesia es tan vasta que no solo está compuesta por los miembros que viven en este mundo, sino que también está formada por aquellos que ya viven en la eterna bienaventuranza de Dios en el cielo, así como por aquellos que están en proceso de purificación en el purgatorio. Por estas razones, al igual que los santos no dejan de interceder por nosotros porque nos preceden en el cielo, nosotros no dejamos de orar por nuestros

seres queridos difuntos porque ya no están con nosotros en este mundo. Por amor a estos hermanos y hermanas que anhelan ver pronto el rostro de Dios, estamos llamados a ofrecer nuestras oraciones y súplicas a Dios en su nombre. Gracias a este amor, Dios les concederá el perdón de sus pecados, para que puedan entrar pronto en la plenitud de la vida de la Santa Trinidad.

De hecho, en cada Misa, después de la consagración del pan y el vino, conmemoramos a todos los miembros difuntos de la familia cristiana. Además, también podemos ofrecer Misas y nuestras propias oraciones privadas, como el rosario, por nuestros seres queridos que nos han precedido en la muerte.

La tradición católica de rezar por los difuntos muestra que en el cuerpo místico de Cristo, todos estamos inextricablemente conectados entre nosotros. El mérito y el amor de un miembro tienen un impacto positivo en el conjunto. Nuestra fe católica es mucho más que la relación entre Jesús y yo. Más bien, es esta red de amor que une a Dios, toda la comunidad cristiana y a mí. Precisamente por esto, tenemos la esperanza de que nosotros y nuestros seres queridos un día estaremos todos envueltos en el ciclo interminable de amor de la Santa Trinidad.

Faith Formation

Family Session:

next week 11/5 Levels K-6. Families are asked to attend the 9:30 am mass, stay for a brief presentation and then join the parish in the hall for refreshments. *Please know that a free will offering for the refreshments is gladly accepted!* There is a collection box near the kitchen counter.

Confirmation I: Please meet Mrs. Bollinger in the food pantry after the 9:30 am mass for service work.

Confirmation II and NET groups:

Service opportunity coming up: Nov. 5 for Coffee Sunday. You can help out after any mass EXCEPT the 9:30 am Mass since you will be in class. Please go to the kitchen in the church hall after Mass and let the volunteers know you are there to help. Please plan to stay at least an hour.

Parent Meetings:

- For parents of children preparing for First Reconciliation this year (OSPRE and Level 2): 10/29, 6:30 pm, Church Hall

- If you missed the meeting for parents of families new to the Faith Formation program at St. Michael, please contact Mrs. Rogalo for important information.



All Faith Formation children in Levels 1-6 are invited to come to class dressed as their favorite Saint, today, 10/29!

Faith Formation Registration:

If you missed the registration period and are interested in registering your child, please contact the office for assistance: [973-347-0032 ext. 2320](tel:973-347-0032)

Youth Ministry

Join us for Youth Ministry Meetings (8th grade to senior high school) every Monday evening at 7:00 pm in the Youth Ministry room.

[All Youth are Welcome!](#)

Adoration Chapel

If you are looking for an hour of peace and silence, come spend it with Jesus. Contact [Andrea \(201\) 874-8769](tel:201-874-8769) or [Marie \(732\) 885-7972](tel:732-885-7972)

Food Pantry

This week, when you are shopping, please keep in mind the following items which are needed by our food pantry:

- Ramen noodles & cup-a-soup
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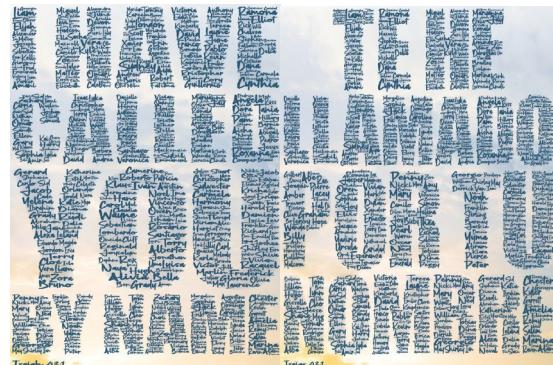
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