

Our Lady of Victories Church

(serving Harrington Park, River Vale and the Pascack/Northern Valley)

Harrington Park, New Jersey

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NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS

Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord.

Those Born to Eternal Life November 2019–Present

This is a list of parishioners who have gone to their eternal reward since last ALL SOULS DAY. Please pray for them. and for those they have left behind.



Thomas J. Ferrara Jr.
Robert Finan
Rosaly Juliana Pavese
Mary L. Ceccon
Irene G. Gorek
Janina Porman
Bridget Christina Kelly
August "Gus" D'Ercole
Wesley S. Aulita
Carmela Millie Sutter
Richard L. DelVecchio
Domenic L. Cafarella
Kathleen Freeburn-Nemecsek
Rina Romanelli
John H. Rice Jr.
Sarah Chirichella

Douglas DiPaola
Theresa Freeburn
Baby Jameson Juliana Butcher
Gerard J. Farley
Susan K. Corcoran
Olive Veronica Hay
John J. Peterson Jr.
Thomas C. Giuliano
Barbara Ann Piazza
John Piazza
Dennis DeCarlo
Elizabeth "Maureen" Haugh
Diane Solieri
Richard DeCroce
Joan C. Francisco

We will remember the above deceased
and pray for the repose of their souls during
SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS

Sunday, November 8
9:30AM Mass - livestream.

Life has many choices.
Eternity has two.

What's yours?

SUNDAY, November 1, 2020 A.D. SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS



ATTENTION !

no more sign-ups for

Saturday evening / Sunday Mass.

Seating for Mass will be on a "first-come, first-served" basis,
with the assistance of the ushers.

Weekend Mass Schedule:

Saturday evening 4:00PM and 5:00PM

Sunday 7:00AM, 8:00AM *Latin*, 9:30AM - also live-streamed,
10:45AM, 10:45AM Family Mass in OLV GYM
12:00Noon, 1:00PM *Spanish*, 6:00PM. No 7PM Sunday Mass

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism, call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life
should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.



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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

November 1st will mark the celebration of the Church Triumphant in Heaven - All Saints. We celebrate them for us – as Saint Bernard rightly puts it. Saints help us to desire Holiness and Heaven and help us to realize it is truly possible. They were not better than us and yet...

November 2 - All Souls this year falls on a Monday. Mass is the highest form of prayer. What better way than to offer a Mass for a soul. Due to pandemic restrictions, our **SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS** for all those who have passed since last All Souls Day will be on **Sunday, November 8, at 9:30AM Mass**. Considering that many will not be able to attend they can watch us on Live Stream this year.

All Souls envelopes are already displayed at the entrances of the Church. Please **write legibly** the names of the deceased family members. We will be reading their names and saying prayers for them throughout the whole month of November a few minutes before each Mass. The whole month is dedicated to prayers for souls.

November 3, Election Day, we will have All Day Eucharistic Adoration praying for our nation, praying for those who vote and for the new president.

In reference to the Pope's recent remarks, please be reminded that two documents that are a standing Magisterium are **Persona Humana** of the Sacred Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith, Declaration on Certain Questions Concerning Sexual Ethics, available at: http://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc_19751229_persona-humana_en.html and **Catechism of the Catholic Church, nos.2331-2400**.

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2357:

Basing itself on Sacred Scripture, which presents homosexual acts as acts of grave depravity, tradition has always declared that "homosexual acts are intrinsically disordered." They are contrary to the natural law. They close the sexual act to the gift of life. They do not proceed from a genuine affective and sexual complementarity. Under no circumstances can they be approved.

Help THE SOULS in PURGATORY??

It is very possible that some of our own nearest and dearest ones are still suffering the excruciating pains of Purgatory and are calling to us for help and relief. There is no hunger, no thirst, no poverty, no need, no pain, no suffering to compare with what the souls in Purgatory endure. How YOU can help these souls: **1. Have Masses offered for them. 2. Make the Stations of the Cross. 3. Recite the Rosary. 4. Offer up all your pain and sufferings for the relief of Souls.**

THANK YOU to all who supported the **NJ Right to Life Raffle**. Thank you also to Dr. Mayer for your time speaking at the Masses last weekend. **Raffle tickets \$10 each are available at the OLV Rectory.** 1st Prize is a 2021 Volvo XC40AWD SUV valued at \$41,045.00

Election Day All-Day Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday, November 3, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 8:30AM (after 8:00AM Mass) until 9:00PM.

First Thursday, November 5, there will be Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 7:00PM-8:00PM.

First Friday, November 6, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 12:30-7:00PM with confessions at 6:00PM, followed by Devotions and Mass.

First Saturday, November 7, Mass at Noon will be for the Souls in Purgatory. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12:30-1:00PM.

"Live so as not to fear death. For those who live well in the world, death is not frightening but sweet and precious." – **St. Rose of Viterbo**

Graves

This month is a traditional time for visiting the graves of loved ones (as is the anniversary of death). Rooted in ancient tradition, St. Odilo of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988 AD. It was accepted in Rome in the 13th Century, where it spread from the Cluniac monasteries. St. Augustine reminds us: "If we had no care for the dead, we would not be in the habit of praying for them." The theological basis of this feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life, but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. Please remember to pray for the souls of the dead. To bury the dead is a corporal work of mercy, to pray for the dead is the spiritual work of mercy. **Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine**

Prayer of St. Gertrude the Great

Our Lord dictated the following prayer to St. Gertrude the Great to release 1,000 Souls from Purgatory each time it is said.

"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. Amen."

St. Gertrude's life was the mystic life of the Cloister – a Benedictine nun. She meditated on the Passion of Christ, which many times brought a flood of tears to her eyes. She did many penances and Our Lord appeared to her many times. She had a tender love for the Blessed Virgin and was very devoted to the suffering souls in Purgatory. She died in 1334. Her feast day is November 16th.

O most gentle Heart of Jesus, ever present in the Blessed Sacrament, ever consumed with burning love for the poor captive souls in Purgatory, have mercy on the souls of Thy departed servants. Be not severe in Thy judgments, but let some drops of Thy Precious Blood fall upon the devouring flames. And do Thou, O Merciful Saviour, send Thy holy angels to conduct them to a place of refreshment, light, and peace. Amen.

O God, the Creator and Redeemer of all the faithful, grant unto the souls of Thy departed servants full remission of all their sins, that through the help of our pious supplications they may obtain that pardon they have always desired, Thou who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

V. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

R. And let perpetual light shine upon them.

V. May they rest in peace. Amen.

R. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

St. Catherine of Siena to Blessed Raymond Capua: "I saw the pains of Hell and of Purgatory, [which are] so great that no tongue of man is able to declare them. I saw also the bliss of Heaven and the glory of my Divine Spouse, which only to think of fills my soul with a loathing for all things that are in the world." (**The 33 Doctors of the Church, p. 403**)

YOU HAVE A SOUL !

The Church teaches that every spiritual soul is created immediately by God - it is not "produced" by the parents - and also that it is immortal: it does not perish when it separates from the body at death, and it will be reunited with the body at the final Resurrection.

Catechism of The Catholic Church, 366.

Relevant Radio 1430AM

REQUIREMENTS *for* GODPARENTS

Godparents play a very important role in your child's spiritual life as role models of the faith. They should support not only the child, but the parents as well. Additionally, in their role as godparent, they represent the larger Church community and this is a tremendous responsibility. The Church has provided guidelines to help parents choose the best possible godparents for their children. In recognizing the importance of the godparent and their duties:

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old.

Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church. Must be a practicing Catholic (*attend Sunday Mass weekly*).

Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church.

If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only.

Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent. Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have 2 Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (Canon Law 872-874)

CCD Office Hours

Monday - Wednesday - Friday 10AM-2PM
201-768-1400 olvhpcdd@gmail.com

CONVALIDATION

Best way to start your married life is with God. In Sacramental Marriage God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to be married in the Catholic Church? Contact Fr. Wojciech for details.

NEED BAPTISM, FIRST COMMUNION OR CONFIRMATION

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For more information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* should also contact the rectory for preparation class information.

Jesus asked one thing from us!!!

On His last night of earth (Holy Thursday) Jesus asked His disciples one thing – to stay awake with Him for one hour. OLV has Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday and Thursday - 8:30AM to 11:50AM.

CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

Our Lord told St. Margaret Mary Alacoque that individuals should go to confession **at a minimum once a month**. This sacrament is offered EVERY Saturday from 11AM to Noon and 3-3:40PM; every weekday at 7:30AM, as well as every First Friday at 6PM. A Priest is also available to hear Confessions daily by appointment.

ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HS Open House

Wednesday, November 4, 6:30PM. Reserve your spot SJRNJ.org.

Clothing Bins: Please donate clothes, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, knickknacks, toys, and children's books. Please place your donations **INSIDE** the bins (sometimes you have to push it in) . Do not leave items outside.

Sayings of NEWLY Blessed Carlo Acutis (1991-2006)

All are born originals, but many die as photocopies

The only thing we should really fear is sin

If God owns our heart, we possess the Infinite.

Conversion is nothing more than shifting our glance from below towards the heights: a mere movement of the eyes is enough.

Find God and you will find the meaning of your life.

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 2–Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

8:00 All Souls

12:00 All Souls

6:00 *Latin* All Souls

Tuesday, November 3–St. Martin de Porres, Religious

8:00 All Souls Novena / Michael A. Casenta R/b Colleen Connors Casenta

12:00 All Souls Novena / James McGrath Sr. R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

Wednesday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

8:00 All Souls Novena / Joanne Williams R/b Judy Pommett

12:00 All Souls Novena / August D'Ercole R/b Michael and Tracy Grassi

Thursday, November 5–St. Sylvia, Mother of St. Gregory the Great

8:00 All Souls Novena / Gloria Peterson R/b Norma Reinfried

12:00 All Souls Novena / Mary Rose, Kathleen & Patrick Dolan

R/b Glynis & Family

First Friday, November 6 – St. Bertille of France - Religious

8:00 All Souls Novena / Alex Amendola R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo

12:00 All Souls Novena / Intentions of Sandra Giron R/b the Giron Family

7:00 All Souls Novena / Rebecca Rodriguez Llerena R/b Tony and Mary Yorio

First Saturday, November 7–St. Carina and companions, Martyrs

8:00 All Souls Novena / Intentions of Rose Spincken

12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 All Souls Novena / Robert Hamilla

R/b the Foley Family

5:00 all Souls Novena / Kevin Fleming

Sunday, November 8– St. Godfrey, Bishop of Amiens

7:00 Arcangelo Colasuonno

8:00 Carrino and Amato Family R/b Armando and Christine Carrino

9:30 All Souls - Deceased of the Parish

John F. Downey Jr.

R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

10:45 Ciuippa, Angelone, DiTomasso Family R/b the Ciuippa Family

10:45 Gym Albert R. Hildenbrand R/b the Coppola Family

12:00 Mary and William Sweeney R/b George and Gail Fabiano

1:00 People of the Parish

6:00 Rev. Jerry Ikialowych

R/b Greg and Susan Evanella

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

The Sanctuary Lamp, the Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, and the Saint Joseph Votive Lamp will burn this week for the repose of the soul of Bob Hamilla, r/b Ann Hamilla

The Hosts and Wine which will become the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ at Holy Mass this week have been donated **in memory of Bob Hamilla, r/b Ann Hamilla.**

Flower & Sanctuary Offerings

If you would like to donate **flowers** for the Altar, BVM and St. Joseph, call the rectory. Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM and St. Joseph Votive Lamps and Sanctuary Lamp in the Church can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

My Parish—COVID-19—My Responsibility

We thank all those who so generously continue to support our parish by mailing in your donations. At the same time, we understand that some have been laid off from their work or experiencing decreased income and are unable to continue their donations at this time.

Donations/offering envelopes may be mailed to:

OLV Rectory, 81 Lynn Street, Harrington Park, NJ 07640.

Thank you for your generosity.

“A heart filled with joy is more easily made perfect than one that is sad.” **St. Philip Neri** - patron saint of humor.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Specialist Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Lieutenant Gigi McElroy
Colonel John McLaughlin
Captain John G. Miele

US Air Force

Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Corporal Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate
Corporal Joseph Levine
2nd Lieutenant J.P. Maher

US Navy

Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal
Ensign Jon Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick

Please *Pray* in the name of **JESUS**, the Healer, that the *sick of the Parish* may be restored to health and all those who *assist* and *care* for the sick will be given the *strength* to continue *God's Will*: baby Cordelia, baby Emmet Fischer, baby James Amicucci, baby Jonathan, Robert Bardsley, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Dominic Carini, Sal Cenicola, Helen Choma, Kevin Columbo, Paula Brennan Cornine, Marie D'Ascenzo, Cathy Daleo, Maryann Dean, Lorraine Degerdon, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Mike Donohue, Carl Falasca, Jay Filippone, Marie Filippone, Christine Fitzgerald, Mary Foley, Amy Hartwell, Peter Kellar, Milan Krupa, Mary Lowe, James McGarry, Robert Milli, Gianna Moscatello, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan and Buddy Phalon, Marie Piazza, Canice Prince, Debra Rendon, Bruce Michael Ricciardi, Louise Ricciardi, Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Roman-chuk, Beth Sacco, Janet Sylvia, Mike Tobia, Aileen Vassar, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierdre, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Michael, Patrick, Paul, Peter, Robert, Sean, Sharon, Tom.

Spiritual Communion *composed by Cardinal Rafael Merry del Val*

As I cannot this day enjoy the happiness of assisting at the holy Mysteries, O my God! I transport myself in spirit at the foot of Thine altar; I unite with the Church, which by the hands of the priest, offers Thee Thine adorable Son in the Holy Sacrifice; I offer myself with Him, by Him, and in His Name. I adore, I praise, and thank Thee, imploring Thy mercy, invoking Thine assistance, and presenting Thee the homage I owe Thee as my Creator, the love due to Thee as my Savior.

Apply to my soul, I beseech Thee, O merciful Jesus, Thine infinite merits; apply them also to those for whom I particularly wish to pray. I desire to communicate spiritually, that Thy Blood may purify, Thy Flesh strengthen, and Thy Spirit sanctify me. May I never forget that Thou, my divine Redeemer, hast died for me; may I die to all that is not Thee, that hereafter I may live eternally with Thee. Amen.

SICK OR "HOMEBOUND"

If you are sick or "homebound" (or know someone who is), and would like to have Communion, please contact the Rectory at 201-768-1706.

All Souls - **W**hy do Catholics believe in a place between Heaven and Hell called Purgatory?

On November 2, the Church commemorates all the Faith Departed. The reason for the commemoration of all the Faithful Departed is the doctrine and belief that all who die in venial sin, or have not fully atoned for other past transgressions, are detained in Purgatory, to repay the debt of temporal punishment for sins which have been forgiven. Even after Moses was forgiven by God, he was still punished for his sin. (2 Samuel 12:13-14). and that the faithful on earth can help them through their temporal punishment and hasten their admission to the joys of heaven by prayers and alms, especially by the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The memorial day of the dead comes down to us from the first Christians, and, in the course of centuries, November 2 was selected for the annual commemoration of all the Faithful Departed in churches of the Latin rite.

In every land and in every Christian soul resound the mournful tones of prayer for the dead: "Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace." Since it is impossible to offer a Mass for the particular intention or intentions of each individual on All Souls Day or during the month of November, in many dioceses of the United States and other countries there is a custom by which a collection is made of money offerings by the people. Masses are then offered on All Souls Day for the intentions of all the people.

St. Faustina's Vision

"I saw my guardian angel, who ordered me to follow him. In a moment I was in a misty place full of fire in which there was a great crowd of suffering souls. They were praying fervently, but to no avail, for themselves; only we can come to their aid. The flames, which were burning them, did not touch me at all. My guardian angel did not leave me for an instant. I asked these souls what their greatest suffering was. They answered me in one voice that their greatest torment was longing for God. "I saw Our Lady visiting the souls in purgatory. The souls call her 'The Star of the Sea.' She brings them refreshment. I wanted to talk with them some more, but my guardian angel beckoned me to leave. We went out of that prison of suffering. [I heard an interior voice, which said] 'My mercy does not want this, but justice demands it. Since that time I am in closer communion with the suffering souls.'" (*Diary of St. Faustina* 20)

WISDOM

One Saint, when confronted with the problems in his life, would say, "What is this compared to eternity?" This puts everything into perspective. To make this point more clear, is it better to die at ten or at ninety? Ten, if you believe that heaven is everything that God says it is. If you say ninety, you are looking at the world through the eyes of man. If you are looking through the eyes of God, the ten year old is the one more blessed. We must look at life through the perspective of eternity. When we start to stumble off the path of wisdom, we ought to look at Proverbs 9:10, which tells us where wisdom begins. It says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Live to please Him. The only thing that should make us afraid is displeasing our Father. If we want to walk in wisdom, we must first ask for the fear of God. Live not for what the world thinks of you, but for what God thinks of you. When we stop looking at the world and start looking at God, then we'll be on the road to wisdom.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. St. Peter.
2. St. James the Greater.
3. St. Bartholomew.
4. St. John the Beloved.

SPIRITUAL EXCERPT PURGATORY

God created me to go to Heaven. His mercy allows me to go to Purgatory. Purgatory is a place of love unfulfilled. You found out at judgment how much God loves you and how you failed to respond. Purgatory is not a place of despair and regret - at that point you're very sorry for all the opportunities that passed you by. You're also very grateful that God had such mercy on you. The inability to be with God is the greatest pain in Purgatory, because that's all you really want. The good news is, eventually, you'll get to Him; there is an end to Purgatory. I've always thought that life is full of enough tiny things and big things to purify us. I never did believe that everybody was ultimately destined for Purgatory. Many of the people in Purgatory have high degrees of union with God in Heaven once they're released. In other words, it doesn't mean that because you went to Purgatory your degree of holiness is less. Some of them are destined for great, high degrees of glory. There is true joy in Purgatory. I am justly punished and chastised there. I have seen God and I know that I am on my way. It may take me a while, but I know I'll see Him.

Mother Angelica, *Little Book of Life Lessons* page 216

Offering God our true wealth

We see some people who disdain very great riches in this world - and not only large sums of gold and silver but also magnificent properties - being disturbed over a penknife, a stylus, a needle, or a pen... And when they have given away all their wealth for the sake of Christ's love, but still retain the heart's old affection for the littlest things and are always quickly irritated because of them, they become in every respect fruitless and barren, like those who do not have the love of which the Apostle speaks. Foreseeing this in the Spirit, the blessed Apostle said: "If I gave all my goods to feed the poor and handed my body over to be burned, but I did not have love, it would profit me nothing." (1 Cor 13:3) Hence it is clearly proved that perfection is not immediately arrived at by being stripped and deprived of all one's wealth or by giving up one's honors, unless there is that love whose elements the Apostle describes, which consists in purity of heart alone.

For what else does it mean not to be envious, not to be boastful, not to be angry, not to do evil, not to seek the things that are one's own, not to rejoice over iniquity, not to think evil and all the rest, (1 Cor 13:4-5) if not always to offer God a perfect and utterly clean heart and to keep it unsullied by any passion? For the sake of this, then, everything is to be done and desired. - **St. John Cassian** (approx 360-435) founder of monasteries Conferences, I, 6-7, (©Ancient Christian Writers)

DID YOU KNOW

Memento mori - is Latin for "Remember death." The phrase is believed to originate from an ancient Roman tradition as a part of the ritual of welcome given to Roman military leaders upon their return from victory in battle. Amid the cheers of adoring crowds, a slave was designated to approach the great general and intone: "*Respice post te, hominem te memento*" ("Look around! Remember you're only a man!"). Mortal like the rest of us.

A little humor ... for All Saints

From St. Bernard Clairvaux. One day, when opening a new abbey near Foigny, France, the monks found a huge swarm of pesky flies filling the church that was about to be dedicated. Bernard watched his monks swatting, shooing, coaxing - all with no success. Finally, the head abbot fixed his eyes on the swarming flies and solemnly and loudly declared, "I hereby excommunicate all of you." Bernard's monks laughed with him, but found hundreds of dead flies all over the floor the next morning.

ALL SAINTS

In designating one day on our calendar for all Saints, the Church chooses a time to honor our heroes - the men and women whose example we admire and wish to imitate. Coming near the end of the Church year, the solemnity of All Saints invites us into the mystery of death and the promise of eternal salvation. An early tradition placed the feast on May 13. Pope Boniface IV (himself a saint) began the celebration in Rome. On that date in 609, he dedicated a very old building in Rome as a new church. The Pantheon had been built to honor all the pagan gods, but Pope Boniface rededicated the building as a Christian Church in the seventh century. He brought the relics of the martyrs from the catacombs to this famous public place of worship. The parade of martyrs' relics changed the Pantheon from a place for worship of all the pagan gods to a place which honored Mary and all the Christian Saints and in turn the one Christian God. Eventually, the idea of a feast of All Saints was transferred to November 1, near the end of the Church year. The Church honors many Saints with a day of their own on the general liturgical calendar, but there are more Saints than days in the year. Since Vatican II, the number of individuals canonized as Saints had multiplied considerably. Although we do not celebrate all their names on specified dates in all our church throughout the year, we do gather them as one on this day. Unfortunately, secular tradition has turned the eve of All Saints into a kind of anti-festival, a night when heroes of the underworld take command.



Communion of Saints

Those who make up the Communion of Saints have traditionally been designated by three terms:

1. **The Church Militant:** those who are still fighting the good fight of faith on earth (see 2 Tm 4:5).
2. **The Church Penitent (or Suffering):** the holy souls in purgatory.
3. **The Church Triumphant:** the perfected saints in heaven.

**All the Holy Souls ... Pray for Us as We Pray for you.
All the Holy Saints in Heaven, Pray for Us.**

KIDZ KORNER

1. Which disciple of Jesus was crucified upside down?
2. Which disciple of Jesus was beheaded in Jerusalem?
3. Which disciple of Jesus was burned alive?
4. Which disciple of Jesus died of old age?

Answers on page four.

The more we are afflicted in this world, the greater is our assurance in the next; the more sorrow in the present, the greater will be our joy in the future." - **St. Isidore of Seville**