

# *Our Lady of Victories Church*

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

150 Harriot Avenue, Harrington Park, New Jersey

[www.olvhp.org](http://www.olvhp.org)

## Solemnity of All Saints

### **November 1 Mass Schedule**

**Monday (Vigil) 6PM**

**Tuesday 8AM, 12Noon, 3:30PM,  
5:30PM Latin, 7PM**

### **NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS**

Cristina Batista  
Sr. Joseph Marian Hudson  
Sr. Barbara Ginther  
Patricia M. Murray  
Shirley James  
Paul DePinto  
Maureen Tropea  
Julia Huzzar  
Nancy R. Heintzelman  
Mary Jane Capobianco  
Steven A. Beringer  
Eileen M. McAdams  
Arleen Forma  
Cecilia Cassano  
Dolores V. DeSantis  
John P. DelJuidice  
Anthony Talarico  
Phyllis Avella  
Bill Gilligan  
Donald Liebreich

Rosaleen Fitzgerald  
Mary Cerillo  
Martin O'Dea  
Marian W. Zanetti  
Edward J. Meyers  
Paul J. Hennessey  
Phil Reyes  
Mary Mammen  
Georgina Arigo  
Elena V. Giordano  
Fr. John F. Renard  
Bruce Michael Ricciardi  
Edward Nickel  
Janet H. Jelenski  
Eileen Maloney  
Dennis Smith  
Michael J. Wallace  
Frances H. Hanna  
Peter J. Maliani  
Gladys Landeta

Sunday, October 30, 2022 A.D.



### **SPECIAL MEMORIAL MASS**

**Saturday, November 5  
10:00AM Mass**

We will remember all the deceased,  
especially those that passed this year  
and pray for the repose of their souls

**Life has many choices.  
Eternity has two.  
What's yours?**

### **Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them, Oh Lord.**

#### **Those Born to Eternal Life November 2021-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.

#### **First Thursday, Friday & Saturday**

**First Thursday-Nov. 3 - Monthly Holy Hour 7-8PM**

**First Friday-Nov. 4 -12:30PM afternoon adoration, 6PM confessions,**

6:30PM devotions to the Sacred Heart,

7PM Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart.

**First Saturday-Nov. 5 - 8AM Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary  
12PM Mass will be offered for the Souls in Purgatory.**



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### Fr. Wojciech's Corner...

We approach the month of November with the celebration of **All Saints** (**November 1**-see Mass schedule) and **All Souls** (**November 2** - see Mass schedule). Let the example of so many saints who had led ordinary lives as ours (their lives were not any easier than ours) help us in our daily struggles and make saints of us as well.

Speaking of Saints, we will welcome **9 new relics of Saints** in our parish on October 31st at 6PM Vigil Mass for All Saints and have them present throughout the whole All Saints Day.

**November 2** is a day on which we pray for **all souls** and start our yearly novena for them. November is also a month we pray for our deceased loved ones. If you want to remember the souls of your loved ones who have passed there are envelopes available at the entrances. I encourage all to visit the graves of your loved ones. Such a visit, a little prayer, lighting a candle, a flower, sacrifice offered for their souls can do them as well as us so much good.

**May their souls rest in peace.**

### next YOUTH GROUP Meetings

Sundays after 6PM Mass

October 30

November 13, 27

December 4, 18

### 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.**

### 2022 Catechism Lectures

-with Fr. John A. Perricone

Nov 2, 16 & 30, Dec 14 & 29 7PM -9PM

"**Thanksgiving & Advent**" is the topic of the November 13 OLV Holy Name Society meeting after 9:30AM Mass. Please join us for prayer, discussions and social. For more information on Holy Name Society please see our web olvhp.org and go to get involved.

### Best VENUE for the Wedding

#### THE CHURCH

**Best way to start your married life is with God in Sacramental Marriage.** In this Sacrament, God's own divine life can be experienced and lived. A married person must be sacramentally married in order to be a Godparent and to receive Holy Communion. Were you married only civilly by a mayor or justice of the peace and would now like to regularize your marriage sacramentally? Contact Fr. Wojciech or Fr. Ed for details.

### 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.

### 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.

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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**

**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  
Private First Class Sean Keohane  
Captain Shawn Linn  
Colonel John McLaughlin  
Captain John G. Miele  
1st Lieutenant Joseph W. Niece  
**US Air Force**  
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

**US Marine Corps.**

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Sergeant Matthew Brady  
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo  
Lance Corporal Mark Fredrick  
Lance Corporal Thomas Iafrate  
Captain Stephen Ikalowich  
1st Lieutenant J.P. Maher  
Lance Corporal Cody McGrath  
**US Navy**  
Lt. Commander Julia Cheringal  
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente  
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger  
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger  
Airman Cody Massa

**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 Jonathan, baby Joseph, little boys Antonio & Shane, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Robert Brawley, Paul Brennan, Dominic Carini, Kevin Columbo, Eddie Cooper, Paul Corbett, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Lynne Diorio, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Mary Foley, Walter Flaherty, Phil Gangusa & Vicki Ferrara, Ken Grier, Amy Hartwell, Martin & Mavis Ince, Dianne Kaiser, Dee Kaiser, Gerald Kasper, Pat Kissane, Joseph Koch, Mary Lowe, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Michael McMahon, Kim McWilliams, Gianna Moscatello, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, John Pal, Tom Paskewich, Joan Phalon, Canice Prince, Elaine Punziano, William Ragu, Phyllis Ragusa, Ryan Reid, Debra Rendon, Louise & Vincent Ricciardi, Veronica Romanchuk, Beth Sacco, Samantha Sconzo, Peggy Shedd, Charles Touw, Aileen Vassar, Howard Walsh, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Dierde, Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, Karen, Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Remy and Silvie, Samantha, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tina W., Tom, TaraM..

**Parish Registration** All Roman Catholics over 18 years, even those not living on their own, are expected to officially register in their parish. If you do NOT receive the Easter or Christmas mailing, you are probably NOT registered! For more information, or to obtain a registration form, see a priest or deacon or call or email Maria at the parish office. Why register? We strongly encourage you to register, even if you do not wish to receive weekly contribution envelopes, so we can include you on our mailing list. Only registered members of the parish can enroll a child in Religious Formation, obtain a Sponsor Certificate or Godparent Eligibility Form, or any other recommendations or documentation. Parents of Catholic School children requesting a parish subsidy are required to be active parishioners both in Mass attendance and financial assistance to this parish. Furthermore, to obtain a Sponsor (Godparent) Certificate, letter of recommendation, or other documentation, you must fulfill any canonical (Church Law) requirements for such documentation.

**FRIDAYS outside Lent**

The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of Penance. Each individual should abstain from meat or may substitute some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, October 31 – St. Wolfgang, Bishop of Ratisbon**

8:00 Janice McGurn R/b Judy Pommett  
12:00 Shuna O'Brian R/b Teresa Meierdierks

**Vigil Mass - Solemnity of All Saints**

6:00 John and Marie Piazza R/b Francine Campora

**Tuesday, November 1 – SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

8:00 Donald Liebreich R/b Susan and Greg Evanella

12:00 Lorraine Degerdon R/b Dennis and Kathleen Falotico

3:30 Intentions of Jim Beardsley R/b Teahan Family

5:30 Latin Intentions of Kathleen Falotico R/b Teahan Family

7:00 Special Intentions R/b Diana LoSchiavo

**Wednesday, Nov. 2 – Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed**

8:00 All Souls

12:00 All Souls

5:30 Latin All Souls

7:00 All Souls

**Thursday, November 3 - St. Martin de Porres, Religious**

8:00 Bob Hamilla & All Souls R/b Ann Hamilla

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

**First Friday, November 4 – St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

8:00 All Souls

12:00 Joanne Williams & All Souls R/b Judy Pommett

7:00 Int. of Mike Giron & daughters & All Souls R/b Rafael & Margoth Giron

**First Saturday, Nov. 5 - St. Sylvia, Mother of St. Gregory the Great**

8:00 All Souls

12:00 Souls in Purgatory

4:00 John H. Rice Jr. & All Souls R/b Donna Rice

5:00 Michael A. Casenta & All Souls R/b Colleen Connors-Casenta

**Sunday, November 6 - St. Bertille of France - Religious**

7:00 Christina Bellini & All Souls R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet

8:00 Donald Liebreich & All Souls R/b Phyllis Cullen

9:30 Dolores Buchanan & All Souls R/b the Adami Family

10:00(gym) Esperanze Lacdan & All Souls R/b Tom and Jeanne Hennessey

10:45 Joseph Ascolese & All Souls R/b OLV Choir

12:00 Alex Amendola & All Souls R/b Bob and Sue Muggeo

1:00 People of the Parish & All Souls

6:00 Robert Kenyon III & All Souls R/b the McCarthy Family

**Sanctuary Memorials (this week)**

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for the repose of the soul of Elena Giordano, r/b John Walsh and other NVOT classmates.

The Blessed Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn the repose of the soul of Michael Giotta, r/b Anne Giotta.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will bum for the holy souls in Purgatory.

The Blessed Virgin Mary flowers are for deceased priests, religious sisters and parishioners of OLV.

The St. Joseph flowers are for the holy souls in Purgatory.

**Flower & Sanctuary Offerings**

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

**My Parish—My Responsibility**

Thank you to 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 are 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.

## Mondays are dedicated to the Holy Angels.

### 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 two Godparents there must be one female and one male. (*CanonLaw872-874*)

### Adults ? who 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.

**Cancer Support Group:** Prayer-based group meets first and third Fridays, 4PM-5PM at Our Lady of Sacred Heart School, Tappan, NY. For info' call Maureen Barbey 914-646-6014.

**Someone You Know Addicted?** Nar-Anon Family Groups in North Jersey. [www.naranonofnj.org](http://www.naranonofnj.org).

**Calling all Senior Citizens:** You're invited to Immaculate Heart Academy's Annual Senior Citizen Thanksgiving dinner on Tuesday, November 19, 4PM-6PM in the IHA cafeteria. Free Thanksgiving dinner & raffle. Join us beforehand for 2PM showing of our Fall Drama, "Lost Girl"- the story of Wendy's return from Neverland. Purchase tickets in advance at [performingartsattheheart.com](http://performingartsattheheart.com) or at the door. Senior Citizen tickets for the show are \$10 online or \$15 at the door. **Thanksgiving Dinner is free, but those attending the show must purchase tickets.** Please RSVP 201-445-6800 from 8AM-4PM daily. Please do not leave a voicemail.

**AUTUMN BAZAAR,** Community Church in Harrington Park, Saturday, November 5, 10AM-3PM. Proceeds benefit local & world missions.

A  
*little  
humor*



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### KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. November 1, Solemnity of All Saints.
2. The Communion of Saints.
3. White because they have reached their perfection and are "blameless in His sight." (cf Ephesians 1:4)
4. New Orleans Saints. The team was named "Saints" due to its birthday on the Roman Catholic Church's All Saints Day.

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

On November 2, the Church commemorates all the Faithful 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.

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### 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)

### What if you are CALLED! ???

For information, call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - even anonymous inquiries or see or call our priests Fr. Wojciech or Fr. Ed.

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

## November is dedicated to the Souls in Purgatory.

### SPIRITUAL EXCERPT PURGATORY

**G**od 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, 67. (©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: "Respic 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 Answers on page four.

1. What is the day that honors all saints, known and unknown?
2. The Mystical Body (the Church) is made up of Church Militant, Church Penitent (or Suffering) and Church Triumphant is called...?
3. What is the liturgical color for All Saints Day and why?
4. What football team was named after All Saints and was born that day?

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**

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