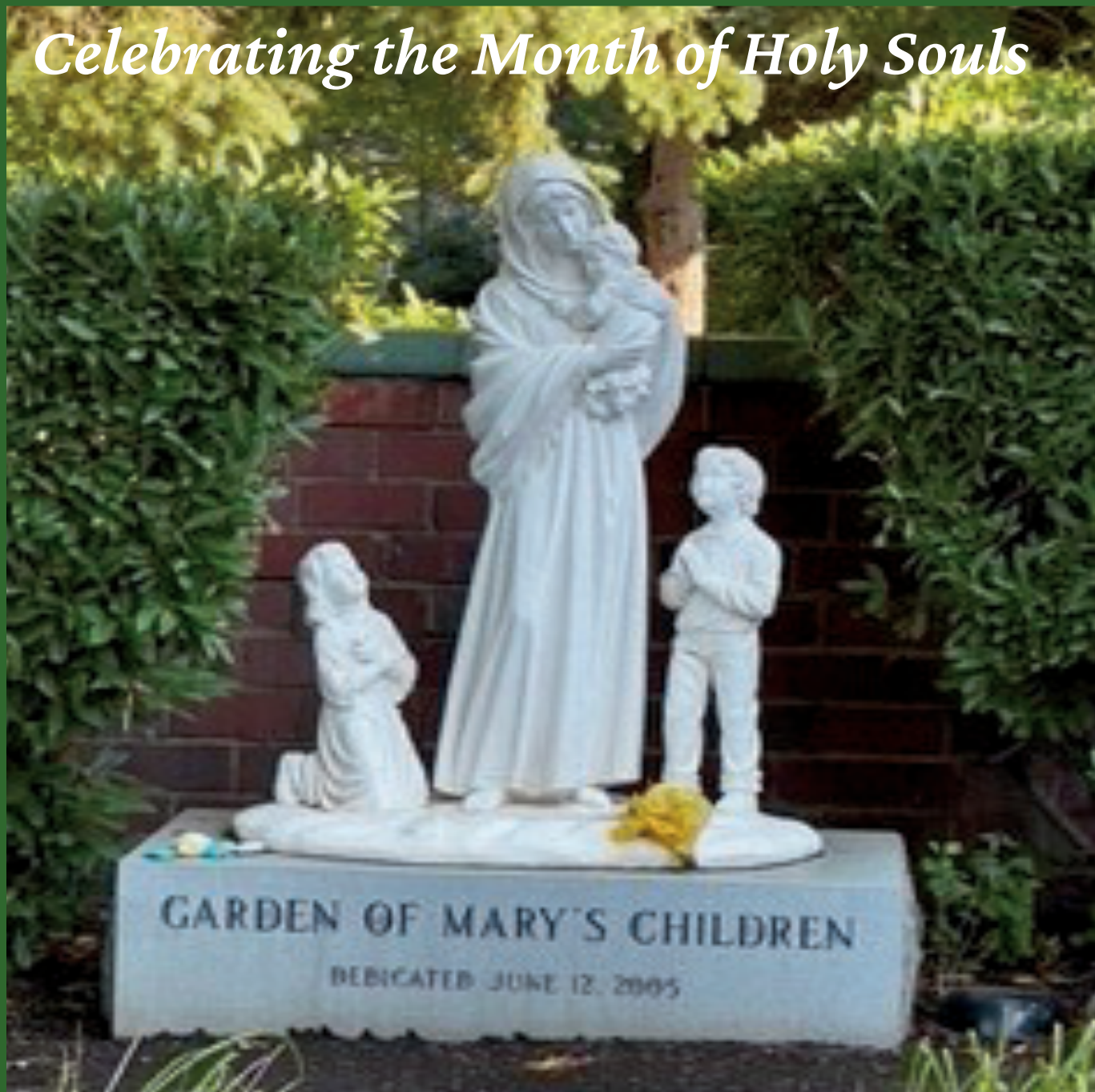


CATHEDRAL OF ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

November 20, 2022 • THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Celebrating the Month of Holy Souls



Mass

Saturday Vigil..... 5:00 pm

Sunday..... 7:30, 9:00, 10:30 am, 12:00 pm

Monday-Friday 7:00, 8:00 am, 12:10pm

Rosary at 8:30 and 11:45 am

Saturday..... 8:00 am

Rosary at 8:45 am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 1:00-2:00 pm

or by appointment (732-548-0100)

All Masses are available
to view live stream.

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Meghan Moran, Assistant..... x222

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Bidgie Williamson x225
Hours..... Monday-Thursday
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

WELCOME

WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE

Thank you for joining us for Mass today.
We are so thankful for the Catholic
community we have here at St. Francis
and we're glad you are a part of it,
whether it be in the Cathedral or via
livestream (www.stfranciscathedral.org)

EUCHARIST FOR SICK OR HOMEBOUND

For those unable to physically come to
Mass, we bring the Eucharist to you.
Please call the rectory at (732) 548-0100
and arrangements will be made.

NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

For those interested in registering with
our parish, please complete the form in
our parish office or on our website at
stfranciscathedral.org/register.

MARIAN NOVENA & ROSARY

Join us Saturdays after the 8:00 am Mass
as we pray the Marian Novena and
Rosary. We encourage all to come, even
if it is only for one Saturday.

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SECOND COLLECTION— WORKS OF MERCY CAMPAIGN

This weekend there will be a second collection for Works of Mercy Campaign. The proceeds benefit local needs of those within the Diocese of Metuchen community by supporting and assisting programs and educational efforts which reduce poverty and hunger.

R.C.I.A.

On Sunday, November 20, at the 9:00 am Mass, we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens. MARK ADOLPH, JERLIN GARO and CHARLES MESSINA have expressed their desire to be baptized. They will now enter the catechumenate phase of the RCIA process and the Order of Catechumens. From now until Lent they will be referred to as the "catechumens". Please support these catechumens with your prayers and example as they journey towards their reception of baptism and a closer relationship with God. If you know anyone who wishes to be baptized, or any baptized person, over the age of 8 years, who wishes to become Catholic or be prepared for confirmation AND eucharist, please call RCIA at 732-742-1567

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Tickets for a Calendar Raffle to benefit Mount St. Mary House of Prayer in Watchung will be sold after all Masses on November 26-27, 2022. Tickets are \$20. for 13 weekly drawing to win from December 1, 2022-February 2023. Prizes range from \$300 to \$400. Proceeds benefit the ministry of the House of Prayer, which depends on the generosity of its benefactors.

The Sisters are most grateful for you support



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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will close at 2:00 pm on Wednesday, November 23rd in observance of Thanksgiving. We will be back on Monday, November 28th at 9:00 am. The Lady Chapel will be closed on Thanksgiving and open on Friday.



8TH ANNUAL HONOR CONOR CLASSIC



Basketball tournament at the SFCS CYO on Saturday, November 26th at 1:00 p.m. Followed by an outdoor tailgate at 5:30 p.m. at the Metuchen Elks #1914 in honor of Conor McCadden (SFCS Class of 22012)

All proceeds raised for Camp Quality New Jersey, a non-profit with a mission to serve children with cancer.

Go to honorconorclassic.com to buy tickets to tailgate, sign up to play/donate or buy Honor Conor Classic Apparel.

Any questions please call Matthew Scull (732) 947-2792

LIGHT THE ADVENT WREATH

Parishioners are invited to light the Advent Wreath before Mass at the 5:00 PM Saturday Vigil and all Sunday Masses during the season of Advent. Individuals, families, friends, engaged couples are welcome to volunteer. Please choose a convenient date and Mass time from the list below and either call the Rectory (732) 548-0100, x-212 or e-mail the Rectory at bulletin@stfranciscathedral.org.



In your message, please include your name and phone number as well as the date and Mass time you would like to light the advent wreath. You will receive a phone call or email back to confirm.

ADVENT WEEKEND:

- 1st Sunday: November *26/27
- 2nd Sunday: December *3/4
- 3rd Sunday: December *10/11
- 4th Sunday: December *17/18

MASS TIMES:

- *5:00 PM Saturday
- 7:30 AM Sunday
- 9:00 AM Sunday
- 10:30 AM Sunday
- 12:00 PM Sunday

GOD'S PLAN FOR GIVING

Even if you are not enrolled in eGiving, you can make a **one-time gift** by using the QR code or by going to: <https://www.stfranciscathedral.org/give>. Those who prefer to send in their gifts, please mail to or drop off at Rectory Office.

Tithing Week of November 6, 2022:

\$12,073 Faith Direct (eGiving)

\$11,943 In pew/mail/drop off

Total Tithing = \$24,016



Consider using our parish e-Giving program.

Enroll: membership.faithdirect.net/enroll/NJ704

SAVE THE DATE :

ST. FRANCIS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Mass @ Noon -

Classroom visits @ 1pm.



OLIVE WOOD BETHLEHAM

My name is Samer and I'm from the Holy Land, and specifically the Nativity town of Bethlehem. I've moved to New Jersey, to support my family and the Christian local community of Bethlehem through my small project of displaying authentic olive wood handicrafts which were made by the locals of Bethlehem.

The handicrafts, include religious items, figures, wooden gifts. I'm so happy and privileged to be here with you at the Cathedral St. Francis of Assisi on November 26th & 27th after all Masses. May God Bless You.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHTWORK!

We are seeking help from our parishioners in the following areas to support our **Christmas Tree Memorial Project**:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 26, AT 9:00 AM

Volunteers will place personalized plaques on all Christmas trees around the Cathedral.

Saturday, December 10, Late Afternoon (TBD)

Help is needed for set-up, serving, clean up and/or assisting with hospitality for our Creche and Tree Lighting Event. We will be serving hot chocolate and snacks outside near the plaza, preparation will take place indoors in the cafeteria. Please contact Fr. Jay in the Parish office at frjay@stfranciscathedral.org or (732) 548-0100 or for a quick and easy sign up.

LIGHTING OF THE CRECHE & CHRISTMAS TREES

Save the date, December 10th, 5:00 pm
Vigil Mass followed by the Lighting of
the Creche and Christmas Trees.



ADULT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

Adult Confirmation is for those who have been baptized and have received their First Eucharist in the Catholic Church, but lack the sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament is necessary for one to perform the role of Eucharistic Minister, godparent, or sponsor in the Catholic Church. It is also a sacrament that is strongly recommended prior to a person receiving the sacrament of marriage.

Our first preparation session will be on Monday, November 28, 2022 from 6-7pm at the Religious

Education Office, located in the Parish Center.

For information please call Debbie Schurko, (732) 548-0100 x.226 or email the Religious Education office at,

religioused@stfranciscathedral.org



Adult Confirmation

THE MUSIC AT MASS

Since the early days of the Christian Church, the psalms have played a significant role in worship. As the Mass began to take shape in the early centuries as a recreation and combination of The Last Supper and Christ's sacrifice at Golgotha, psalm singing (and the singing of other texts from Scripture) became ever more important. As the texts of the New Testament became a part of Mass, specific psalms gradually became attached to certain Masses because of their direct link with either prophetic Old Testament Scripture, or New Testament writings.

Eventually, these sung pieces came to be known as the **Propers** and the **Ordinary** of the Mass (terms we still use today), codified by Pope Saint Gregory I, after whom Gregorian chant is named. Gregory, a prolific writer, brought together the various regions of the Church (geographic areas like Antioch, Alexandria, Rome, etc., which were starting to grow further apart in liturgical styles) and united them by organizing the chants of the Mass into a specific order. He published them and sent them to be used by the various Churches that followed the Roman Rite of the Mass. Next week: the **Ordinary** of the Mass vs. the **Propers**!

- Christopher Deibert



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Daniel Dobalo/Pamela Lim

I Joel Rivera/Stephanie Irizarry



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Many of us watched the pageantry involved in the burial of Queen Elizabeth of England. It is not often that Americans think of kings and kingdoms. However, the kingdom of God is a reality - a reality that we pray becomes present in our midst each time we pray the Our Father. Making that kingdom more present on this earth is a challenge which each of us faces. If you, or anyone you know (unbaptized, baptized in another Christian faith, or baptized Catholic but have never received both Sacraments of Eucharist and confirmation), would like to know more about how the Catholic faith helps us to make the kingdom of God more evident in our day-to-day living, we invite you to meet us at an Inquiry Session. Inquiry Sessions DO NOT require a commitment to belong to the Catholic Faith. Inquiry sessions are for those who wish to inquire, explore, and search for ways to grow in relationship with God. For more information, call Sara at RCIA: (732) 742-1567.

MOMS GROUP

The St. Francis MOMS group is open to new members throughout the year. We have monthly morning meetings on Wednesday. Child care is available for those who need it during the morning meetings.

We also have one monthly evening meeting for those moms who are unavailable for morning meetings.

New members, please contact Karen Hogan
themetuchenhogans@gmail.com

Nov. 29th (Tue.) 7:30-9pm in Joseph Room

Volunteers still needed to help with child care. Any ladies interested, please call Faith Rizutto (732) 744-9175


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SUPER 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS

*Tickets are \$25 each
*Winners will be chosen in the breezeway
on Sunday, December 4th at 2pm
*Winners need not be present

11 PRIZES AWARDED
*Grand Prize (40% of Est. Proceeds)
*10 First Prizes (1% each of Est. Proceeds)

LAST YEAR'S JACKPOT WAS:
\$38,025

*For any questions or additional tickets email:
h5050@stfranciscathedralschool.org

SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

If you are in need of food, call Social Concerns at (732) 548-0100 x225, on Monday to schedule an appointment to pick up food Tuesday-Thursday.



"If you can't feed
a hundred people,
then feed *just one*."
-Mother Teresa, 1910



THANKSGIVING FOOD BASKETS DONATIONS



For families in need within our parish and community: Donations for our holiday food baskets maybe brought to the Cathedral's Main entrance, dropped off at the Social Concerns Bin. Suggestions are: cereal, oatmeal, soups – Campbell, Progresso, Simply Soup, etc., pastas and sauces, rice, stuffing, vegetables, instant potatoes, sweet potatoes, cranberry and apple sauces, gravy, cookies, fruit juices, sugar, powdered milk, evaporated milk, tea and coffee. Monetary or gift card donations are also welcome. **Thank you for your continuous support.**

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

Will be in the Cathedral vestibule, and decorated with symbols representing antiphons prayed at Evening Prayer during Advent. Please take a symbol home and fulfill the request. Gifts are for patients at **Roosevelt Care Center and Veterans Home**, and maybe placed under the sharing tree. Please wrap and mark man or woman, small, medium or large. Suggested gifts are sweaters, sweatpants, shirts, gloves, scarves, socks, lap robes, toiletries, playing cards, rosary beads, candies and homemade cookies in reusable containers, etc. We are also collecting for **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Gift program**. Suggested gifts are small appliances: irons, hairdryers, toasters, coffee makers, mixers, etc. For toys: electronic games with batteries, dolls, trains, trucks, building blocks, sports equipment, videos, card games, etc. For clothing: gloves, hats, socks, underwear, sweaters, and shirts. Please note that we need larger sizes for men, women and children's clothes. We request that all gifts be new and delivered **unwrapped** to the Social Concerns Office no later than December 15. Please try to include children (ages 3 to 18) on your gift list. Any questions or concerns, please call Social Concerns Office at (732) 548-0100 x225.

The **Knights of Columbus** in collaboration with Social Concerns Ministry will be hosting a Toy Drive starting on December 17 at the 5:00 p.m. mass & December 18.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DISTRIBUTION

FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND THE BEREAVED OF THE PARISH
Volunteers needed for the Christmas Flowers Distribution - which will take place the weekend of December 17th. Please call Social Concerns Ministry Office at (732) 548-0100 x225 to sign-up.

UPDATE – ST. FRANCIS **CATHEDRAL JINGLE BELLS CRAFT FAIR** **DECEMBER 10, CYO** **10:00 a.m. to 4:00 a.m.**

Vendor space is limited. If you are still interested in signing up – our last day will be December 3, 2022.
We are happy to let you know that we will have Food Trucks, pictures with Santa, games for kids and all kinds of Vendors to make all your Christmas shopping easy! Event is rain or shine.

Any questions, please call (732) 548-0100 x222.
Come join us!

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MASS INTENTIONS



Watch us Live!

SUNDAY • November 20

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

7:30 am.....Judy Corman r/o Howard & Eileen
9:00 am....Living & Deceased Mahan Family r/o Rod & Dolores
10:30 am.....Julius W. Bonk r/o Family
12:00 pm.....John P. Fallan r/o Claire Fallan

MONDAY • November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 am.....Brian Peppard r/o Manza Family
8:00 am.....Nuestra Senora De Regla r/o Gloria Cosare
12:10 pm.....Kathleen O'Rourke r/o The McGinlay Family

TUESDAY • November 22

St. Cecilia

7:00 am.....Marian Pakula r/o Razal Family
8:00 am.....Bong Montemayor r/o Dcn. Ed & Mary Olegario
12:10 pm.....David Casper r/o Kwiatkowski Family

WEDNESDAY • November 23

7:00 am.....Karen, Kathy & Nancy r/o A Forever Friend
8:00 am.....Maryann Scudero r/o Sandra & David Jung
12:10 pm.....Walter E. Zamorski r/o Family

THURSDAY • November 24

St. Andrew Dung-Lac /Thanksgiving Day

9:00 am....Living & Deceased St. Francis Cathedral Parishioners

FRIDAY • November 25

9:00 am.....Msgr. Richard A. Behl (2016) Former Rector

SATURDAY • November 26

8:00 am....Deceased Pontorieio Family Members r/o Mr. & Mrs.
.....Pasquale Calello
5:00 pm.....Souls of Baptista & Mendez Families r/o Pereira
.....Family

SUNDAY • November 27

First Sunday of Advent

7:30 am ...Deceased Calello Family Members r/o Mr. & Mrs. Pasquale
.....Calello
9:00 am.....Fred Piderit r/o Morrison Family
10:30 am.....Margaret & Frank Cammarano r/o Saggese
12:00 pm.....John & Emily Coakley r/o John & Elaine Smyth

The Sanctuary Candle for this week
has been donated in memory of

Jayne Codella

by Mario Codella
In the Cathedral

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Tracey Coleman
Jeanie Danner
Jon Davis
Dr. Edward J. Donahue
James Dudley
Barbara Eppensteiner
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John Sayers
Tom Sharlow
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Elizabeth Smith
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Infant Wade Vannet Boychick
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We will pray for your
requests for two
weeks.
Updates are always
appreciated.



AND ALL THOSE
RECOMMENDED IN THE
BOOK OF INTENTIONS

PRAY THE ROSARY

Every Wednesday
following 12:10p.m.
Mass; we gather to pray
the Rosary.
Please joins us inside the
Cathedral, in front
nearest the sanctuary.
The Rosary begins at
1:00p.m.
All are welcome to join
this group as we pray
our intentions to the
Blessed Mother.

Cathedral Family,

This weekend we celebrate Jesus Christ, Sovereign King of the Universe. It is the dramatic conclusion to the liturgical year---signaling the Reign of Christ over all creation. It is an important reminder to put into perspective, what is always true---Jesus ultimately has won the battle for good---we are just living out in time the in between time---where evil can seemingly win---but only in the short term. At the end of time Jesus will return in triumph to usher in the New Jerusalem. The vision of the End Times should embolden to put into action justice and love---Jesus reigns through us and in us when we align our lives with Him.

This coming week we turn our minds to Thanksgiving. Please join us at our 9:00 am Mass on Thanksgiving morning. Bishop Checchio will celebrate that Mass. Gratefully many people have responded generously to the social concerns donations. We are grateful to Bidgie Williamson who directs our parish office of social concerns for all of the coordination of volunteers and outreach. This is truly a wonderful expression of Christ reigning in our lives when we care for the poor and less fortunate.

May our season of thankfulness not end with Thanksgiving, but continue in spirit gratitude for all of God's blessings. This coming weekend will be the First Sunday of Advent; as such the Liturgical Year will begin again. As always we begin to focus on the yearning for Christ to come again---at the end of time, but also as we remember how He came to us in Bethlehem. The marks of the season are upon us with the change to purple in the church, the Advent wreath and the music that anticipates Christ's coming. I want to encourage making a new commitment to prayer starting with a good examination of conscience and planning to go to confession. We need the grace of a good confession to renew the life of grace within us. The watchword of Advent is "Repent: The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." In the coming weeks we will have more information on times for confession and other opportunities to prepare intentionally for the Lord. We have three daily masses where we can get the graces of the Holy Eucharist, as well as time to pray before the Blessed Sacrament in the Adoration Chapel. We are always in need of more people willing to commit to praying before Our Lord in the Chapel. Time spent with God is never wasted time, but is anticipating what all of eternity will be---praise and worship of Almighty God.

This weekend I am addressing each of the masses regarding our parish financial statement. A mailing was sent to all of our registered parishioners, but the statement is also available on our website. Please be attentive to the needs of our parish as we seek to respond to the signs of our times in making the love and presence of Christ known.

As we head into the season of gratitude let me share how thankful I am for all you. It is a great blessing to serve here in this wonderful parish, with my brother priests, deacons, religious and dedicated lay staff and volunteers. I grateful each day for the Lord's mysterious call in my life and for the opportunity to serve you with my life as priest. May you and your family have blessed and joyful Thanksgiving.

Father Christy

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