

**HOLY GHOST CHURCH PROVIDENCE, RI**  
**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - OCTOBER 30, 2022**



## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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Saturday, October 29

Confessions 3:00 - 4:00 PM

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**4:00 PM**

†Tony Borrelli

†Carmine & Jean Borrelli

Sunday, October 30

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**9:00 AM - English\***

†Marie D'Antuono

†Yvette Vary

**10:30 AM - Italian**

†Mark Marella

**12:00 PM - Spanish**

†Blanca Ferruzola

Monday, October 31 - No Scheduled Mass

Tuesday, November 1

**Solemnity of All Saints**

**7:00 AM\*** - †Domenico Mangione

**12:00 PM** - Pro Populo

**7:00 PM** - †Assunta Guido

Wednesday, November 2 - **All Souls**

**7:00 AM\*** - †Annita Carnevale

**7:00 PM** - All Souls

Adoration: 5:00-7:00 PM

Confessions from 6:00 PM

until Benediction

Thursday, November 3

**7:00 AM\***

†Dante Capelli

**7:00 PM - Spanish**

†Richard Longtin

Friday, November 4

**7:00 AM\***

†Emilio & Maria Giuseppa Rivera

Saturday, November 5

**1:00 PM** - Quinceañera

Confessions 3:00 - 4:00 PM

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**4:00 PM**

†Deceased Members of the

Monaco Family

†Margaret Ferri

Sunday, November 6

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**9:00 AM - English\***

†George Sousa

†Betty Ann Sousa

†Billy Sousa

**10:30 AM - Italian**

†Carmine Porreca &

Grandson Carmine

**12:00 PM - Spanish**

†Pro Populo

**1:30 PM** - Baptisms

- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available every Saturday from 3:00 PM until the beginning of the 4:00 PM Mass. It is also available on Wednesdays from 6:00 PM until Benediction, after morning daily Masses until 8:00 AM and at other times by request.
- Baptisms are held each first Sunday of the month at 1:30 PM. Other times are possible by request.
- Weddings should be scheduled a year in advance to account for different situations that may be present with the bride and groom that take time to work through. A wedding will not be truly scheduled until it is demonstrated that a couple is free to marry.

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## Offertory of October 23, 2022

Collection: \$1985.00  
Online Giving: \$239.20  
Fuel and Energy: \$619.00  
World Mission Sunday: \$329.00



<https://holy-ghost-church.org/giving>  
Text GIVE to  
1 (401) 271-7162

### THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 30, 2022

#### Collect

Almighty and merciful God,  
by whose gift your faithful offer you  
right and praiseworthy service,  
grant, we pray,  
that we may hasten without stumbling  
to receive the things you have promised.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of  
the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

#### Prayer over the Offerings

May these sacrificial offerings, O Lord,  
become for you a pure oblation,  
and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy.  
Through Christ our Lord.

#### Prayer after Communion

May the working of your power, O Lord,  
increase in us, we pray,  
so that, renewed by these heavenly  
Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift  
for receiving what they promise.  
Through Christ our Lord.

### SAYINGS OF SAINT SCALABRINI

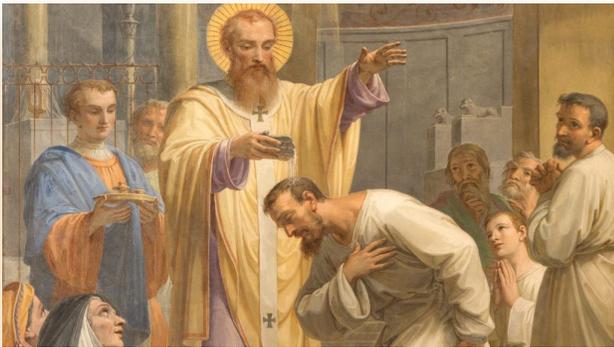
- Prayer is the most lively, the strongest and the most powerful element of the apostolate.
- The word of God must make us Christians in our heart and in our works.
- Christ in the Eucharist is the power and wisdom of God, and we preach Christ, the power and wisdom of God.
- Catechesis makes us know and love Jesus the Savior.
- Winning young people over to God, that is the shortest and surest way to reform everything.
- He who has faith, he who lives by faith not only loves God but feels compelled to lead others to love him also, because love can never resign itself to indifference.
- The world moves on and we cannot remain behind.

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## HOLY GHOST CHURCH 88<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL REUNION

- Forms for the Souvenir Ad Book and In Memoriams are in the Church. If you have any questions please call the Rectory.
- The \$100 Tickets are available now through the Committee members.
- The Dinner Dance tickets are available. Please call Emanuella at (401) 944-3499
- Save the date for the 2022 Reunion Dinner Dance itself. It will be in our own Church Hall on **Saturday, November 12.**
- Meetings will now be held weekly, again at 7:30PM in the Church Basement.

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Deacon Stephen Raymond has begun RCIA instruction this past Sunday, October 23 after the 9:00 AM Mass in the Church Basement.

The schedule for the first half of the year is: October 23 & 30, November 13, 20 & 27 and December 11 & 18.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

*There will be no religious education classes this coming Tuesday, November 1.*

*It is the Solemnity of All Saints and is a Holy Day of Obligation, like a Sunday.*

*There will be Masses at 7:00 AM, 12:00 Noon and 7:00 PM.*

FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Principal feast days on which, in addition to Sundays, Catholics are obliged by Church law to participate in the Eucharist; a precept of the Church (2043, 2180).

“2043 The fourth precept (“You shall observe the days of fasting and abstinence established by the Church”) ensures the times of asceticism and penance which prepare us for the liturgical feasts and help us acquire mastery over our instincts and freedom of heart.”

“2180 The precept of the Church specifies the law of the Lord more precisely: “On Sundays and other holy days of obligation the faithful are bound to participate in the Mass.” “The precept of participating in the Mass is satisfied by assistance at a Mass which is celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the holy day or on the evening of the preceding day.”

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SVDP SOCIETY AT HOLY GHOST CHURCH:

St. Vincent de Paul - Thanksgiving Baskets

"We are working on preparing 50 baskets for Thanksgiving to donate to families in need in our Church and in our local neighborhood to be distributed on Saturday, November 12th.

We would like to ask for your help to gather some items that we include in these baskets. We will have bins at each entrance of the Church to drop off food items. Please bring the items no later than November 6th.

Thank you for your continued generosity! If you have any questions, please contact Sonia and Patrick at 401.545.0339."

We are in need of:

**Tomato Puree cans**

**Pasta**

**Rice**

**Stuffing Mix in boxes**  
**Mashed Potatoes in boxes**  
**Cranberry Sauce cans**  
**Turkey Gravy cans**  
**Green Beans cans**  
**Yellow Corn cans**  
**Peas cans**  
**Cookies for children**  
**Mac & Cheese**  
**Canned soups**

Other requests for the Society can be made by contacting the Rectory Office at [\(401\) 421-3551](tel:4014213551)

The SVdP Conference here at Holy Ghost Church is also seeking more volunteers.

They will need help on Saturdays (2 hours) with the food pantry and with special projects for the holidays.

If interested, please talk to Patrick or Father Francesco.

**ALL SAINT'S DAY PARTY**

**HOLY GHOST CHURCH**

**TUESDAY 01 NOVEMBER 2022**

**6:00 pm to 7:00 pm**

**GAMES AND ACTIVITIES**

Saints "show - Tell"

Costume Contest

Saints Parade

More Information: Sister Rocio Nieto (401) 680 3458

## PARISH HISTORY, CONTINUED

...In his two-year tenure as pastor, Father Strazzoni strove to secure peace and harmony among the people. He sought to emphasize the positive position and to rely on the loyal majority of the parishioners. However, a group representing the minority sought to revert to disruptive action, thus discrediting both themselves and their cause.

In his peace-making efforts, Father Strazzoni paved the way for one of the greatest figures in the history of this parish and of the Church of Providence: Father Flaminio Parenti.

### THE GOLDEN ERA

On February 3, 1922, after eleven years as assistant at Our Lady of Pompeii in New York City and two years at St. Bartholomew in Providence, Father Flaminio Parenti, still a young priest, undertook the new challenge of leadership as pastor of Holy Ghost. He showed dedication and diligence in his work which encouraged confidence in his leadership and assistance in his labors. This was truly the beginning of the "Golden Era."

In August, 1922, Father Parenti, noting the great number of children born and raised in his parish, thought seriously about the need for Catholic education. He wanted to care not only for the church of today, but for the one of tomorrow as well. He decided to face and to solve the problem of a parochial school. With the help of generous friends and parishioners, he acquired property on Ridge Street then owned by the Polish Catholic community and valued at \$75,000. In March, 1923, the auditorium was furnished with a thousand seats and in June of that year, he began the work of restoring and adapting the school to the capacity of six classrooms. In October the building was then dedicated by Bishop William Hickey in the company of state and city authorities, representatives of the Italian government, the

Mutual Aid Societies of the Italian community of Federal Hill, and the friends and parishioners of Holy Ghost Parish. The Holy Ghost School, staffed by Sisters of Mercy, was now in operation. Sister Mary Inez, RSM, was the first principal of the school. The first graduation took place in 1926.

In 1925, by order of Bishop William Hickey of Providence, the Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, which had been established in 1921 on Federal Hill, was divided from its parent parish, The Church of the Holy Ghost, and was given a contribution of \$10,000 from the Treasury of The Church of the Holy Ghost, Rhode Island.

The work of demolishing the rectory and constructing an adequate and comfortable residence for the priest was completed in 1927. The facade of the church was also restored with the addition of two new side entrances and a stately front stairway.

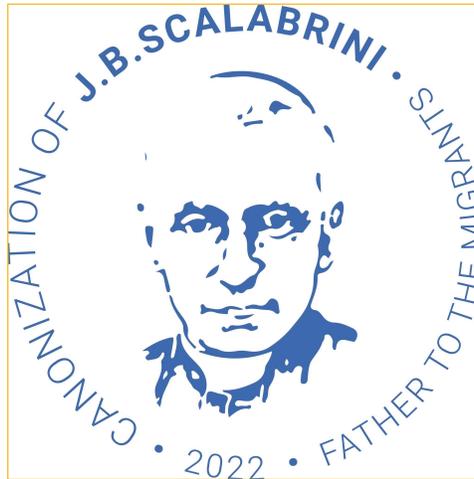
In the ensuing years Father Parenti sought to establish firmly and enlarge the operation of Holy Ghost School. He took steps toward the renovation of the interior

of the Church and sought to build a sense of community among the members of the parish.

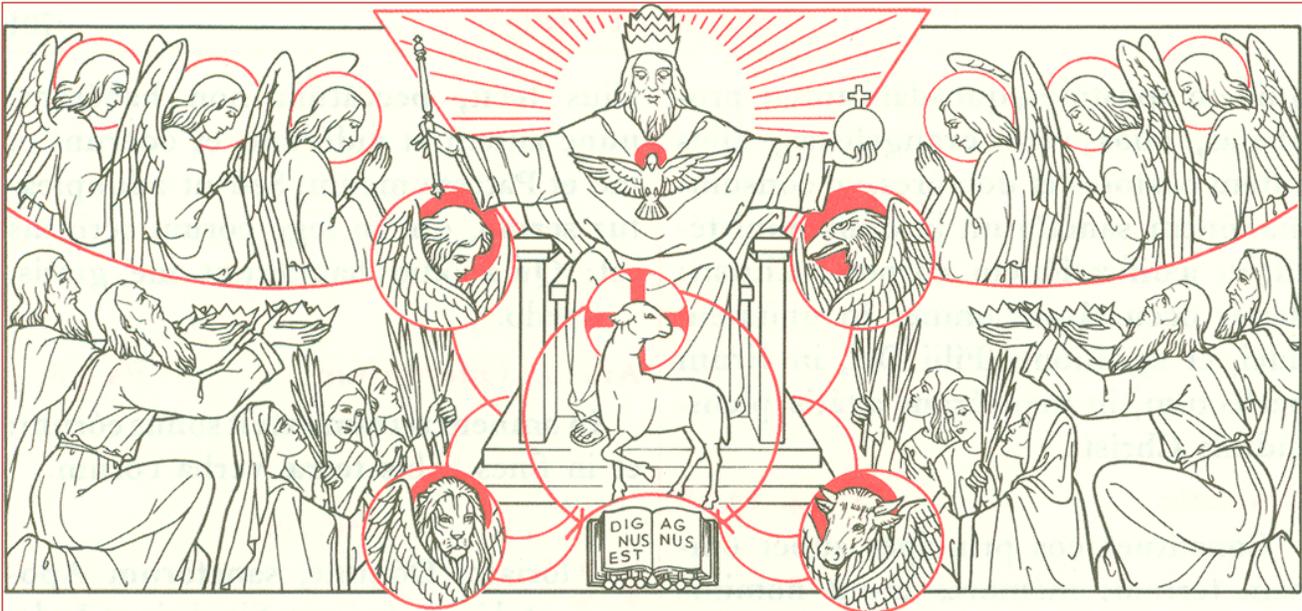
In 1934, Father Parenti started the tradition of the Annual Parish Reunion, now in its 55th year. There were years when up to 1,000 or 1,500 parishioners attended the reunions. Now between 700 and 800 come together for this annual event. Parishioners attend enthusiastically and many consider it to be the most important event of the year.

In 1959, the 50th anniversary of the founding of Holy Ghost Parish was celebrated with impressive ceremonies extending over a four-day period and culminating with a solemn Pontifical Mass of Thanksgiving with Most Reverend Frances P. Keough, DD, Bishop of Providence, the celebrant.

*\*As of 1989, when this account was written.*



# ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS



**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 1: SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS - HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
Mass: 7:00 AM - 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 2: COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS)**  
Mass: 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

FROM A SERMON BY SAINT BERNARD, ABBOT

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feastday mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us,

hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory. Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honor. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendor with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.