

ALL SAINTS

"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:12a

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O glorious Wonder-Worker and Protector of the souls in purgatory, Saint Nicholas of Tolentino!
With all the affection of my soul I beseech you to interpose your powerful intercession in favor of those blessed souls, obtaining from divine clemency the remission of all their sins and sufferings, so that, coming forth from that dark prison of sorrows, they may go to enjoy in heaven the beatific vision of God.
And to me, your devoted servant, obtain, O great saint!, the most lively compassion and the most ardent charity toward those beloved souls.
Amen



Spaghetti Dinner at Checkers Out Raceway – Tickets are $12 and can be redeemed anytime during the month of December 2026. Tickets can be ordered through any Faith Formation student or can be purchased prior to Mass any weekend in November.

Christmas Wreath Sale – We are selling beautiful, fresh wreaths made by a local farm. Orders and payment are due November 15th, and wreath pick-up will be after the 9am Mass on Sunday Dec 6th at St Cecilia Hall. To order, see any faith formation student. Order forms are also available in both churches' vestibules. Please put completed forms and payments in the designated box in the vestibule or hall.

ALWAYS REMEMBERED

Sat. Oct 31, 4:00 pm (SH) *- 1.) † In loving memory of Elizabeth Pranys, requested by family.*

2.) † In loving memory of Rev. J. Thomas Connery on the 7th anniversary of his passing, requested by Andrea Moran.

Sun. Nov 1, 9:00 am (SC) *- † In loving memory of Julia & Martin Bell, requested by their family.*

Tue. Nov 3 thru Sun. Nov 8, 2026

Tue. Nov 3, 8:00 am (SH) *- For the people of the parish*

Wed. Nov 4, 8:00 am (SC) *- **Communion Service***

Thur. Nov 5, 8:00 am (SH) *- **No Mass***

Fri. Nov 6, 8:00 am (SC) *- **No Mass***

Sat. Nov 7, 4:00 pm (SH) *- For those in our parish community in need of strength and healing.*

Sun. Nov 8, 9:00 am (SC) *- **1.)** † Birthday remembrance for Richard Harris & his wife Marion, requested by their son & daughter in law, Robert & Kathleen Harris.*

2.) † In loving memory of Al Mancini on the second year of his passing, requested by his wife Joyce and family.

3.) † In loving memory Sal Furnare on their wedding anniversary , requested by his wife Michele

In Father Juanito's absence, our weekend Masses will be celebrated with Father Jim Davis.
There will be no weekday Mass with the exception of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation, held at Sacred Heart Church on Tuesday December 8th at 9:00am.

There **will** be **Communion Service** at **8:00am** on **Tuesdays** at Sacred Heart and on **Wednesdays** at Saint Cecilia. These will begin on Wed. November 4th

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Father, you are the Lord of the Harvest.
You made each one of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ.
We ask you to inspire the young men and women of the Diocese of Albany, whom you call to the priesthood and consecrated life, to boldly follow Your Will.
Send laborers into Your great harvest to preach the Gospel, to serve the poor with love, to comfort those who suffer, and to strengthen these your people with the Holy Sacraments.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit. Amen.
ALL: Holy Mary, Protector & Mother of holy Vocations, Intercede for us.
ALL: Send O Lord, Holy Apostles to your Church!

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Oct 31/Nov 1 - (Both) - All Saints/All Souls



Collections Totals - Oct 24/25	Collections: SH	SC
Amount Needed	**1589.00**	**1784.00**
Weekly Collection	551.00	1197.00
Parish Total	**551.00**	**1197.00**
Attendance	**57**	**65**

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Oct 31 (SH)	Cathy Parry Kathy Avery	**Nov 7 (SH)**	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato
Nov 1 (SC)	Kayleigh Araujo Michele Furnare	**Nov 8 (SC)**	Dianne Kierpiec Andrea Moran

Counters Schedule

Nov 2 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	**Nov 9 (SH)**	Deb Swarczewski Noreen Brownell
Nov 2 (SC)	Sandy Hayes Kathy Marcais	**Nov 9 (SC)**	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith

Food Pantry

Nov 4 (SH) - Jamie Lemiszki, John Nigro
Nov 24-Tues (SC) - Andrea Moran, Margaret Smith, Michele Furnare

Saint Cecilia Rummage Sale: Thank you so much for those who contributed to another successful rummage sale, whether with donations or with time. Your generosity was overwhelming. We couldn't have done it without you. Thank you again.

A Celebration of Convalidation: is an opportunity for couples married outside of the Catholic Church to enter a marriage covenant in the Catholic tradition, be strengthened by God's grace, and be supported by His Church. The Roman Catholic Diocese will offer a Convalidation Ceremony on Sunday, November 29, 2026, at 2 PM, at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Church, 125 Eagle Street, Albany. If you and your spouse desire holy matrimony in the Catholic Church, you are invited to convalidate your marriage through your parish at a date of your choosing or join Bishop Mark O'Connell together with other couples at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Please speak to your parish clergy, then register by calling the Office for Discipleship Formation at 518-453-6660. Families and friends are invited to attend!

St. Cecilia's Feast Concert (Sing Along): On Sunday November 22nd @ 2pm, at the church. We are looking for people who would like to join our choir, sing or perform something of their own, or just come and enjoy an afternoon of music. We are inviting area musicians along with church and school music groups to perform. We are also looking for non-perishable items for our local food pantry. Please contact Alison Wallace at (518)332-6354 if you would like to be a part of this great event.

Adult Faith Formation Classes @ Mt. Carmel: Wed. Nov 4th, the Adult Faith Formation class began a new video teaching series called "When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God". Classes will be held at Mt. Carmel church parish hall, located in the basement of the church classroom building, every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. Please feel free to call or text Tom Vassi with any questions, mobile # 518-603-1254.

Financial Reports to the Parishes: Reports are available for both parishes. If they are not available in vestibule, please see your financial trustee.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE November 1, 2026
All Saints' Day Matthew 5: 1-12

At the end of her short life, my hero, St. Thérèse of Lisieux, found herself in a curious position. Audaciously, she was convinced that she would become a great saint and would be loved by many after her death. At the same time, she insisted that she was weak, impatient, and ordinary. She became arguably the greatest saint in modern times. How is it possible that an ordinary and imperfect person can also be a great saint?

On this All Saints' Day, Jesus overturns our assumptions about holiness. He says, ***"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:3)***. The blessed are not the impressive or the self-sufficient, but the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, and the persecuted. These are not heroic traits by normal standards. They are signs of a heart that has learned to rely on God rather than itself. That's what St. Thérèse, and all the saints, are all about.

All Saints' Day is not a celebration of spiritual elites. Rather, it announces what grace can do in our ordinary lives. The saints are not those who avoid weakness or suffering, but those who allow these things to deepen their trust. What good news for us! The smaller and weaker we are, the more qualified we are to be great saints.



– Father John Muir

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Dear Parishioners,

"These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the Blood of the Lamb." (Rev 7:14)

This weekend we enter into what is traditionally known as "Allhallowtide." This is also known as the "Triduum of Souls" that includes the Eve of All Saints' ("All Hallows' Eve" also known as "Halloween") on October 31st, All Saints' Day on November 1st, and All Souls' Day on November 2nd. "Hallowtide" means roughly "Season of Holy Ones." It is a period of time that invites us to reflect on the great mystery of the Communion of Saints, wherein the Church on earth—the "Church Militant"—fighting for what is good, true and beautiful is united with the Church Triumphant in Heaven—the Saints in glory—and the Church Penitent—the holy souls of the faithful departed who still require "purgation" or purification in Purgatory.

We also keep before our minds what the Church traditionally teaches as the Four Final Things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. As my old spiritual director Father Hennessey often said, "we want to be in that number when the Saints go marching in!" While, yes, this is sobering, the Church teaches that even our greatest enemy, death, is destroyed by our Savior Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the Cross. Because of the Precious Blood He shed for us, death is no longer the end for those who accept Him into their lives and lead lives filled with His grace and glory. Those who live such lives grounded in the grace, friendship and love of Jesus Christ are united not only to God, but to the other "holy ones" across all of time and space.

Yes, we must be as serious about avoiding sin and evil as the Saints who have gone before us. After all, we need to protect our souls from the death-dealing poison of sin so that we, like the Saints, can be filled with the love of Christ, be prepared for when we meet Him face to face and enter one day into His eternal glory. However, we must also be just as serious about embracing and promoting the grace and goodness proclaimed by Christ in the Beatitudes in the Gospel that so characterize the lives of the Saints (Mt 5:1-12a). When we do this, we, along with all the Saints both known and unknown, "shall see God as He is" (1 Jn 3:3), and "rejoice and be glad for (our) reward shall be great in Heaven. (Mt 5:12)"

We behold the Saints in Glory, the "Church Triumphant," give thanks for their lives of heroic faith and love, and ask for their prayers and aid that we, one day, might join in their great number on All Saints' Day. We pray for our beloved dead on All Souls' Day, commending them to the love and mercy of Jesus Christ that they might be purified of any sins or worldly attachments and enter into Heavenly glory.

Though we certainly pray for our family and friends who have recently died, we are also called to pray for those who have no one to remember them, known in some cases only to God. Our love of God and love of souls calls us to the great act of charity of praying for the dead, the "holy" (sometimes also referred to as "poor") souls in Purgatory. The entire month of November is dedicated to the holy souls in Purgatory and praying for the dead, a practice that comes to us from the earliest Christians. During this time it is especially recommended to visit the graves of loved ones and offer prayers for them and all the faithful departed.

As we unite ourselves to the Saints in Heaven, let us ask them to not only aid our dearly departed loved ones, but to aid us in becoming the Saints God has called us to be. Let's become these Saints radiant with the love of Christ together!

A Blessed Hallowtide to you all,
Father Nate

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