November 8, 2026



32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.'" - Mt 25:11-12

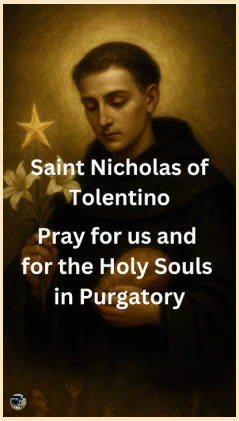
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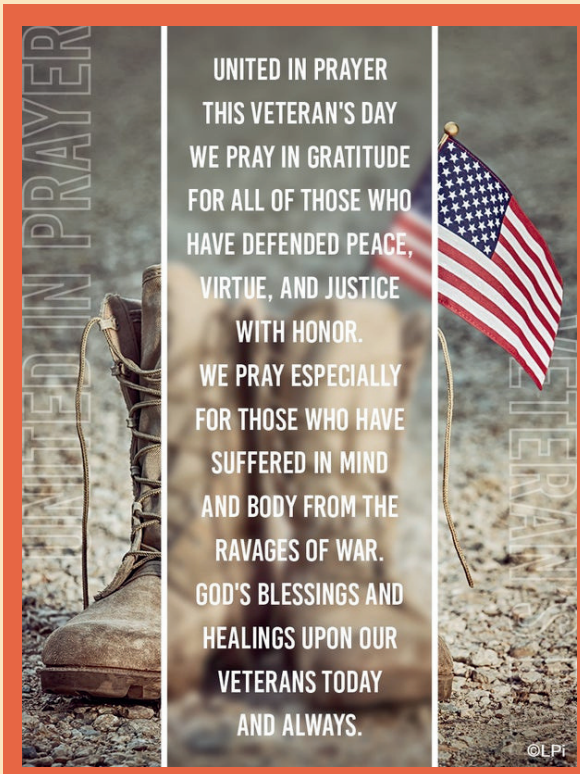
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O glorious Wonder-Worker and Protector of the souls in purgatory, Saint Nicholas of Tolentino!
With all the affection of my soul I beseech you to interpose your powerful intercession in favor of those blessed souls, obtaining from divine clemency the 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.



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 of Sal Furnare, on their wedding anniversary, requested by Michele.*

Tue. Nov 10 thru Sun. Nov 15, 2026

Tue. Nov 10, 8:00 am (SH) - Communion Service

Wed. Nov 11, 8:00 am (SC) - Communion Service

Thur. Nov 12, 8:00 am (SH) - No Mass

Fri. Nov 13, 8:00 am (SC) - No Mass

Sat. Nov 14, 4:00 pm (SH) -† *In loving memory of Eugenia & Ambrose Karp, requested by Deb Swarczewski.*

Sun. Nov 15, 9:00 am (SC) - † *In loving memory of Peggy & Jack Brookhiser's wedding anniversary, requested by Ann & John Mahon.*

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 in Father Juanito's absence.

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!



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Collections Totals - Oct 31/Nov 1

	Collections: SH	Collections: SC
Amount Needed	**1589.00**	**1784.00**
Weekly Collection	1121.00	1029.00
All Saints/All Souls	558.00	1069.00
Parish Total	**1679.00**	**2098.00**
Attendance	**57**	**78**

Lector/Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 7 (SH)	Kathy Avery Tony Stellato	**Nov 14 (SH)**	George Stanwick Luke Zilka
Nov 8 (SC)	Dianne Kierpiec Andrea Moran	**Nov 15 (SC)**	Kathy Marcais Bill Quinn

Counters Schedule

Nov 9 (SH)	Katherine Downing Kathy Avery	**Nov 16 (SH)**	Barb Bilins Wendy Hall
Nov 9 (SC)	Flo Stanton Margaret Smith	**Nov 16 (SC)**	Kathleen Harris Kathy Marcais

Food Pantry

Nov 24-Tues (SC) - Andrea Moran, Margaret Smith, Michele Furnare

Dec 2 (SH) - Barb Bilins, Wendy Hall

Sacred Heart Friendsgiving Celebration: We will be holding a Friendsgiving Potluck after Mass on Saturday, November 14, 2026. Please join us in celebrating this special time of year with special friends and family. It is not required to bring something to share but it would certainly be appreciated.

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.

Mass Intentions: Offering a Mass intention is a voluntary and spiritually enriching practice for Catholics. The Church allows any faithful person to request a Mass to be offered for any good and holy intention - for the living, the dead, the Church, or special causes - and to make a stipend (offering) to the priest to apply the Mass to that intention.

Sanctuary Candle Sponsorship: The sanctuary candle burns next to the tabernacle, denoting that the Blessed Sacrament is present in church. Parishioners are invited to sponsor the candle on a weekly basis in honor of a loved one, living or deceased. Please submit your request to the parish office and the intention will be published in the bulletin. The suggested donation is $10.

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 8, 2026
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Matthew 25: 1-13

My first instinct upon waking is to grab my phone and start scrolling. Sometimes I do it for 20 or 30 minutes, and it makes me feel distracted and agitated. I feel guilty, too, for wasting my first moments of the day. So recently, I committed those minutes to reading a book that would focus my mind on Jesus. I enjoy the fact that I am not scattering my attention as much. I feel more peaceful and focused on God.
In today's Gospel, Jesus speaks about attention. He contrasts wise and foolish virgins, and then sums up the teaching by saying, "Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Matthew 25:13). The basic currency of the human heart is attention. The foolish bridesmaids are not immoral or malicious; they are unfocused, distracted, and unprepared. They assume that borrowed oil will suffice, that someone else's readiness can make up for their own lack. But the attention which is love cannot be outsourced. A relationship with God requires personal attentiveness cultivated over time. This Gospel leaves us with an honest question. What am I giving my attention to each day, and am I forming a heart that is awake, watchful, and ready to meet the Lord when He comes? How can I use key moments of my day to focus my attention where I need it to be?

— Father John Muir

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