

# Catholic Neighbors In Faith

## 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength."

MT 12:30



Rev. Paul Cygan, Administrator - Rev. Donald Watkins, Parochial Vicar - Rev. Marcin Porada, Parochial Vicar

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#### **Holy Apostles**

##### ***Ss. Peter & Paul***

508 Cherry St.  
Jamestown NY 14701

##### ***St. John***

282 Newton Ave.  
Jamestown NY 14701

#### ***St. James***

27 Allen St.  
Jamestown NY 14701

#### ***Our Lady of Victory Oratory***

6 Institute St.  
Frewsburg NY 14378

#### ***Sacred Heart***

380 E. Fairmount Ave.  
Lakewood NY 14750

#### ***Our Lady of the Snows***

36 E. Main St.  
Panama NY 14767

#### ***St. Patrick***

189 Main St.  
Randolph NY 14772

#### ***Our Lady of Loreto***

309 W. Everett St.  
Falconer NY 14733

Office Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM

November 3, 2024 • Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

## Catholic Neighbors In Faith Parish Happenings



### **Catholic Cemetery in Randolph**

The crucifix at St. Patrick's Cemetery has been renovated in memory of the Hinman and Beaver families, on Sunday Nov. 3rd following the 11am Mass. A blessing of the crucifix and prayer will be offered for all those buried in the cemetery. The service will take place at the cemetery. All are welcome.

**Saturday, November 2**

St. James Altar & Rosary - Bake Sale, 4pm Mass

**Sunday, November 3**

St. James Altar & Rosary - Bake Sale, 8am Mass

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) Class - St. James Hall, 9-10:15am

Faith Formation - Classes at St. Patrick at 9am, Sacred Heart & St. John, 10-11:30am

St. Patrick Crucifix Dedication - St. Patrick's Cemetery after 11am Mass

Youth Group - Meeting, Our Lady of Loreto Hall, 5-7pm

**Monday, November 4**

Lord Teach Me to Pray (LTMTTP) - Class at St. James Hall, 6pm

**Tuesday, November 5**

St. James Music Ministry - Rehearsal at Church, 6pm.

Holy Apostles Handbell Choir - Practice at SSPP, 6:30-7:30pm

**Wednesday, November 6**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - Chapel at St. James Church, 9am-7pm

Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary - Meeting at Parish Center, 5:30pm

Confessions - St. James Church, 6-6:30pm

**Thursday, November 7**

Sacred Heart Choir - Rehearsal at Church, 10am

Jubilate Singers - Rehearsal St. John, 6:15-7:30pm

**Friday, November 8**

Liturgy of the Hours on Zoom, 9am. Call the central office for the ID & passcode to join

**Saturday, November 9**

That Man Is You (TMIY) - St. James Hall, Coffee 6:30am, Class 7-8am

Prayer Shawl Ministry - St. James Library, 10am (New Time)

Virtus Training - Sacred Heart Parish Center, 9:30am-1pm

St. Patrick Altar & Rosary - Meeting, 10am

Confessions - St. James Church, 3-3:30pm

**Sunday, November 10**

OCIA Class - St. James Hall, 9-10:15am

St. James Coffee Hour - Hall, after 8am Mass

Jubilate Singers - St. John Church, 9am Mass

Holy Apostles Choir - Rehearsal at SSPP 10:15am; Patriotic Anthems Music w/Brass at 11am Mass.

### Please pray for our Parish Family members who are ill, and intentions ...

Gayle Boudreau	Barb Graham	James Post	Those in the military.
James Boudreau	Dolores Hacker	Louis Rieg	All those touched by loneliness or illness.
Kathy Bump	Albert J. Hay	Marty Sargent	Those in purgatory.
Collins Family	Mark Hedstrand III	Andrea Schneider	And all parishioners in need of our prayers.
Erica Collins	Bohdan Kanicki	Donald Segrue	<i>Call the parish office if you would like to add a name to our prayer list.</i>
Carol Coulter	Elizabeth LaMantia	Dorothy and David Seth	<b>Please Note:</b> You must have the permission of the person you want listed before we can add them to this list.
Michelle Cracker	Shelly Pacheco-	Robert Sprankle	
Grant Damon	Johannessen	Emily Sechriest	
Emma Eldridge	Patrick Pringle	Mary Helen Smith	
David Flavin	Nancy Johnson	Megan and Sean	
Marla Frame	Sam McMaster	Jim Wirges	
Sandy Galati	Elizabeth Nguyen	Therese Whit	
Gail Gillig	My Nguyen	The Unborn.	
Mary Giambrone	Grace Peterson	People of the Ukraine.	

**Please let us know when someone can be taken off the Prayer List. Thank you.**

# Mass Intentions

## Saturday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

JMS - 4:00PM † **Franca Liuzzo Galbato**  
By Brother, Salvatore Liuzzo

4:00PM † **Joseph Trussalo**  
By Anthony Trussalo

OLS - 4:00PM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
By Parishioners

PAT - 5:30PM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
By Parishioners

## Sunday, November 3 - 31st Sunday Ordinary Time

National Vocations Awareness Week

JMS - 8:00AM † **Betty Munella**  
By Jo Jo & Tom Scarborough

JHN - 9:00AM † **Nicholas Rodriguez**  
By David & Susan Mistretta

SHR - 9:00AM † **Robert Schneider**  
By the CNIF Staff

OLL - 10:00AM † **Souls of the Faithful Departed**  
By Parishioners

SPP - 11:00AM † **Richard Widen** (Anniversary)  
By Bruce Widen

PAT - 11:00AM † **DMO the Hinman & Beaver Families**  
By Family

## Monday, November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo

JMS - 8:00AM † **James Patti**  
By Wife, Helen

SHR - 9:00AM † **Living & Deceased Fathers**  
By Parishioners

SPP - 12:10PM † **Mary Hendrickson** (Anniversary)  
By Family

## Tuesday, November 5

PAT - 8:00AM † **Edmon Rampson** (Birthday)  
By Louise Lampson

OLL - 9:00AM † **?????**  
By

## Wednesday, November 6

JHN - 8:00AM † **Dr. Joseph Griffo** (Birthday)  
By Jon & Mary Griffo

JMS - 7:00PM † **Lorenza Mongitore** (Birthday)  
By Husband, Gaetano Mongitore  
& Family

## Thursday, November 7

OLL - 9:00AM † **Pro-Populo: For the Parishioners**  
By the Priest

OLV - 5:00PM † **Joan Heubusch**  
By the Radka Family

## Friday, November 8

JMS - 8:00AM † **Russell & Vienna Gullo**  
By Family

SHR - 9:00AM † **Jose Mari Palaypay**  
By bless, George & Marivic

SPP - 12:10PM † **David Twichell** (Wedding Anniversary)  
By Sally Twichell

## Saturday, November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

JMS - 4:00PM † **Beverly Weimer**  
By Michele Ognibene

4:00PM † **Michael & Mary Welch** (Anniversary)  
By Keith & Linda Miller & Family

OLS - 4:00PM † **Fr. Joseph Dowdell**  
By Parishioners

PAT - 5:30PM † **Mikki Arrance**  
By Dianne & Martin Sheffield

## Sunday, November 10 - 32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

JMS - 8:00AM † **James Lloyd** (Anniversary)  
By David Kohl


JHN - 9:00AM † **Nick Rodriguez, Jr.**  
By the CNIF Staff

SHR - 9:00AM † **Elna Lorezca Lopez**  
By the So Family

OLL - 10:00AM † **Kallie Lynn Swan** (Birthday)  
By Mom & Grandma

SPP - 11:00AM † **Alice King**  
By Sallu Corkery

PAT - 11:00AM † **Living & Deceased Mothers**  
By Parishioners

In observance of **Veteran's Day**   
on **Monday, November 11th**,  
the CNIF central office will be closed  
and there will be no Masses celebrated.

JMS—St. James  
JHN—St. John

OLL—Our Lady of Loreto  
OLS—Our Lady of the Snows

OLV—Our Lady of Victory  
PAT—St. Patrick

SPP—Ss. Peter & Paul  
SHR—Sacred Heart

# CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH



## Sanctuary Lamps

### **St. James Church**

**In Memory of Giempiera Milel**

By Giovanna Colletti

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Church**

**In Memory of Josephine Giambra**

By Children & Grandchildren

### **St. John Church**

**In Memory of Tracy Consiglio-Smith (Anniv.)**

By Sebastian & Gerri Mazzurco

## Wine for the month of November

### **St. James Church**

**In Memory of Ellen Munella**

By Paul & Sandra Spitali

### **Ss. Peter & Paul Church**

**In Memory of Patricia McKeta-Carlson**

By Family

### **St. Patrick Church**

**In Memory of the Beaver & Stearns Families**

By Family

## Hosts for the month of November

### **St. James Church**

**In Memory of Mary D'Angelo**

By Cindy Johnson, Mary Ellen Carlo & Ann Burk

### **St. John Church**

**In Memory of Lucille Genco**

By Paul & Sandra Spitali

## **Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of**



**Joan F. Jusko**

**Victor Antonuccio**

Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. *Amen*

## Our Stewardship for October 20th, 2024

**St. James:** Offertory \$4,552.27, Parish Improv. \$155, Hurricane Relief \$2,190, World Mission Sunday \$208

**Holy Apostles:** Offertory \$4,018, Hurricane Relief \$1,474,

**Sacred Heart:** Offertory \$2,956, Hurricane Relief \$1,064

**Our Lady of Loreto:** Offertory \$1,457 Mission Sunday \$353, Hurricane Relief \$697

**St. Patrick:** Offertory \$831, Mission Sunday \$86, Hurricane Relief \$883

The **Holy Apostles Choir** will sing Patriotic Music with Brass at the 11:00 Mass on Sunday, Nov. 10 at Ss. Peter & Paul Church to honor the CNIF Veterans in our family of parishes.

We hope you will attend this special mass!



The **Sacred Heart Choir** is trying something new! Are you retired and want to try something different? Do you not want to drive at night? Please come and join our "daytime choir" on Tuesday mornings Nov. 20, 27 & Dec. 4, 11 & 18 at Sacred Heart. Together we can add joy to the beauty of our Christmas service. Call Mary Grace



## **THANKSGIVING OUTREACH**

*Thanksgiving is soon approaching* and **St. Vincent de Paul Society of Catholic Neighbors In Faith** is asking you to help those in need in our area to enjoy a delicious holiday dinner!

We are looking for donations of grocery items and turkeys. Brown paper bags with lists of grocery items needed will be in the vestibule. You may add to or improvise any of the suggested items.

Please, no food that needs refrigeration...except the turkeys, of course!

We hope to receive *30 grocery bags and 30 turkeys*. Donate either or both! All items must be returned to the central office by **4:30pm on Wednesday, November 20th** *Thank you for your kind assistance!*

**St. Vincent de Paul Society**

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## **Altar Rosary Announcements**

The **St. James Altar & Rosary** has some upcoming events scheduled:

- ◆ **Saturday, Dec. 7** at 9am the Altar Rosary will be cleaning the church in preparation of the upcoming holidays. We invite everyone to come and help!

## **Sacred Heart Altar and Rosary Society Meeting**

All women of the parish are invited to our next Altar and Rosary Society meeting which will be on Wednesday, November 6, at 5:30pm in the Parish Center.

Also, our \$10 dues are still being accepted. They can be dropped in the collection or mailed to the Central Office (27 Allen Street, Jamestown, NY 14701). Please join us in serving our church!

The **St. Patrick's Altar & Rosary** offers the following items for announcement:

- ◆ Tickets for a 50/50 drawing will be sold to benefit our society. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be Sunday, Nov. 17th after the 11am Mass.
- ◆ Also, we will not be having our Silent Auction this year. Barb Pitts has graciously donated a Quilt that she made to be raffles off. Tickets are 1 for \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00, and will be available after both weekend Masses. The drawing for the Quilt will also be Sunday, Nov. 17th after the 11am Mass. Coffee and donuts will be served.
- ◆ November meeting has been changed to Friday, November 8 at 10am. All are welcome.

The St. Patrick parish drive has ended, but you may still make your donation by placing an envelope in the collection basket marked as such. Thank you.

## **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

The next meeting for the Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on Saturday, November 9th at **10am** (new time) in the St. James Library. All are welcome from beginners to experts. The articles made include prayer shawls, prayer cloths, lap blankets, baby blankets, etc. The items are then blessed and given to those in need of comfort and prayer. *Come join us!*



## **Welcome.**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Marcin to our Family of Parishes. We look forward to his ministry here. Please give him a warm welcome to our family!

## **ATTENTION: MEN OF CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH**



Are you looking for fellowship within the CNIF, as well as hands-on opportunities to support the CNIF Family and local community?

Our Lady of Loreto's Holy Name Society is the only active Holy Name Society in Chautauqua County. Since its founding in 1912, the Society has been continuously

active, benefitting our community through countless projects and benevolent deeds.

With the planned closing of Our Lady of Loreto, the Holy Name Society is in the preliminary stages of considering its future direction.

Please consider joining with us as we seek God's will for the future of the Holy Name Society. Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 12th, 6:30 PM at the Our Lady of Loreto school hall. A light dinner will be served.

For more information, please contact Jim Cusimano at 716-664-7668 or any Holy Name Society member. Please call Jim by November 9th if you would like to attend the November 12th meeting.

## **St. James Parish Scholarship Opportunity The Stephanie Frucella Gift Fund**

A special fund for college scholarships provided by the Frucella Family is available again this year for anyone who is a registered member of St. James Parish and is currently attending college in pursuit of a 2-year associate or technical school program, Bachelors or Masters degree.

The application requirements are available at the Central Office. Applicants will need a letter from their pastor or pastoral associate acknowledging participation at Mass and other ministries.

Completed applications should be mailed or delivered to: **St. James Parish, 27 Allen St., Jamestown NY 14701**

*Forms must be submitted by December 15, 2024*

# CATHOLIC NEIGHBORS IN FAITH

## From the desk of Fr. Paul:

Dear Catholic Neighbors in Faith Parishioners,

Last weekend at all our Masses, we announced our proposed closing Mass dates to our bishop. We have yet to receive confirmation that these dates are accepted from the diocese. However, I want to make sure that you have these dates ahead of time, so we can begin planning a closing Mass for each church. The dates are as follows:

Frewsburg, Our Lady of Victory: January 12,

corresponding with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

Panama, Our Lady of Snows: March 23, two days before the Solemnity of the Annunciation

Falconer, Our Lady of Loreto: May 18, during the month dedicated to our Blessed Mother

Jamestown, Saints Peter and Paul: We have asked the diocese to choose this date

During this challenging time as we anticipate church closures and mergers, it is vitally important to hold on to our faith that is grounded in our Lord Jesus Christ and what He has taught us. Please know that all our priests are here for you and your spiritual needs during this time of transition.

During the month of November the **Options Care Cradle** will be placed at St. John's Church. The donations collected throughout the month will help support our county's only Pro-Life ministry and crisis pregnancy center. Place your donations in the cradle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! You can make your check payable to Options Care Center.

If you would like more information or would like to get involved with the program, please call 716.664.5449.



## Catholic Neighbors in Faith Medical Team

A dedicated team of CPR AED, and First Aid volunteers was established at Our Lady of Loreto several years ago. We are now looking at expanding this to all parishes in Family #4. We desire to form dedicated teams for each parish so that at each church event a member would be present, with an AED and a professional First Aid kit.

If interested in helping please contact Ted Toy at [trxtems@hotmail.com](mailto:trxtems@hotmail.com) or you can call the central office. We will hold an organizational meeting once we have representatives from each parish to determine training and equipment needs. Thank you in advance for being there for others.

## St. James Music Ministry



### TOP "10" REASONS TO BE IN MUSIC MINISTRY

- #10 - The choir chairs are cushioned and comfortable.
  - #9 - Make new friends and become part of our family.
  - #8 - Great Parties
  - #7 - You can wear whatever you want under the choir robe.
  - #6 - Rehearsals are a lot of fun and are a great learning experience.
  - #5 - It's nice to be part of a group of people from different ages, personalities and abilities, coming together in song under the guidance of a talented, enthusiastic director.
  - #4 - It makes Mass go by faster.
  - #3 - Music & song has such power to lift spirits and move people. It brings joy to others and enhances the liturgical celebration. It's rewarding to be a part of this Music Ministry which enriches the expression of faith.
  - #2 - When you sing, you pray twice.
  - #1 - SING PRAISE TO GOD
- Music flows from Heaven to the soul.  
Please consider this worthwhile ministry.

### WE NEED YOU!

If you are interested in joining us, see Cathy after Mass. Practice is on Thursdays at 6pm in the church.



### CHIVETTA'S Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Date: Thursday, 11-14-24 | Time: 12:00-6:00pm

Location: Sacred Heart Church

280 E. Fairmount Avenue, Lakewood NY

### Chivetta's 1/2 BBQ Chicken Dinner

2 sides & dinner roll w/butter

Price: \$16 Details: Rib Dinners available

Cash, Credit & Debit

# REFLECTIONS

## THE WORD IN OUR LIVES ~ All My Love

According to Jesus, the first (most important) commandment is to love God with heart, mind, soul, and strength. This is usually taken to mean loving God with your whole being. But it wouldn't hurt to look at the modern meanings of those words to see how we can apply them.

The heart is the one organ that all others depend on to keep living. It is also a symbol of our desires and love. So to love God with all your heart can mean that you recognize God as the one source of your life. Now, that is easy to say as a philosophical concept. But it also means that you love God above everything and everyone. How many of us can say we would rather spend time with God than with our friends, family, or loved ones?

To love God with all your mind can mean that you never stop thinking of God. That is not as difficult as it sounds. You can ask God to help you any time you make a decision, whether it is what to watch next on TV, or what to do for a living. Loving God with your mind can also mean knowing God. The better you know God, the more likely you are to hear God in your decisions. You can get to know God through the scriptures and other spiritual reading. Hearing God may require you to consider the next way to love: with your soul.

If the soul is the center of your spiritual life, then loving God with all your soul can remind you to listen to God when you pray. If prayer is a conversation with God, you might remember how annoying it can be to converse with someone who does all the talking. At first it is easy, but eventually you find yourself getting nervous because you have things you would like to say also. Think of that when you pray; give God a chance to put in a few words, too.

Finally, to love God with all your strength can mean you put as much energy into loving God as you do with exercising, doing your day-job, cleaning the house, or mowing the lawn. Fortunately, none of those activities has to replace loving God, for you can do each of them as if you were working for the Lord. Just remember that no matter how hard you work for the Lord, God loves you even more than you love Him.

—Tom Schmidt

## INSPIRATION DAILY ~ Loving God and Others

We owe all we have, our very souls, to Jesus Christ. God wants our lives to overflow with mercy and generosity toward each other, to share love just as He did with us through Christ, the Gentle Lamb who gave up His life for our sake. Today let us reflect on one of Christ's last encounters with the Apostles Peter when he asked him three times, "Do you love me?"

Love for Christ shines forth through our love for each other. As fishers of men, inspired by His Holy Spirit, we should constantly give back by feeding His sheep, whether strangers or our closest family. When we truly love Jesus, we work diligently to bring others to meet Him at the gates of Heaven.

Dedicated time to God in prayer is needed for the conversion of our hearts and to strengthen our wills to following Christ (CCC #2708). By familiarizing ourselves with the fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit, we can begin to emulate the example that God has given us through the Holy Trinity. How infinitely blessed we are for God to share such love with the whole world!

—Alexis Dallara-Marsh

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Every four years, we engage in one of the core activities of our democratic system: a presidential election. Actually, the institution of election can be traced to traditions in the Church, and although bishops are no longer chosen in this way, abbots and abbesses (heads of monastic communities) have almost always been elected by full voting members of their communities. The lifetime appointment begins when the monks or nuns are gathered in "chapter" at the death or resignation of the abbot, and fortunately for all involved, campaigning is not allowed! The members of the community discern, with prayer to the Holy Spirit, who among them is the best suited for leadership. Once chosen, the new leader requests the blessing of the local bishop, who usually presides at a ceremony of consecration or investiture. The ballots are always secret, and a simple majority must be achieved.

In our American system the Electoral College is the determining voice in the presidential election, not the popular election on a November Tuesday, just as the monastic chapter is the electorate. Today, most religious orders elect general superiors in "chapter" by delegates of the professed members, and usually for a term of six years. A few, like the Jesuits, elect for life. At least we don't have that weight on our shoulders when we choose a president. Four years at a time will do!

—Rev. James Field

## ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS — The Father's Will is Eternal Life

What happens when we die? We like to think that we will go to Heaven, but how do we get there? Do we buy a ticket? Negotiate our way in? Strap on rocket boosters? Of course not! We know this and yet we tend to think that our entry is somehow automatically guaranteed.

But only the absolutely pure can be admitted to the shadowless glory of Heaven, the infinite perfection of God's loving embrace. Not a trace of sin or selfwardness or uncertainty can enter. We may be following God's commandments and be reasonably assured that we won't condemn ourselves to hell, but most of us don't reach absolute purity and perfection here on earth. So the Church has always taught that there is a place of final purification for the faithful who have died. In God's infinite mercy, He provides an opportunity for each soul to be cleansed completely before entering eternally into His presence. Our debt of justice paid, we are freed at last to enter into the endless bliss promised to all who store up treasures in Heaven.

And so we pray for the souls of the departed at Mass and remember them especially on this day each year (observing a particular day began in the 500's, and today's date was fixed on the Church calendar in the 1200's). Because the souls of the dead can no longer pray for themselves, it is an act of charity for us to pray for them, to intercede for their quick entrance into glory. And because the dead cannot pray for themselves, how grateful they must be for every prayer offered for them. In Heaven, they will surely continue to pray for those who prayed for them!

So, during this month, the Church gives us unique opportunities to obtain plenary indulgences for the holy souls in Purgatory. We must simply visit a church on this day and pray for them (at least the Creed and an Our Father), or, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> of November, visit a cemetery and pray for them. (As a reminder, the conditions for receiving any indulgence are: being a Catholic in the state of grace, going to Confession within 20 days before or after, receiving the Eucharist preferably on that day, and praying for the intentions of the Holy Father; for a plenary indulgence, one must also be detached from all sin. Only ONE plenary indulgence may be obtained each day, but there is no limit to the number of partial indulgences.)

How do you pray for the departed souls? Offering Mass for them, including an intention in your daily prayers and Rosary, and saying a quick prayer as you pass a cemetery, are all easy ways to pray for the dead. The Lord WANTS to draw all to Himself and raise us on the last day. During these days of prayer for the dead, we can help the souls of our brothers and sisters make their way to the Lord.

## ALL SAINTS, ALL SOULS — Children of God

"Beloved, we are God's children now." These words from the second reading today are the words that I think all of us long for deep down. We all want to belong and have this innate desire to be a part of something greater than ourselves. There was no better feeling as a child than knowing the love of parents or family members who believed in us and made us feel like part of the family.

God has a family too. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of all Saints, in other words, we celebrate God's family. The beautiful thing about today is it gives us almost a time warp glimpse of our future. If we believe that each of us was created by God to eventually fully share in his divine life, then looking at the lives of the saints is the perfect way to know our destiny.

If you break the human condition down into different phases, it seems that we have a point before the fall of man, our state after the fall, and our final state of pure bliss in heaven. But we don't have to wait for heaven to start to experience it. I have used this analogy before, but think about the most delicious meal you have ever eaten. You get the immediate taste and pleasure of that meal, but it isn't fully realized until it is digested and used for energy in our bodies.

In a similar way, salvation is ours. We have a taste of it because of what Christ did on the cross. We get glimpses here on earth of what our state in heaven will be like. This is why sacraments come to us through physical signs. They are signs here on earth of the ultimate glory we will have one day in heaven. We taste the glory now, but we get the fullness of it when we reach our final destiny.

So on this day that we celebrate all the saints, I encourage you to pick one saint for the month of November and focus on their life. Let them be a shining example of not only how to live a virtuous life here on earth, but as an example of the glory that is to come. When we constantly set our sights on being holy here, we already begin to enter into the state we will have in heaven. And although we cannot enter it perfectly on this earth, we can get a taste, a glimmer, of our complete unity one day with God.

From all of us here at Diocesan, God bless! —Tommy Shultz



# Kids Corner

## Hello Students and Families,

We will be having our Annual Christmas pageant on December 15th at 2:00pm at St. John Church. If you are interested in being in this pageant, please fill out a registration form provided by your teacher. There are no lines to learn, and costumes will be provided.

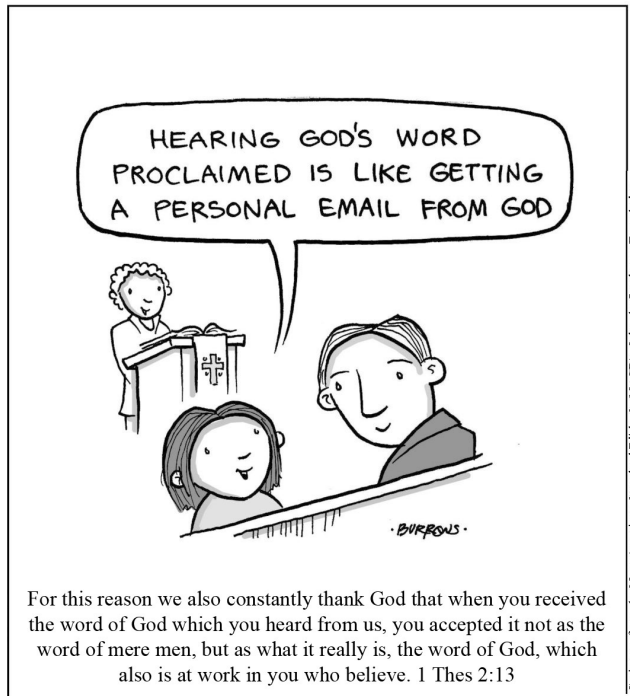
Everyone is welcome to join us. We will be having some rehearsals before the pageant. Parents do not have to stay for rehearsals. Rehearsals are from 11:30am to 12:30pm. We hope you will join us as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Rehearsal dates are November 17, December 1 & 8. Dress rehearsals will be on December 15 at 11:30am. A pizza lunch will be provided.

Please return the permission slip provided in class when you come for rehearsal.

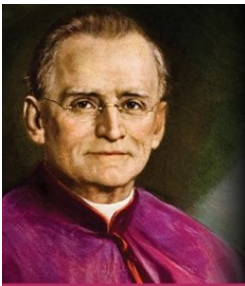


## The Little Ones

Jim Burrows



For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of mere men, but as what it really is, the word of God, which also is at work in you who believe. 1 Thes 2:13



Dear Parishioners,

The October 6th class, attended by all parish sites for the Father Baker play, was a great success. Father Baker received a standing ovation at the end of the performance. A total of \$769.34 was collected for Our Lady of Victory charities, as he requested no fee for the performance, preferring to support OLV through its various charities.

On October 27, Father Paul conducted a teaching Mass at 9 am at St. John's Church for students from all three sites, followed by the Rosary and Adoration. Father Paul explained the significance of the Rosary and Adoration as we prayed with him.

On November 24, students in grades 6-10 from all three sites will travel to Our Lady of Victory Basilica in Lackawanna, built by Father Baker. They will attend noon Mass and visit the museum. The tour will feature the many angel statues and paintings included in the basilica, the beautiful marble imported from Europe, and the nine-foot marble statue of the Blessed Mother, personally blessed by Pope Pius XI before being shipped to the United States. Father Baker's remains were transferred on March 11, 1999, from nearby Holy Cross Cemetery to the Basilica, and his tomb is located within the Grotto Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes.

After the noon Mass, students will visit the museum and the Father Baker Rooms, where they will see many historical memorabilia from Father Baker's past. Father Baker was so beloved that upon his death, thousands came to pay their respects. Due to the large number of people touching his face, a special clear plastic death mask was made to protect his skin. This mask is also on display.

Following the visit to the Basilica, students will enjoy pizza at Laser Tron and participate in a session of laser tag. They will return later that day. Please pray for a safe and spiritually enriching day for our youth.

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen May the prayers of Mary, the Mother of God, who stood by the cross as Her Son was dying, help those who mourn for our brothers and sisters and accompany all of us in our time of need. Amen

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