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November 7, 2021



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## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, November 6**

8:00am: Charles Edward Taylor  
5:00pm: Natale Ori  
Colin Nutter

**Sunday, November 7**

8:00am: Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
10:30am: Anna Cortesi  
Marsiglio Family  
Dr. Demetrio Maguigad

**Monday, November 8**

8:00am: Domenica & Antonio  
DeMarco

**Tuesday, November 9**

8:00am: Illa Dachs

**Wednesday, November 10**

8:00am: Sybil Jackson

**Thursday, November 11**

8:00am: William Vena

**Friday, November 12**

8:00am: Diane Lepri

**Saturday, November 13**

8:00am: Living & Deceased  
Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish  
5:00pm: Margaret Vena  
Rufino Marcojos  
Joyce Arlington

**Sunday, November 14**

8:00am: Rosemary Casey Brundage  
Marsiglio Family  
Joyce Arlington  
10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate  
Conception Parish

MASS		LECTOR
Saturday, November 13	5:00 PM	Faith Griswold
Sunday, November 14	8:00 AM	Angie Nutter
Sunday, November 14	10:30 AM	Tim Grant
Saturday, November 20	5:00 PM	Cheryl O'Hare
Sunday, November 21	8:00 AM	Helen Cheong-Leen
Sunday, November 21	10:30 AM	Dan Mortier

Joyce M. Arlington  
March 2, 1941 - October 24, 2021

Sybil G. Jackson  
*mother of Alison (Nathaniel Kinard)*  
October 2021

Joyce M. Arlington  
October 2021

*May the faithful departed rest in peace.*

## Father Mike's Homiletter

### November 7, 2021 Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Scripture: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Psalm 146:7-10; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44*

Halloween has come and gone, but the candy remains! I hope everyone had some fun with candy, costumes and pumpkin carving. While October goes out on a note of humor and fun, November comes in on a somber note: first we honor all the saints who have achieved salvation and live in the presence of God, and immediately thereafter, we pray for all the souls who have left our physical lives, but are still preparing to enter God's presence in Purgatory.

Growing up, Purgatory was always presented as a place of suffering, not a place we wanted to be. Yet, in a more mature vision of life after death, I see Purgatory as a happy place: those who are in Purgatory know that they will spend eternity with God. They may have more preparation to do, and we don't really know what that will be, but knowing that the road ends with the Lord for all eternity would provide an enormous sense of peace to them. In our lives, there are often times when we are working for a goal, but do not know whether we shall achieve it: getting an additional credential, trying to put together a business deal, helping our children with school, sports, etc. The hardest part of those, and other, endeavors is not knowing we will be successful. If we are told we passed the course, the deal will go through, the kids will be accepted in a particular school or program, pass the course or win the championship, the work involved goes much more quickly and easily. So those we care about who are in Purgatory can get on with whatever is left for them to do with peace and energy, knowing they will see God.

When we celebrate All Saints Day, we are really honoring all those who have achieved heaven, but are unknown. They don't need our prayers to achieve salvation; they are already there. But that does not mean they aren't busy: the saints in heaven are constantly praying for us, all of us, trying to help us achieve the same thing they have. We have more help getting through life than we may realize! We can of course pray for ourselves, but I think it would be a good idea to put in an occasional prayer of thanks to all the saints in heaven who help us get through each day. The souls in Purgatory also help us: their prayers are heard in heaven. And though we can't do much to help the saints in heaven, we can certainly help the souls in Purgatory with our prayers and good works.

All of us are part of what the Church calls the "Communion of Saints", a wonderful interconnected network of pray-ers who work for the salvation of each other in heaven, in Purgatory, and on earth. It can include the great, canonized saints of the Church, but it also includes the obscure saints – the aunt who always sent a birthday card or gift, the grandparent who always put something in the poor box on the way out of Church, the uncle who paid the school tuition of a relative and never said a word to anyone. Everyone who reaches heaven is a saint. In today's world, when we speak of "networking", we usually mean cultivating connections to advance our careers, etc. This month might be a good time to "network" in the Communion of Saints, to advance our heavenly aspirations.

Peace,  
Father Mike



## Renew My Church: Our Own Discipleship

We have a mission:

*“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations... Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you and know that I am with you always, until the end of the world” (Mt 28:19-20).*

This is the Great Commission that Christ gave His apostles. And He gives us this mission today as something to accomplish together. An important element to achieving our mission is understanding what we’re facing today.

In an earlier article, I noted some of the reasons why renewal is needed, not the least of which is a steady decline in faith practices that stretches back decades. There are many issues that people cite as a catalyst for leaving the Church or lapsing in their faith. The pain and suffering of the abuse crisis and failure in leadership amongst some has been reason enough for some to walk away or refrain from (re)entering. There are also the age-old allurements and noon-day devils that cause people to drift away from the faith of their youth. And there are also issues and challenges of a personal nature that only God can see within people’s hearts.

But there are also people that leave the Church not because they reject her teachings or doctrines or even because of the scandals – they leave because they want more than what they’re experiencing. In some way, they doubt that Jesus is present within their own parish. For those of us who know and love and serve our Lord present in the sacraments, this may be difficult to get our minds or hearts around. But it’s a reality for some.

With that in mind, I ask you to consider the following questions: Are you a disciple of Jesus Christ? What does it mean to be His disciple? Is there anything holding you back from following Him more closely? Or from introducing others to Him? What is your relationship with the parish community? How do you strengthen the larger Catholic community?

It is important to prayerfully discern our own efforts to renew our faith lives and our active participation in the life of the Church. In order to strengthen our larger Catholic community, there are three mission imperatives that guide the efforts of Renew My Church:

### **Make Disciples**

We must reflect on how each of us invites others into a personal encounter and lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ as disciples in His Church.

### **Build Community**

Our parish and school communities today face a number of obstacles to vitality—the parishioner bases of many parishes are very small; the number of school-aged children in areas has decreased; we have fewer priests; many of our parishes are not sustainable to carry on the mission of the Church; and many parishes and schools have deferred maintenance for many years, resulting in unaffordable capital needs.

We must ensure our communities have enough resources to carry out our mission. But we also recognize resourcing alone does not address all of our challenges. Parish and school communities that are well-resourced and vibrant today still face significant challenges because of the changes in society. That is why we need a spiritual renewal at the foundation of all we do.



### Inspire Witness

In keeping with the urging of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Francis calls the Church to go out into the world as a field hospital to bring healing to a world torn by division, violence, racism, poverty and to promote respect for human dignity and life.

What does this have to do with your personal role in Renew My Church? Take that question to prayer and as Jesus reminds us that “the mustard seed is the smallest of all plants yet the largest bush when full grown” so, too, will He give you a clear role in the renewal of His Church.

As always, for more information, [visit www.RenewMyChurch.org](http://www.RenewMyChurch.org), or email us at [RMC@icparish.org](mailto:RMC@icparish.org).

Lord Jesus, you speak to us today,  
as you spoke to holy men and women  
who have gone before us.  
In every age and in our own time,  
you call to us and say: Renew My Church.  
Pour out the gift of your Holy Spirit upon us,  
and so enable us  
to hear you clearly  
to listen to each other attentively  
to imagine our future boldly  
to discern your direction wisely  
to persevere in your holy will courageously  
to stay together in charity  
to surrender our own plans readily  
to embrace the greater good  
to hand on your gifts to future generations.

May we remain in the holy company of  
the Blessed Virgin Mary, the apostles, and all the  
saints.

May their example and presence  
inspire us with patient confidence  
in the work of your grace.

We ask this of you who live and reign  
with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God,  
Forever and ever.

Amen





# Immaculate Conception Parish Presents: Corks & Forks

Please join us on Saturday November 13th, 2021 at 6pm for a delightful evening with parish (and non-parish) friends @ Bella Via's!

*Unlike* in previous years, **this will be a sit-down dinner**, with four courses served family-style at your table. Not to reveal all the details, but there will be choices of appetizers, main course, and dessert! Soft drinks and coffee will also be offered. Of course, all this will be accompanied by a fine selection of wines, carefully curated by our friends at Knightsbridge Wines. All wines will also be available for purchase.

Cost for the event, all food, wine, gratuity, and a donation to IC included, will be \$ 75 per person. For dinner tickets: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/109/event/12221>

Reservations can also to be dropped off at the Parish Center. **Deadline for reservations is Wednesday November 10<sup>th</sup>!!!**

This will be a fun evening and we look forward to having you join us on November 13th! For more information, please contact Hans at 847.736.2130.

## Food for Thought...

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, and may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen.



## Baptism



### **Maya Stochelski**

was baptized into the Catholic faith on  
Sunday, October 24, 2021.

Congratulations to her proud parents  
Janice and Mateusz.



If you knit or crochet and want to use your talent on Prayer Shawls please contact: Mary Roberts at 847.445.7483.

You can use your talent to bring prayer and comfort to a shawl recipient. Your intentions, as you work the yarn, are continued in the blessing it receives before it is given to someone in need. The blessing ripples in the continues kindness from creation to receipt. Both the giver and the receiver feel the unconditional embrace of a sheltering, mothering God.

If you have someone to whom you want to have a shawl contact: **Mary Robert's** at 847.445.7483.

Shawls can be used for: undergoing medical procedures; as a comfort after loss or in times of mental or physical stress; during bereavement; prayer or meditation; marriage ceremonies; pregnancy, birth and nursing a baby. There are endless possibilities.

## Winter Collection Drive for Chicagoans Experiencing Homelessness



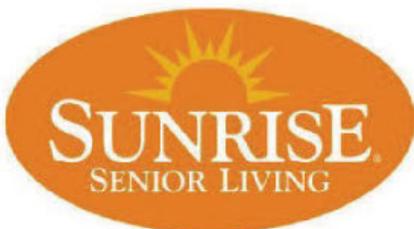
4 pm to 6 pm  
Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup>  
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*Sunrise* front porch

We are collecting the following items to distribute directly to Chicagoans experiencing homelessness:

- blankets, comforters, and pillows
- warm socks
- gently-used winter jackets, hats, gloves, scarves

There is a blue donation box on the front porch at **Sunrise** if you wish to drop off a donation:

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1601 Green Bay Road  
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## IC Community Prayer Group

Members of our IC Community meet throughout the week to reflect and pray together. Please contact the Prayer Group Leader if you would like more information or to join. All of the Prayer Groups invite you to join, even if you can only do so from time to time.

**Wednesday at 10:00am - 11:30am  
in the Parish Center**

Mary Nelsen, IC's Pastoral Associate, leads this Sunday Connection Scripture Group. This Group prays and discusses readings for the upcoming weekend. Mary's email is [mnelsen@comcast.net](mailto:mnelsen@comcast.net)

**Wednesday at 1:00pm - 2:00pm  
in the Meditation Garden**

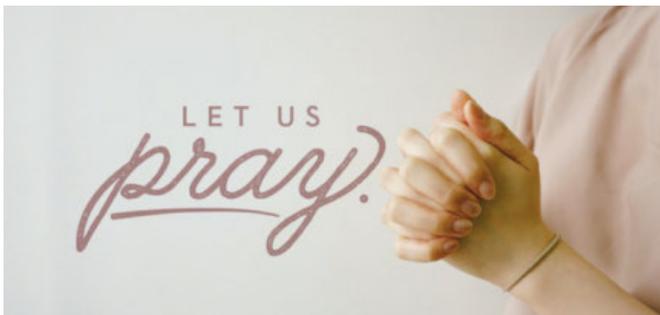
Several of our parishioners meet together to pray and reflect. You can reach out to Midge Berardi is at [midgeberardi@comcast.net](mailto:midgeberardi@comcast.net)

**Wednesday at 7:00pm via Zoom**

Together we pray the Rosary. Reach out to Camille Rubin at [camille418@aol.com](mailto:camille418@aol.com) to receive the link each week.

### IC Prayer Network (Individual Prayer)

If you cannot join a Prayer Group but would like to be connected to our Parish Community, please send your special intention or join the IC Prayer Network. Each week these parishioners remember the intentions of our parishioners in their individual prayers. The contact for the IC Prayer Network is Carol Kosirog. She is at 847 433 3018.



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**November 30, 2021**  
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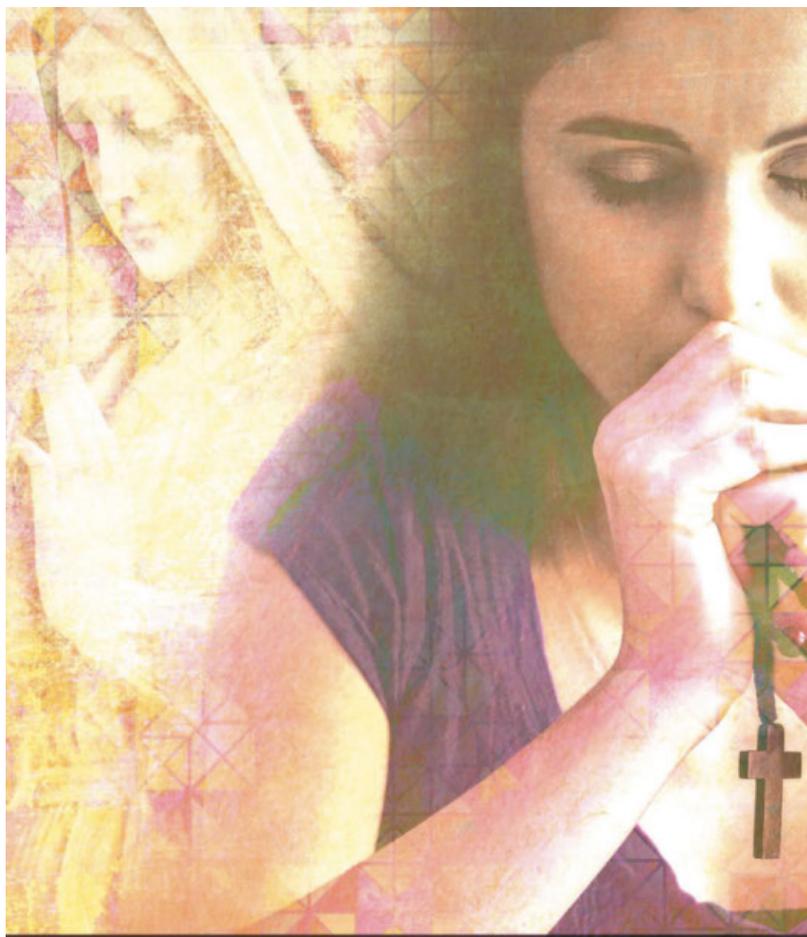
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## Catholic Women's Club of Lake County Memorial Mass of Remembrance

Please join us in prayer to honor and celebrate the lives of our passed members.

**Thursday, November 11, 2021**

Little Flower Parish, St. Dismas Site

**Mass at 11:00 am**

catered luncheon to follow

Luncheon cost: \$20.00, RSVP with payment due Nov. 1

(catered meals must be prepaid;  
no refunds available)

Contact Doreen Reeves-847-623-3378  
or [doerma@aol.com](mailto:doerma@aol.com)

We're collecting toys for the USO in November. They specify toys are "new" and "unopened" for children ages 5 to 10 yrs. Please bring your "unwrapped" donation to the Memorial Mass and Luncheon on November 11th at the St. Dismas site. (Toys will be picked up at the luncheon). Non-members may also make toy donations by bringing them to the rectory office by November 11th at the St. Dismas site. Thank you in advance on behalf of the Catholic Women's Club, the USO and the children.

Doreen Reeves,  
Catholic Women's Club of Lake County

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