

Praised be Jesus Christ!

There is a great poem by the famous Jesuit poet, Gerard Manley Hopkins, that I always think about in the late fall as the foliage on the trees begins to disappear and the bare starkness of November sets in. I think the poem is called "Spring and Fall: To a Young Child":

Margaret, are you grieving Over Goldengrove unleaving? Leaves, like the things of man, you With your fresh thoughts care for, can you? Ah! as the heart grows older It will come to such sights colder By and by, nor spare a sigh Though worlds of wanwood leafmeal lie; And yet you *will* weep and know why. Now no matter, child, the name: Sorrow's springs are the same. Nor mouth had, no nor mind, expressed What héart héard of, ghóst guéssed: It is the blight man was born for, It is Margaret you mourn for.

The lines describe a child, Margaret, who is saddened as she watches the leaves falling from the trees in "Goldengrove." As the child grows up, she obviously won't mourn over the leaves as she does now. But the speaker seems to suggest to her that the real reason that she is mourning is not so much the loss of leaves on the tree, but a more basic source of sorrow. Without consciously averting to it, the child is on some deeper level grieving over *her own* mortality—"It is Margaret you mourn for."

This is one of the reasons why I think the Church gives us the month of November as the month of the "Holy Souls." The increasingly cold, dark, and leafless outdoors provides a natural backdrop upon which to meditate on certain important truths of the faith: the shortness and fragility of our lives here, the reality of temporal punishment due to sin, the need to pray for the souls in Purgatory and especially all those among our family and friends who have recently died, but most importantly—the hope which Christ alone can bring in the midst of this "valley of tears."

I invite you to take full advantage of this important month.

First of all, remember that *the month begins with a Holy Day of Obligation on Wednesday, November 1st for All Saints Day*. Be sure to check the bulletin for the Mass times—either the Vigil on October 31st or the three Masses on November 1st.

Also, the following day **November 2nd is All Souls Day**. While *not a Holy Day of Obligation*, it is a special day on the liturgical calendar where the Church prays very intentionally and directly for all the souls in purgatory. It also happens to be one of my favorite days of the year, because it is so distinctive in its "Catholic-ness." In addition to the normal 12:10 Mass, the youth schola will sing at an special evening 7pm Mass on that day.

Finally, the Church recommends November as a great time to make a devotional visit to a Catholic cemetery in order to pray for all those buried there, and as a way of meditating on our own mortality and constant need to be spiritually prepared to meet the Lord.

In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

All Saints Day

All Saints Day is Wednesday, November 1st. A holy day of obligation. We will have the following masses.

Tuesday, October 31st, a vigil mass at 4:00 pm Wednesday, November 1st, 7:30 am, 12:10 pm and 5:20 pm.



Save The Date

The Knights of Columbus 15118, will be holding their 4th annual turkey raffle Saturday, November 18th, from 5:30—8:30 pm in the Cathedral Hall.

Thanksgiving Gift Card Drive Progress Report

Thank you to everyone who has already donated to the Thanksgiving gift card drive! Our goal this year is collect \$8,000 in Aldi's gift cards that will provide Thanksgiving meals for 170 families living in the Cathedral neighborhood. As of October 23rd, we are at 13% of our goal. For those of you who have not donated yet, there is still time to do so! We would greatly appreciate receiving all donations by November 13th.

For many of us, Thanksgiving means having a plentiful feast consisting of a large roasted turkey and all trimmings with our loved ones. But for many of our Cathedral neighbors who struggle to put food on the table, celebrating this holiday isn't as easy for them. Your gift cards or donations to this event is one way you can directly help these families in need have a special Thanksgiving Meal.



Oscar Patrick Hayes

We welcome our newly baptized into our parish community!

Thanksgiving Gift Cards

If you are a parishioner or live in the Maplewood Edgerton neighborhood and find yourself struggling to make ends meet this holiday season, we invite you to sign up to receive a Thanksgiving Gift Card and roasting chicken. To sign up for this, call the Joseph's Place Food Pantry appointment line at (585) 505-7800 someone is available to take calls at the times listed below. No appointments will be taken by the Cathedral office. You must call on these specific days and times to make your appointment:

> Monday From 1:00 – 3:00 pm Tuesday From 9:00 – 11:00 am Saturday From 9:00 – 11:00 am

Do not leave a message, you must speak to a Resource Minister to make the appointment. If you cannot get through to a Resource Minister, continue to call during these time frames to make your appointment. **Requests for a Thanksgiving Gift will be taken until Nov. 8th or until all spots are taken.** The distribution date for this event will be on the afternoon of November 20, 2023.

Catholic Ministry Appeal Our Goal is \$73,000

As of this date, 32 families have contributed to the CMA. We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work!



November is traditionally known as the month of the Holy Souls. It is a time in which Catholics remember and pray for those who have died. This year, the Cathedral Youth Schola will sing a Solemn Mass for All Souls' Day.

Commemoration of All Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) Thursday, November 2, 2023 Solemn Mass at 7:00 pm

The Women's Book Club

The Sacred Heart Cathedral Women's Group invites you to join us as we read through The Diary of a Country Priest by Georges Bernardos. We meet in the Cathedral Hall each Friday from 10:00 — Noon for prayer and discussion. All are welcome.

This Week's Sanctuary Candle

In Memory of — Richard Sciascia Requested by — Mother

In Memory Of — Anna Catalani Requested by — John Spinosa

Special Intentions Requested by — Anonymous

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



John Condon & Alexandra Spezzano

Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.

Parish Offertory Oct 21 & Oct. 22, 2023

Actual	Goal	Variance
\$7,889	\$7,240	\$649
YTD Actual	YTD Goal	Variance
\$132,494	\$131,360	\$1,134

PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Deborah De Leon Campbell, Dawn DeManincor, Robert DiFulio, Dcn. John Giugno, Dan Gentile, Mavis Groves, Sharon Herring, Sr. Joan Hilbert, Nina Lombardo, Irene Morgan, Bill & Janice Moroz, Jean Parker, Karen Pirecki, Jim Schell, Dan Stella, Patti Stets



Saturday, October 28, 2023—Saint Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19-22; LK	6:12-16
2:30—3:30 pm	Confession
3:00 pm	Rosary
4:00 pm	Rosa & Tony Vulaj—Family

Sunday, October 29, 2023—Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time

es1:5c-10; Mt 22-34-40
Barbara Wise — Mr. & Mrs. Clark Rich
Joseph Juliano Jr.—Carl Juliano
For the people of the Cathedral Community
Solemn Compline w/Fr. Van Lieshout

Monday, October 30, 2023

Rom 8:12-17; Lk	13:10-17
11:30—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Cosmo Macera—Giuseppina Macera

Tuesday, October 31, 2023

Rom 8:18-25; Lk 13:18-217:30 amAnna Catalani—Nancy Signorino4:00 pmFor the people of the Cathedral Community
(Vigil Mass for All Saints Day)

Wednesday, November 1, 2023— All Saints Day — Holy Day Of Obligation

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, 1 J	In 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
7:30 am	Herbie Mattle — Fredericks Family
11:30—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Rita Whalen-Margaret Whalen
5:20 pm	Richard Sciascia—Mother

Thursday November 2, 2023—The Commemoration of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)

11:30—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	Holy Souls of the DeMartino Family—Family

Friday, November 3, 2023—Frist Friday

Rom 9:1-5, Lk14.	1-6
11:00—Noon	Confession
12:10 pm	For all the souls in purgatory—Joanne
•	Lepkowski
12:45 pm	Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration
3:00 pm	Benediction
4:45_5:15 pm	Confession
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Saturday, November 4, 2023—Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-	12, 25-29; Kj 14:1, 7-11
2:30—3:30 pm	Confession
3:00 pm	Rosary
4:00 pm	Giuseppe & Lucille Ilii—Jim Mancuso

Sunday, November 5, 2023—Thirty-Frist Sunday In Ordinary Time Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10, 1Thes 2:7b-9,13; Mt 23:1-12 7:00 am For the people of the Cathedral Community

7:00 am	For the people of the Cathedral Community
9:15 am	Wallace Berube—Fleming Family
11:15 am	Benito Scarpa & Marco Gallelli—Anna &
	Family
8:00 pm	Solemn Compline—Fr. Van Lieshout





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