

# St. Mary's of Parma, OH Monthly Newsletter

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## Pray for the Dead?

Although the call goes out in October, St. Mary's holds on to this beautiful tradition that the names of the dearly departed are recalled before the beginning of Sunday Mass every Sunday throughout the month of November (though, not on an Advent Sunday, should it fall earlier on the calendar).

As pastor, it behooves me not only to learn the correct pronunciation of the names of those whom are being prayed-for aloud; I must keep them in prayer throughout. I have a "system" that I use to jog my memory and keep track of the list of names. As of this printing, I have recently completed a full decade in Ohio at St. Mary's, and have become accustomed to the names and families that are attached to the parishioners in this season. It is like, meeting up with an old friend again, if but through the eyes of prayer.

For some, Mass intentions are scheduled and offered for the dearly departed as well, often the same as the November remembrance list, "Wypominki" in Polish. And while I have written about this before, it seems appropriate enough to have a reminder of why we pray for the dead.

November begins with the dual celebration of the All Saints Feast on the 1st and the All Souls Commemoration on the 2nd. These were histori-

cally intertwined – from the very first martyr of the Church, Proto-Deacon Stephen, to the apostles, and others, the church held martyrdom, dying for the faith, in such high regard that it was the preeminent path to being regarded as a saint in the church's ancient martyrology. To this day, the current Roman Catholic Martyrology assigns over 7000 men and women with "Christian lives worthy of emulation."

For us, through our Sacrament of Baptism, we become "one with the Risen Christ and expect to be welcomed into heaven to join the community of Saints. At His second coming we are promised the bodily resurrection." This is why funerals have changed their character over the last number of decades – they speak to affirm the hope of everlasting happiness, professing this Paschal faith – that our lives on earth give way to lives of res-



*All Souls' Day*  
NOVEMBER 2ND

urrection.

You may encounter another Christian that will tell you that praying for the dead is pointless. Part of this thinking comes from the Reformation and Martin Luther. Very simply stated, he wrote that praying for the dead wasn't commanded by God, so it isn't sinful if we choose *not* to pray for the dead. Which sounds fine...until he also wrote that any sort of additional prayer, set to time or anniversary is

## THE TRIDUUM OF HALLOWTIDE

### All Hallows' Eve

*Violet Vestments*

*The souls of the just are in the hand of God, and the torment of malice shall not touch them.*

### All Saints Day

*White Vestments*

*Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God: blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called children of God.*

### All Souls Day

*Black Vestments*

*May eternal light shine upon them forever, O Lord, with Thy saints forever, for Thou art kind.*

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## Opening Article (Con't)

blasphemous. Ouch!

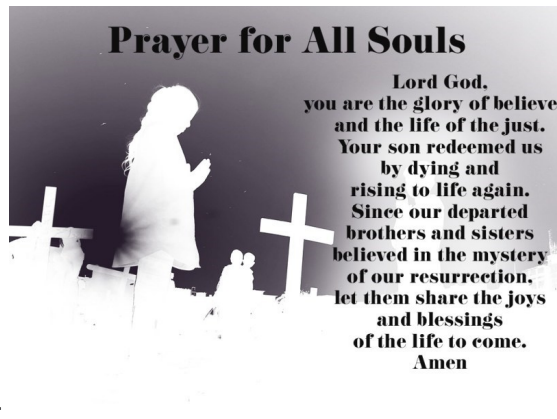
But we are Catholic, not Lutheran. Some of the obvious pushback to the aforementioned faith tradition is that we are called to pray for the living...but all of the sudden, we shouldn't pray for them once they were no longer living? This fails to take into account the emotional toll that a loss brings- do we *really* blaspheme God when we pray for the soul of our departed mother on the first anniversary of her death? Does that *really* sound like the ultimate slap-in-the-face to the Almighty, the act of prayer for the dead?

While I may be skirting some theological details...sometimes, simplicity wins out. Catholic scripture shows examples of prayers for the dead. In Scripture, Judah Maccabee and his men were retrieving the bodies of fallen comrades when they dis-

covered the men who had fallen were wearing pagan amulets, and so "they turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out" (2 Macc. 12:42). New Testament scripture shows St. Paul beseeching prayer upon one who had already died, Onesiphorus.

The Church has long-provided avenues of prayer to show that remembering the dead was and is important. The first centuries of Christianity showed that the dead were prayed-for, even with a Mass celebrated *at the tomb* of one who died, marking the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of death (Resurrection), 7<sup>th</sup> day (God's day), and the 10<sup>th</sup> day.

We pray for the dead because of bits of scripture, because of our trust in the Resurrection, and because it is



the example of the Tradition of the early Church. The Catholic Church holds in very high esteem how the Holy Spirit led the early Church in her formative days. For this reason, we *continue* to pray for the souls of the dead, that they experience the full Paschal joy, the joy of resurrection.

## Night at the Races

Though it occurred on the final evening of September, we wanted to make sure we gave the 2nd Annual St. Mary's Night at the Races its proper recognition!

Pattie and Dale Dotson led the charge for a second year, planning at a VFW as well as canvassing businesses and prepping food for the day. Parishioners were charged with filling the baskets for what would be an extremely successful basket raffle during the event.

It all came to a head on Saturday, September 30 at the VFW on Woodrow Ave.

in Parma, not just a few blocks from the church. A program was prepared by parishioner Chuck Repede, replete with advertisements from local businesses and horses named by parishioners and friends of St. Mary's.

The event began with introduction of the evening-to-be and a prayer by Fr. Jason. The canned races were chosen for the evening and the event was off!





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## Night at the Races (con't)

Friends enjoyed an expansive nacho bar, smoked pulled pork, hot dogs, and any flavor barbecue sauce one could think of! Spots for the 10th race were raffled off throughout the night, with the "big one" taking place to conclude the evening with much fanfare and enjoyment.

Thank you to all who made sure to be a part of the planning and enjoyment of this event. Let's do it again next year!



## Animal Blessing

Two animal blessings were held at St. Mary's on Wednesday, October 4, honoring the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi. The blessings were held at 6pm and 7pm, both well-attended by canine, feline, and humans alike!

Fr. Jason, Fr. Greg, and Fr. Jim all led portions of the blessing and subsequently went around the church parking

lot providing an individual blessing to each animal in attendance. While there were more animals at the 6pm blessing, the 7pm blessing was decidedly more...rowdy!

Thank you to all who came to be a part of this blessing- special thanks as well to Elaine Ploskonka who provided pictures and treat bags for each animal in attendance.





## Liturgy Meetings

Fr. Jason attended the biannual meeting of the PNCC National Commission on Liturgy in Scranton, PA from Monday, October 23- Wednesday, October 25. There, he presented over 200 pages of prepared material on the updated Calendar of

Saints that is approved for use in the Polish National Catholic Church. Holy Mass was celebrated on Monday and Tuesday by commission members Rev. Antulio Alvarado and Rev. Henryk Wos.



## Seniorate Meeting

A meeting of the Northeast Seniorate of the Western Diocese took place on Saturday, October 14 at Resurrection PNCC in Temperance, MI. The Administrative Senior, the Very Rev. Jaroslaw Nowak, called the meeting into session with prayer. Each parish reported on the previous year-that was, noting successes, struggles, blessings, and changes.

The parishioners of Resurrection PNCC provided a delicious breakfast of pastries and fruit and a luncheon of bbq pulled pork sandwiches with all sorts of accoutrements. Among the plans made were for the Lenten Retreat to take place in Temperance once again and peering at dates for other diocesan events. Fr. Jason and Mark Avondet attended from St. Mary's.

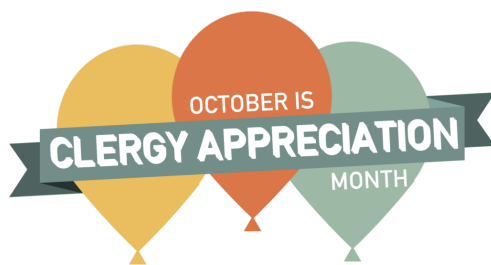


## Clergy Appreciation

The St. Mary's Mission Team honored the clergy of St. Mary's on Sunday, October 22 after the celebration of 9am Holy Mass.

and keeping us in regard as we work in the vineyard of our Lord and Savior.

A delicious cake was presented to the congregation and gifts were given to the clergy by three relatively-adoring young men of the parish.



On behalf of Rev. Jim Ploskonka and Rev. Greg Gronn; thank you for thinking of us



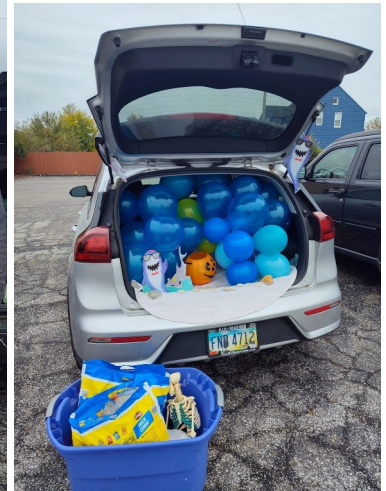


## Halloween Activities

On Sunday, October 29, St. Mary's went all-out in its celebration of All Hallow's eve (eve-eve). Kids wore costumes to church, and after Mass the kids and parish enjoyed cider donuts, coffee, and some pizza. The kids went trick-or-treating amongst the tables, receiving all the treats while saving the tricks for the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Later, from 1pm-2:30pm, the parish hosted its first Trunk-or-Treat in the parish parking lot. It was very well-received! Up-

wards of 50 kids came through our lot, encountering the Boo!gzevitz mobile, characters from Hocus Pocus, the Boehnlein Witch Project, The Classic Car Cavern, El Diablo's Trunk of Doom, Ron's Chip Trunk of Scares, the Terrible Tiffie Trunk, the Invisible Priest Car. We saw Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, superheroes, a chipmunk, princesses, characters from Scream, and more. A wonderful early afternoon!



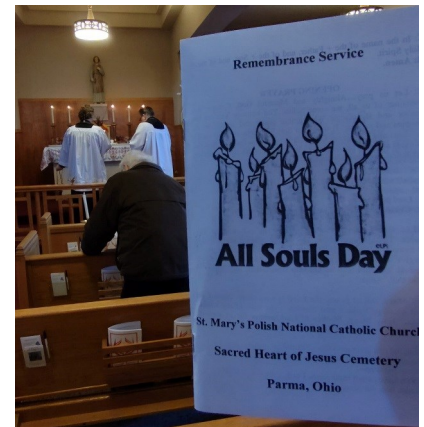
## Service of Remembrance for All Souls Day

The cemetery service for All Souls Day usually takes place the Sunday before All Souls Day. This year, we had to transfer the normal venue of the West 54<sup>th</sup> Street Cemetery to the friendly confines of St. Mary's due to an oversaturation of the cemetery grounds for both parking and traversing.

Fr. Jason and Fr. Greg led the service, setting up 5 "stations" in the nave of the church in order to set the worship apart from a normal time in church. Each station

was arranged with votive candles and followed the prayers of the liturgy: for departed parents, family members, clergy, those who served in the military, and all faithful departed.

Fr. Jason, Fr. Jim, and Fr. Greg have since visited the cemetery and blessed each grave. We will continue to remember the departed to open each Sunday Mass



## Restaurant Fundraiser

St. Mary's held a restaurant fundraiser on Monday, October 30 at the Burntwood Tavern in Brecksville, OH. The parish is to receive 15% back from the checks from parishioners – a quick and easy fundraiser and it gave people an enjoyable night out!

Adding to the ambiance of Halloween, the rumors were swirling that the tavern (which is over 100 years old) is haunted! Workers verified that they actively avoid going into the basement for this reason. Thank you to all who supported this event and we look forward to a nice slate of restaurant fundraisers in 2024.



throughout the entirety of the month of



## October Travels of Fr. Jim

### Cuyahoga County Interfaith Service Initiative Meets

On October 4, 2023, 74 faith leaders from across Cuyahoga County gathered with faith representing Polish National Catholic, Islam, Baptist, Jewish, Methodist, Church of Christ, Episcopal, and Presbyterian. After an opening prayer offered by the Reverend Dr. Jim Ploskonka of the Polish National Catholic Church, a presentation was held by Dr. Baston, President of Cuyahoga Community College on the status of and need for an Interfaith Community Service Institution to serve the numerous needs of the Greater Cleveland area. Additionally, information was shared about the largest community college in Ohio, where Father Ploskonka serves as Dean of the Center of Excellence, specifically serving over 42,000 students and celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> year of continued service to the various constituencies of the county.

### National YMSofR Convention

It was a great pleasure to venture to Norwich, CT to attend the YMSof R Convention of the Polish national catholic Church. We, Elaine, and I, broke up our drive out by stopping in Scranton, PA to dine with Cleric Sean Dodd. Eating at Alfredo's Pizza Café, made famous from the hit TV show "The Office." A great discussion was had about the penned transcendentals by St. Thomas Aquinas, first coined by Aristotle, and other topics related to Apologetics of the PNCC. Cleric Sean is from Texas and Fathers Jason and Jim have been instrumental in him as he progresses through his studies at our Savonarola Theological Seminary. Arriving in Norwich, we were greeted by representatives of the YMSofR from the National YMSofR board with an evening

reception and fellowship. Father Jim was asked to chair the XXth convention, which he said, "... was an honor. Chairing an organization meeting is easy when everything is going great, and everyone is on the same page." The YMSofR reported on the great success of the National Clothing Drive (we won 2023), the past two golf tournaments masterfully hosted by St. Mary's in Parma, the National Men's Spiritual retreat, and the growth of the Kurs Summer Encampment at Spojnia Farm. Father Jason and Father Jim both serve on the National YMSofR Central Committee.

### Fr. Jim "Kubus" Ploskonka attends Home Parish's 125th Anniversary Celebration

On Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup>, I humbly participated in Holy Mass, the Solemn High Mass of celebrating St. Adalbert's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. I reflected on those that had served as pastors, leaders, and parishioners. I remember where my grandfather, Tato, sat and belted out Tyle Lat at the conclusion of Polish Mass. It was tough looking up at the choir and not seeing all those who had gone before, especially my mom and dad. Spending my formative years at this legendary parish was truly a blessing and a powerful influence on my life. Father Senior Chromey, pastor of St. Adalbert's pointed out the chair that I occupied during Mass and the sedilia were donated by my grandparents, the late Julius and Mae Kijewski. I got a little weak in the knees learning this and knowing how much they loved and cherished the Church.

My friend Deacon Bob Karoscik served as Deacon of the Mass assisting Prime Bishop Mikovsky, along with Father Jim Kon-



icki who concelebrated. Other clergy present were Father Placek and my childhood chaplain Father Ruda.

A packed house filled the reception held at Colarusso's complete with presentation of roses by the children to Prime Bishop Mikovsky, remarks by the mayor and greetings from United States Senator Bob Casey. After Prime Bishop gave the Keynote Address, I offered a few remarks, which I stated: *We, who call St. Adalbert's home, are filled with many emotions today. Remembering our loved ones that are not with us, both living and those that have gone onto their eternal reward. Let us remember the impetus for our beginning was to reject being under a false teaching of infallibility and other dogmas of an oppressive denomination. It was to create a community, a Polonia community, where we learned to sing, read, recite, act, run, serve, clean, paint, cook, lead with Jesus Christ as the center of the Church, St. Adalbert's Church. The church is God's gift to us and this community, this branch of Catholicism loving memorized as the PNCC. It's great to be home.*

Additionally, I was honored to offer the benediction thanking God for the people, His guidance, protection, and love. A great weekend to look back and reflect and a time to regenerate the basis for my love for Christ and His Church.

For November, Father Ploskonka will travel to Cedar Lake to celebrate Holy Mass and to Chicago to participate in sub deacon Doug's canonical review and his ordination to the diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church.



## Meeting Report

*In the spirit of transparency as well as trying something a little bit different, our parish chairperson, Mrs. Susan Boehnlein, wanted to offer up for all readers a recap of our monthly parish committee meetings (official minutes subject to approval) to see if it is of any interest for others to read. Please reach out to Fr. Jason or Susan if you would like these to continue.*

### Recap of October's Committee Meeting

#### Buildings & Grounds:

The chairlifts – a repair company has been called in. The Bruno chairlift leading up to the church is working although the repair company needs to return to reactivate the indicator lights. The ACORN chairlift leading down to the basement needs to be serviced by an ACORN authorized dealer.

The leaks in the sanctuary have been addressed by Southwest Roofing – the company that redid the roof, 7+ years ago.

Church finances are off for the year. Much of this is due to several repair projects that have needed attention, reaching the point of not being repairable and needing new installations: new light fixtures in the basement kitchen and new bulbs in the Fellowship Hall.

Earlier in the year the funds from one of St. Mary's groups was sent to the Ohio Unclaimed Funds (paperwork has been filed to have the funds returned). In discussion with Fr. Jason it was decided that St. Mary's groups should have their banking information on file.

On September 17<sup>th</sup> St. Mary's participated in the nationwide Back to Church Sunday event. 60 postcards were hand-addressed and mailed to former attendees of St. Mary's.

A special coffee fellowship was provided. We plan on another invitation to former attendees before Thanksgiving.

Last month, the committee voted to add another Recycling Bin. It should be delivered by the end of the month.

The committee decided to participate in a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> as a form of community outreach. All parishioners are invited to participate. The idea

is to decorate your vehicle and provide candy or small trinkets to participants. The event will be advertised to the community.

#### Fund Raisers:

Dine-out at Burntwood Tavern on Monday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. This is an all-day opportunity for St. Mary's to earn 15% off your meal. Another dine-out event is scheduled for January at Texas Roadhouse.

Heat and Eat food sale and homemade bakery sale takes place November 18<sup>th</sup>.

Homemade Cookie Sale Saturday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Parishioners will be asked to bake their best cookies, activities will be available for children, the event will be advertised to the community.

Kolaczki will be sold for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

#### Group Reports:

The Ladies Sodality and Mission teams will once again be heading up the Wigilia Dinner.

The Mission team will soon set up their annual Sock Giving Tree in the back of church.

Polish League of American Veterans – held their state convention at St. Mary's. They were very happy with their accommodations, hospitality and the meals catered by St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Cub Scout Pack 216 had their first pack meeting at St. Mary's on September 19<sup>th</sup>. During the summer they held their Rain Gutter Regatta and Car Wash in St. Mary's parking lot. The scouts sold their Meat Sticks after mass on October 8<sup>th</sup>, those who missed out will have another opportunity on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, after 9am Mass. All parishioners are welcome. Meetings take about 90 minutes.



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October 24, 2023

The Feast Day of Raphael the Archangel

Dear Pastor or Parish Administrator, Parish Chairperson, and Y.M.S. of R. Branches,

Greetings to all on behalf of the entire United Y.M.S. of R. Board. The United Y.M.S. of R. has had a wonderfully productive last twelve months, collecting thousands of clothing items, being part of the National Bowling Tournament in Scranton, the National Golf Tournament in Parma, OH, the Men's Retreat in Waymart, PA, the Biennial Convention in Norwich, CT, and the National Kurs Encampment, also in Waymart. The United Board is once again calling on all Parishes and Y.M.S. of R. Branches in the PNCC to *be* Christ to your community.

We are calling for a winter clothing drive at each of our parishes. Over the last half-decade or so of doing this, the response from our Church has been wonderful and increasing. A number of the parishes of the Polish National Catholic Church belong to areas that experience difficult winter weather. The Board continues a church-wide drive to accomplish something that not only helps each local community, but reflects the mission of Jesus Christ in our world today.

Though a reason to be charitable is never needed, we have decided to reward the Parish who collects the most. An informative table on the right sidebar of the flyers included in this mailing have scoring information. The winning Parish will receive a monetary gift sponsored by the United Y.M.S. of R. Board, in hopes of being used to promote a fellowship activity in you parish. 1<sup>st</sup> place will receive \$200.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$150.00, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place \$100.00.

The drive begins now and will conclude January 6, 2024, the Solemnity of Our Lord's Epiphany and a period of a full seven weeks. Please post the attached flyer and poster in areas of your church for collection. You will need to appoint a chairperson and gather volunteers to organize the drive. As you receive clothing items please donate them to local charitable agencies, be sure to tally what you collect and confirm your final tally with President Nick Kazinetz after January 6. In the event you have some clothing we missed to categorize, please use your best judgement. We would love to have pictures to post on our UNITED YMS of R Facebook page and in Rola Boza. For further information or to email pictures, please contact your diocesan representatives on the flyer or President Kazinetz at (570) 604-2620 or [Nkaz20@aol.com](mailto:Nkaz20@aol.com). May the items you collect reflect the love of Jesus and the call of His gospel to continue His holy mission.

Sincerely in Jesus Christ our Lord,

The United Y.M.S. of R. Board



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### Various Announcements

**EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER/CANON**— for every Sunday of November, we will use the 5<sup>th</sup> Canon on pg. 92.

**OPERATION: CHRISTMAS CHILD** — Our collection begins! A cash donation of \$10 for postage is needed as well. Boxes will be available - see Evonne Pryer with questions. Collection week is Nov. 13-19.

**HEAT & EAT** — Fundraiser takes place Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. This now 3<sup>rd</sup> annual event features church-made frozen food items coupled with fresh bakery to allow people to circle our Fellowship Hall and grab delicious Polish Food. Kielbasa sandwiches will be served out of the kitchen as well as a quick-lunch option. Bakers are needed and appreciated(!) for this event. If you are able to bake and/or help with please see Elaine Ploskonka.

**SOUP-MAKERS & SWEETS-BAKERS NEEDED!** — Homemade soups have been an integral part of our autumn fundraising for a decade and we are asking again this fall for your assistance in providing soups for the Heat & Eat. We have found the best sellers are versions of chicken, beef, turkey, vegetable, and to some a good Polish borscht. We appreciate your cooking talent.

Quart containers can be provided, See Cathy Avondet or Elaine Ploskonka for questions you may have.

**ORDINATION** — Sub-Deacon Doug Scott (who has been here a few times the last few years) will be ordained to the Major Order of Deacon at All Saints Cathedral in Chicago 11am CT on Saturday, November 18. Fr. Jim will be in attendance representing our parish. Also, Sub-Deacon Justin Daviult will be ordained to the Major Order of Deacon at Holy Trinity PNCC in Plantsville, CT, on the same day and at the same time! Please keep them in your prayers.

**CLOTHES COLLECTION** — We hope you have been saving up your clothes! Our collection has begun for the YMSofR Clothing Drive (see letter in this newsletter). A bin has been set up in the Fellowship Hall. Let's be generous!

**COOKIE SALE** — Mark your calendars today! St. Mary's will be having a cookie sale on Saturday, December 16 in our Fellowship Hall. We are asking parishioners to donate 10 dozen of your "masterpiece cookies" to the parish. See Elaine Repede to get on the baker's list or Susan Boehnlein for more details.

**ALL SOULS ENVELOPES** — are available around the church for you to fill out and

remember your loved ones. You may drop them in the collection baskets or give them to Fr. Jason or in the parish office. All submitted names will be remembered in prayer during the four Sunday Masses in November. A final Mass with all names remembered will take place on Tuesday, November 28 at 9am.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 216 MEAT STICK SALE** — Will take place after 9am Mass Sunday, November 12. The cost is \$1.50 per stick and there are many flavor choices. Support the pack!

**KIELBASA**—The Choir of St. Mary's will be preparing its delicious fresh kielbasa on Saturday, December 2. Pre-orders are being taken for \$5 per pound. Members of the choir (and volunteers) are asked to be in the church basement to help at 9am. Orders are being taken by our organist and choir director, Chris Paulus or by any other choir member.

**KOLACZKI & PUMPKIN ROLLS!!!** — St. Mary's is making sure we can help you out with your Thanksgiving bakery. Church-made kolaczki (24 for \$15) and pumpkin rolls (with cream cheese, \$10) are available for preorder by contacting Susan Boehnlein. Pick up is Wed. Nov 22 4-6p.

### Scheduled Mass Intentions at St. Mary's

November 5 — Ron Tiffe of. by son Jeffery Tiffe

November 12— Hanna Pryer of. by daughter Evonne Pryer

November 19— Ann Stepanik of. by son Gene Stepanik

November 26 — Adolph & Helen Kasperczyk (Wedding Anv.) of. by son John & family

December 3 — Jack & Stella White (80th Wedding Anv.) of. by daughter Patty Temesi

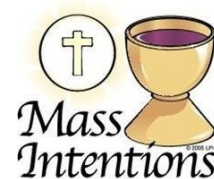
December 10— Gene Mora (birthday) of. by daughter Cherie Kugler

December 17— Open for an Intention

December 24 — Josephine Blatnik (4th An.) and Tony Blatnik (1st An.) of. by daughter/sister Elaine Repede & family

December 31 — Hanna & Len Pryer of. by daughter Evonne Pryer

Final 2023 open dates: Dec. 17—Fr. Jason will now take intentions for 2024



## November Days of Note



### November Birthdays

- 1 - Brady Soltysiak
- 5 - Ron Ference
- 6 - Alice Petrie
- 7 - Kathleen Beres
- 7 - Mike Wisniewski
- 16 - Mike Paulus
- 18 - Eileen Kasperczyk
- 19 - Bill Glatzer
- 21 - Krista O'Connor
- 22 - Josephine Ference (Her 100th!!!)**
- 22 - David Kubala
- 24 - Jeff Dreger
- 25 - Michael Petrie
- 27 - Vicente Suarez
- 29 - Eliza Dreger



*Happy Anniversary*

### November Anniversaries

- 5 - Vicente & Alison Suarez
- 9 - Marty & Sue Bengela
- 28 - Dale & Pattie Dotson

*Have we missed a birthday or anniversary? Sorry! Just give us a shout so we can fix any errors that have been made :-)*

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## "In Everything, Give Thanks"

### Honoring Thanksgiving Day

For all that God in mercy sends –  
For health and children, home and friends;  
For comfort in the time of need,  
For every kindly word and deed,  
For happy talks and holy thoughts;  
For guidance in our daily walk –  
In everything give thanks!  
For beauty in this world of ours,  
For verdant grass and lovely flowers,  
For song of birds, for horn of bees,  
For the refreshing summer breeze,  
For hill and plain, for streams and wood,  
For the great ocean's mighty flood –  
In everything give thanks!  
For the sweet sleep which comes with  
night,  
For the returning morning's light,  
For the bright sun that shines on high,  
For the stars glittering in the sky –  
For these and everything we see,  
O Lord our hearts we lift to thee;  
In everything give thanks!



Author Unknown

## Our Prayer List

Praying for St. Mary's Parishioners & Friends

Bill & Pat Glatzer	Bob Kaczmarek
Bill Kastak	Anna Dawidziuk
George & Linda Makovicka	John Spilka
Johanna Markiewicz	Patrick Kmitt
Jim Boehnlein	Sauna Smullen
Marty Bengela	Tom Putynski
Jeff Pardy	Millie Dominik
Kathleen Beres	Joseph Bischoff
David Micka	Jeff Lukas
Ed Pierson	George Bennett
Daniel Morgan	Pattie Dotson
Nicole McGivern	Jack Spilka
Elaine Repede	David Vaden
Wanda Clark	Beth Chihill
Michael Cosevin	Helen Cummings
Laina Dachtal	Michael McGivern
Jay Grabowsky	Pam Chesar
Cecelia Hall	Caroline Kunes
Linda Marks	Thomas Lill
John & Anne Nemetz	Rhonda Smith
Al Piniecki	Carol Boesch
Joanie True	Daniel Rinella
Penny Dennison	Tom Slomka
Wojciech Fedorowicz	Ben Soltis
Pam Tropiano	Linda Vect
Dennis and Sue Vect	Marcus Vaughn, Jr.
Bryson Dzurroff	Fr. Sr. Joseph Soltysiak
Doreen Stanley	Jane Hunter
Dennis Thome	The Finnie Family
Carlene Fliss	Jim Fliss Jr.
John Wisniewski	Cathy Pieciak
Nan Cramer	Barb & Jim Lukas
Mike Pescitelli	Kathy Robertson
Phil Repko	Richard & Edna Samelson
Jim Giles	Kathleen Sobocinski
Bill Zychowski	Loretta Baldwin
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Bless them, O Lord.

