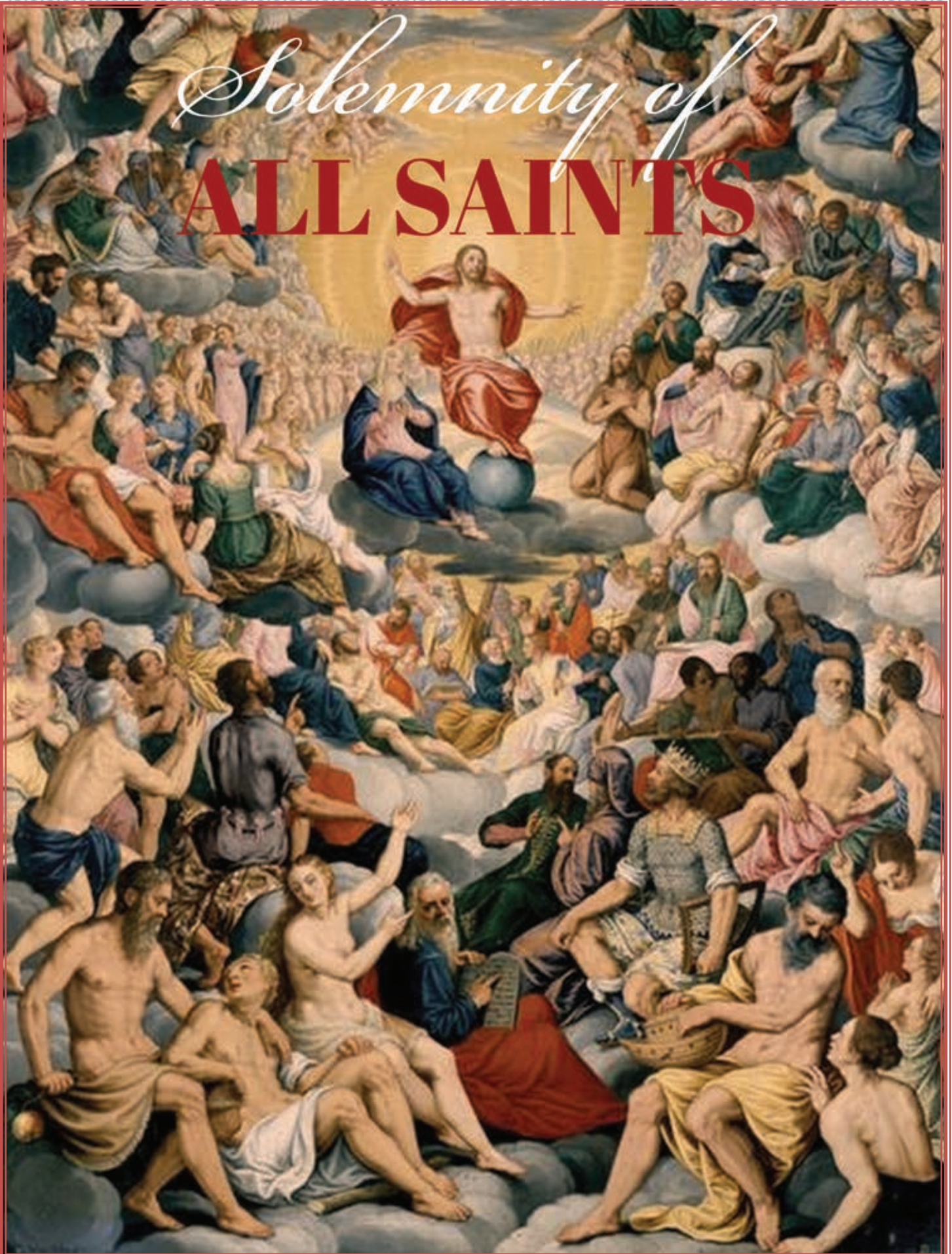


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 NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31**

*Mass of Anticipation for All Saints*  
 5:00PM Roberta A. Testa—Memorial

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**

*The Solemnity of All Saints*  
 7:30 AM Evelyn & Michael Simon—Memorial  
 9:00AM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy  
 10:30AM Deceased Parishioners of OLM

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2**

*All Souls Day*  
 7:30AM Christopher Angelo—17th Anniversary  
 9:00AM All Souls (School Mass live-stream only)  
 12:00PM All Souls

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Paul Soucy—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4**

*Saint Charles Borromeo, Bishop*  
 7:30AM Evelyn & Fred Bouro—Memorial

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Martha & Gottlob Loeffler—Memorial

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6**

*Weekday*  
 7:30AM Dec'd Members of the Legion of Mary—Mem.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

*Weekday; BVM*  
 8:30AM Special Intention

*Mass of Anticipation for the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 5:00PM Barbara & Nelson Silva—Memorial

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8**

*The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
 7:30 AM Teresa & Frank Heran—Memorial  
 9:00AM Vincent Lanna—12th Anniversary  
 10:30AM Bernard Falchini—Memorial



**We must  
 empty  
 Purgatory  
 with our  
 prayers.  
 -St. Padre Pio**



Dear Parishioners:

Last Sunday, we had a joyful and solemn celebration of Confirmation for our parish's young adults. We thank Bishop Evans for filling in for Bishop Matano as NY State restrictions prevented him from traveling to RI. We also thank Doug Green, Mickey St. Jean, and all those who helped prepare for this important event. Also, we thank Henri St. Louis and the musicians for the beautiful music.

We especially thank the candidates, their sponsors, and their parents. We give thanks to God for these newly confirmed Catholics and ask Him to continue to bestow his blessings and grace upon them. May they grow in faith, hope, and charity.

We celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints this week as November 1 falls on a Sunday. Today we celebrate the Church's saints, that is, all those both known and unknown who have attained Heaven.

In a particular way, we remember in our prayers all those OLM Parishioners who have died since last November 1. Their families join us at the 10:30AM Mass. We promise them our continued prayers during their time of sorrow and grief and for the repose of the souls of their dearly departed. May they rest in peace, and may the perpetual light shine upon them.

Life on earth is often difficult. "*Continuous warfare*," as Job said. This world is fallen, filled with obstacles to justice, peace, and true happiness. Each of us carries within us a fallen human nature that tends toward selfishness and sin, despite being

loved by God and redeemed and renewed by his grace.

As a result, the life of every Christian here on earth is a hard battle to stay faithful to Christ and to help others do the same. Therefore, the Church on earth is called the Church Militant. Official Church teaching doesn't shy away from this. The Second Vatican Council, in its Constitution on the Church in the Modern World, taught: "*For a monumental struggle against the powers of darkness pervades the whole history of man. The battle was joined from the very origins of the world and will continue until the last day, as the Lord has attested.*"

We know this, and we have accepted the challenge - that's why we faithfully attend Holy Mass, seek forgiveness in Confession and strive to live virtuously. And yet, at times, we get tired of fighting. We get worn out with the state of our world and sometimes the state of our own lives. That's why the Church gives us today's Solemnity of All Saints - to rekindle our hope!

Today we take our eyes off the battlefield of the earth where the Church militant is fighting, sweating, and bleeding. And we lift our gaze to Heaven, where we see "*a great multitude, which no one could count*" gathered around our King, enjoying the rewards of their earthly labors, enjoying the victory.

These are the saints in Heaven and we call them the Church Triumphant. They are people just like us, from every age, experience, place and walk of life, who "*survived the time of*

*great distress*," as St John calls life on earth. Contemplating these brothers and sisters in Christ should renew our strength, inspire us, and encourage us.

We continue to remember all the souls of the faithful departed during this All Souls Month of November. Please be mindful of the souls in purgatory. The Church teaches us that praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy.

The greatest prayer we could ever offer for the dead is the prayer of the Mass. At Mass, we unite our prayers, those emanating from our lips, our hearts, even our bodies in all types of actions of loving sacrifice for others, to Christ's prayer in the Mass. The Mass is the continuous, saving sacrifice once-and-for-all begun during the Last Supper and finished on the Cross.

Tuesday is Election Day! All elections have serious consequences for our society. So please prepare for Tuesday by joining in prayer on Monday. On the eve of the election we hold vigil for our nation. We pray for all candidates and for peace, liberty and justice. We pray for the poor, the unborn, the vulnerable, the sick, and the weakest among us. Then on Election Day, may we cast a vote first and foremost as a Catholic with an informed conscience.

Happy All Saints Day!  
Stay safe. Be Well. Do Good!  
God Bless. God Bless America!

# Ask Father

## What are the Four Last Things?

During the month of November we pray more fervently for the souls in purgatory to help them get ready for heaven. Hence it is an appropriate month to explain the Four Last Things. In Catholic theology the Four Last Things refers to Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. We study these realities under the branch of theology known as Eschatology. Our spiritual lives should include regular meditation on these realities. In any journey, it's important to remember your destiny to know that you are going the right way. When we consider the most important parts of our lives, at the top of that list, should be the Four Last Things. What happens to our immortal souls at death is of utmost importance.

Every human being possesses an immortal soul and a mortal body. Hence every human being will experience death. No one gets out of this life alive. Prior to our bodily deaths, we are open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace offered through Christ. Once we die, our lives are eternally destined for either heaven or hell. Particular judgment on a soul happens immediately after death. God judges a soul based on his or her faith and works. As the Catechism states, "Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven-through purification or immediately, or immediate and everlasting damnation." The final judgment occurs at the end of time. This is not a second chance for souls. Instead God brings to fulfillment His kingdom.

Those who die in God's grace (in a state of grace), having chosen Him and heaven, begin their journey to heaven. If the person has attachments to sin or imperfections, these are removed in purgatory. Heaven is the blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ. This is beyond all understanding and description, albeit we get glimpses of it in the goodness and truth we find here on earth.

We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. Grave sin (mortal sin) is the manifestation of freely choosing not to love God and neighbor. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from Him and neighbor for all eternity. We call this state "hell." A person in hell freely chooses it. God predestines no one to go to hell.



# Weekly Collection

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*Pray for the Nation on Election Day Eve*

**MONDAY  
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*Upcoming School Events*

- **Monday, November 2:** 6th Grade attends 9:00AM All Souls Day Mass (live-stream available)
- **Tuesday, November 10:** 7th Grade attends Mass at 9:00AM (no live-stream)
- **Wednesday, November 11:** No School in observance of the Veterans Day Holiday

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• **Confirmation Class (2020-21):** Family Mass & Class on Sunday, November 1st at 5:00PM. **Only Confirmation students & families may attend Mass,** followed by brief Family Catechesis Class.

• **First Communion Class (2020-21):** Family Mass & Class on Sunday, November 8th at 5:00PM. **Only First Communion students & families may attend Mass,** followed by brief Family Catechesis Class.





*Pray for the Souls of these OLM*

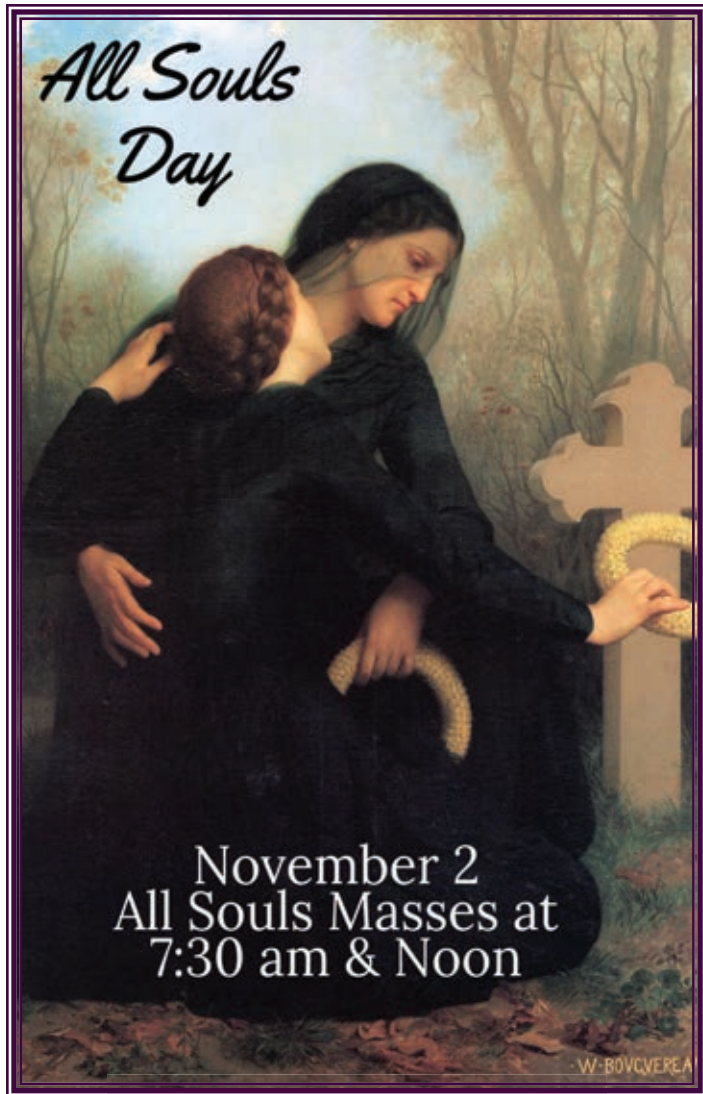
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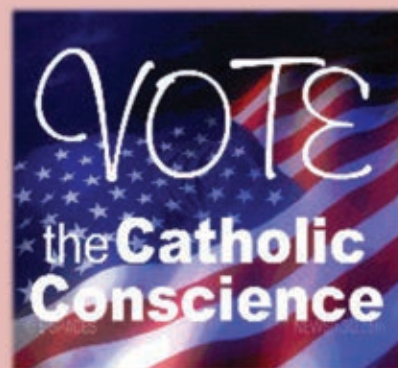
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