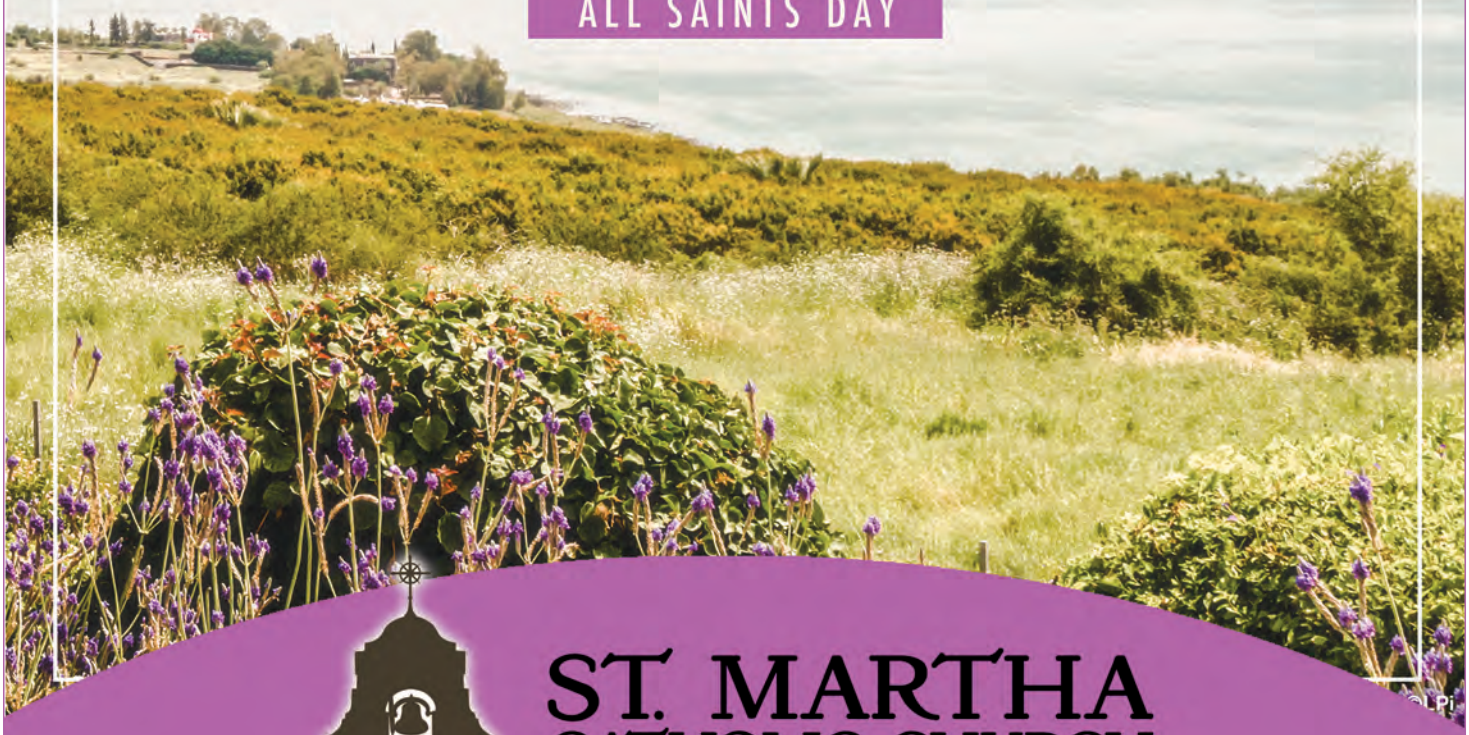
November 1-7, 2026

YOUR REWARD WILL BE GREAT IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 5:12

ALL SAINTS DAY



ST. MARTHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass Schedule

Saturday 7:30am • 8:30am • 4pm *Vigil* • 5:30pm *Vigil*
Sunday 7:30am • 9am • 9am (Hall) • 10:30am
12pm • 12pm Vietnamese (Hall) • 5:30pm
Weekday 7:30am • 8:30am • 12pm

Confession - Reconciliation Room
Saturday 3-4pm • Monday, Wednesday, Friday 11am
Eucharistic Adoration - Carosella Chapel
Tuesday-Thursday 9am-12pm
Rosary - Rosary prayed after 7:30am Mass

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November 1, 2026
31st Sunday in Ordinary Time - Mt 5:1-12a
by Father Gennadi

When we hear the word *saint*, we may think of someone far away. We may picture a person from long ago, shown as a statue or in a stained-glass window. We may think, *That life is beautiful, but it is not for me*. But the saints are not distant people from the past. They are our brothers and sisters. They lived in the same world in which we live. They knew joy and sorrow. They faced fear, temptation, failure, sickness, and loss. They were not born perfect. They became holy because they kept turning back to Christ.

Today's Solemnity of All Saints reminds us of the first truth to remember: the saints show us what we can become. The saints were very different from one another. Some were priests and religious. Some were married. Some were parents. Some were young, and some were old. Some were rich, and some were poor. Some served in public, while others lived quiet and hidden lives. They did not all look the same. They did not all pray in the same way. They did not all serve God in the same place. Yet they had one purpose: to become like Jesus.

> *"The Saints show us what we can become."*
>
> *- Father Gennadi*

Holiness does not remove our personality. Grace does not make us copies of one another. God takes each person as he or she is and leads that person toward Christ. The path may be different, but the goal is the same.

So, let us remember the second truth: many paths, but one goal – to become like Christ.

The Church gives us the saints not only so that we may admire them. The Church gives us the saints so that we may follow their example. A saint's life says to us, *The Gospel can be lived*. It is not always easy. It asks for sacrifice. It asks us to pray when God seems silent.

But the Gospel also gives life. The saints found a joy that the world could not take away. They learned that when we give our lives to Christ, we do not lose ourselves. We become our true selves.

This is why holiness is not an extra choice for a few special people. Holiness is the call of every baptized person. In baptism, God made us His children. He placed His life within us. He gave us a new identity and a new future. To reject holiness is to forget who we are.

Perhaps someone is thinking, *I am too weak. I have failed too often. I could never be a saint*. But every saint needed mercy. Every saint had to begin again. Holiness does not mean that we never fall. It means that, with God's grace, we rise again and continue walking.

God is not asking us to do everything today. He is asking for one faithful step. One honest prayer. One act of kindness. One burden carried with love. One quiet *yes* to God.

These small acts may seem hidden, but this is how saints are formed.

So let us not only look at the saints. Let us walk with them. Let us ask for their prayers. Let us learn from their courage. May Christ shape our hearts. May His grace lift us when we fall. And may our lives, one day, show others that the Gospel can truly be lived.



Our Pastor, Father George

Notes From Father George:

All Saints (November 1) – The Saints celebrate the resurrection in the presence of God as members of the communion of Saints. The latest, Blessed Fulton Sheen, is one of those who belong to the Triumphant Church, which lives in heaven in the fullness of life.

Starting on the Solemnity of All Saints and motivated by the All Souls Day (Nov. 2), when we begin our November prayers for the Dead and their eternal peace, we will have our symbolical *Book of the Living* displayed in front of the altar, in the church, during the month of November. Think about family members and let's pray for God's mercy for them so that their names can be added into the Book of the Living in Heaven.

We will have a special Mass for the Dead, on Monday, November 2 at 5:30pm and then special prayers in the Garden of Remembrance for those whose Cremains are buried there.

The month of November – especially All Souls Day, is a traditional time for visiting graves of loved ones, as is the anniversary of death.

Bishop recently appointed a new Chancellor in the Diocese – Bishop Emilio Biosca has informed us that Dr. Volodymyr Smeryk concluded his employment as the Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice as of Oct. 23rd. Msgr. Robert Cannon is the new Chancellor of the Diocese of Venice.

Parish Pilgrimage in the Holy Year of St. Francis of Assisi – Please consider signing up for this one-day Bus Pilgrimage to St. Francis of Assisi church in Grove City on December 15, 2026. We will also visit the Retreat Center in Venice and have a look at the Epiphany Cathedral, which is under renovation.

Next Sunday, November 8, 2026, is the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

With prayers for God's blessing to you and your family,
Father George



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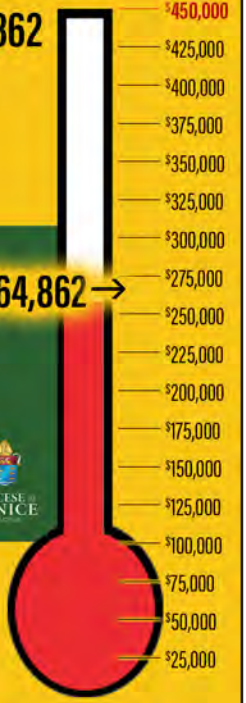
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"Year of St. Frances of Assisi"

Tuesday, December 15

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Mass & Tour of Parish

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Weekly Mass Intentions

Sun, Nov 1 . . . . . Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a
7:30am . . . [GS] . . . Charles Koenig by Sharon Koenig
9:00am . . . [WG] . . . Shirley & Anthony DeBenedetto by Jim & Mimi
9:00am . . . [GR] . . . (Hall) Annette Barth by the Suarez Family
10:30am . . . [FS] . . . For All Parishioners
12:00pm . . . [WG] . . . Celia & John Sullivan by the Salmon Family
12:00pm . . . [JV] . . . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm . . . [GR] . . . Annette Barth by Friends

Mon, Nov 2 . . . . . Wis 3:1-9; Rom 5:5-11; Jn 6:37-40
7:30am . . . [GR] . . . . Ryan Halstead by Mom
8:30am . . . [WG] . . . Elizabeth Stewart by Carolyn Ferguson
12:00pm . . . [WG] . . . Deacon Ron Danis by Deacon Bill & Lou Ladroga
5:30pm . . . [GS] . . . . Mass and Blessing for Deceased

Tue, Nov 3 . . . . . Phil 2:5-11; Lk 14:15-24
7:30am . . . [WG] . . . Helene Welch by David & Paula Shigley
8:30am . . . [GS] . . . . (L) Patricia Devine by Maureen Devine
12:00pm . . . [WG] . . . Maurice & Catherine DeLorenzo by Barbara

Wed, Nov 4 . . . . . Phil 2:12-18; Lk 14:25-33
7:30am . . . [GR] . . . Bill Salomone by M.J. Salomone & Family
8:30am . . . [WG] . . . Maurice & Catherine DeLorenzo by Barbara
12:00pm . . . [GR] . . . Jerry Reddy by Mom

Thu, Nov 5. . . . . Phil 3:3-8a; Lk 15:1-10
7:30am . . . [WG] . . . Wanda Kinczel by John & Stephanie Iacopelli
8:30am . . . [GR] . . . Cesar Delgado by Angela Sweeney
12:00pm . . . [FS] . . . . Mary Schlossmann by Cathy & George Phillips

Fri, Nov 6 . . . . . Phil 3:17-4:1; Lk 16:1-18
7:30am . . . [GR] . . . Margaret Dellatori by M.J. Salomone & Family
8:30am . . . [FS] . . . . Don Daly by Joseph DeStefano
12:00pm . . . [GS] . . . . Saul Campos by Angela Sweeney

Sat, Nov 7 . . . . . Phil 4:10-19; Lk 16:9-15
7:30am . . . [WG] . . . RD & Ceceila Kelly & Family
by Thomas & Jacqueline Kelly
8:30am . . . [GR] . . . Nadine Sutherland by Jennifer Hines
4:00pm . . . [FS] . . . . Rose Vellecco & Julie Cameron by Marge Coppa
5:30pm . . . [GR] . . . Mina & Joe Piano by M.J. Salomone & Family

Sun, Nov 8 . . . . . Wis 6:12-16; 1 Thes 4:13-18; Mt 25:1-13
7:30am . . . [GS] . . . . (L) Olga Lukashevich by Dr. James Bovienzo
9:00am . . . [GS] . . . . St. Martha's Volunteers by the Clergy
9:00am . . . [WG] . . . (Hall) (L) Sean & Mary Ann White by Family
10:30am . . . [WG] . . . For All Parishioners
12:00pm . . . [FS] . . . . Kevin O'Sullivan by Martina O'Sullivan
12:00pm . . . [] . . . . . (Hall/Vietnamese) Special Intentions
5:30pm . . . [GR] . . . L&D Mbrs of the Forget Family
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November 5, 2026
St. Paul the Apostle Parish
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November 6, 2026
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TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

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We are also looking forward to our *Garden to Table* event on November 5, a wonderful evening of fellowship and support for St. Martha. Tickets are available, and we hope many of our school and parish families will be able to join us.

Whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Peace and Goodness, Mrs. Hanson, *Principal*

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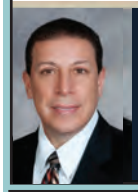
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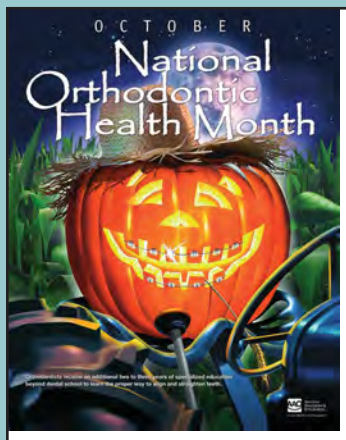
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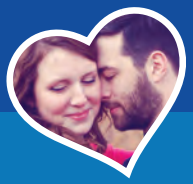
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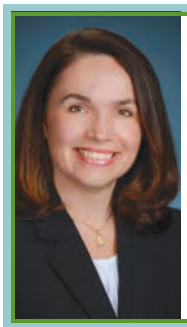
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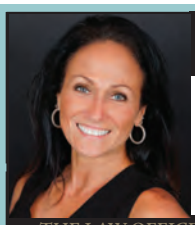


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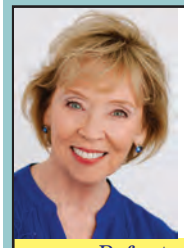
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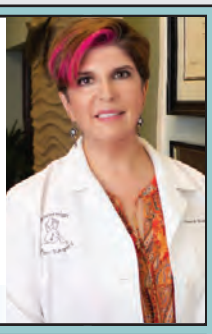


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