

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, October 27**

5 p.m. + **Roseann Pietro**  
By Rachael Semoche

**Sunday, October 28**

8:00 a.m. + **Eric Riso**  
By Jim and Eileen Mattison

10:30 a.m. + **Ann Stuart**  
By Rich and Maryjane Petteruti

**Monday, October 29**

8:45 a.m. + **Dominico Saramiero**  
By Gerry and Brian Moss

**Tuesday, October 30**

8:45 a.m. + **John Haffert**  
By Daughter

**Wednesday, October 31 Vigil All Saints**

6:30 p.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

**Thursday, November 1 All Saints**

8:45 a.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

6:30 p.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

**First Friday November 2**

8:45 a.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

**First Saturday, November 3**

8:45 a.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

5 p.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

**Sunday, November 4**

8:00 a.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

10:30 a.m. **All Souls Mass Remembrance**

All Saints Day, also known as All Hallows' Day, or Halloween, is a Christian celebration in honor



of all the saints from Christian history. In Western Christianity, it is observed on November 1st by the Roman

Catholic Church, the Methodist Church, the Lutheran Church, and other Protestant denominations. The Eastern Orthodox Church and associated Eastern Catholic churches observe All Saints Day on the first Sunday following Pentecost.

The Christian festival of All Saints Day comes from a conviction that there is a spiritual connection between those in Heaven and on Earth. In Catholic tradition, the holiday honors all those who have passed on to the Kingdom of Heaven. It is a national holiday in numerous historically Catholic countries. In Methodist

tradition, All Saints Day relates to giving God earnest gratitude for the lives and deaths of his saints, remembering those who were well-known and not. Additionally, individuals throughout Christian history are celebrated, such as Peter the Apostle and Charles Wesley, as well as people who have personally guided one to faith in Jesus, such as one's relative or friend.

In addition to weekly worship gatherings, "All Saints Day" annually reminds us of our connectedness as Christians. It's commemorated every November 1st. Perhaps, you were taught to think of saints as statues in a church building. But the Bible teaches something completely different. Who is a saint? You are. That is if you're a follower of Jesus. God calls a "saint" anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation. See Acts 9:13, 26:10, Romans 8:27, and 1Corinthians 1:2.

Sainthood isn't given by a group of religious leaders. It's granted by God Himself to any common, salt-of-the-earth person who simply trusts Christ (1Corinthians 1:2). Words matter. And sowing confusion about good, biblical words like "saint" is not from God. The gospel message is that God the Son came to earth, lived a perfectly obedient life, died on the cross to pay for our sins (Romans 5:1), and rose again proving His atoning work was complete (Romans 4:22-25). Saints are those who give up the anti-faith alternative of trying to please God by their good deeds and, instead, trust Christ alone. Scripture says that the person of faith actually becomes the very righteousness of God (2 Cor. 5:21)!

Through the channel of human faith (the means of salvation) we become united to Christ (the source of salvation) and we are saved from God's judgment as well as from the futile way of life that we naturally follow (1Peter 3:18). In other words, we are granted sainthood! Skeptical? Think about this: if God calls the worldly, sinning believers in Corinth "saints"—and He does in 1Corinthians 1:2—couldn't He call you a saint as well? Friend, anyone who trusts in Christ alone for salvation is a saint in God's sight.

**Relation to Halloween**

Dressed as Dracula or as devils, neighborhood children happily "trick or treat" in the United

States and some other countries. But would it surprise you to know that "Halloween" (by that name) started out as a holy Christian celebration? Hallow, in Old English, means "holy" or "sacred." Therefore, "Hallows' Eve," or "Halloween" simply means "the evening of holy persons" and refers to the evening before All Saints Day, which is this day, November 1 on both Anglican and Catholic calendars. Halloween is a mixture of Celtic religious ideas and Christian martyrology.



10/28, 10:30: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass  
 10/29, 6:15: All Rel. Ed. Grades at school

**11/1, 6:30: ALL students & parents at Mass**

**For All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE DATE ON THE FLYER HANDED OUT LAST WEEKEND WAS INCORRECT. WHAT WAS PUBLISHED IN THIS BULLETIN LAST WEEK IS THE CORRECT DATE.



**Saturday, October 27** marks the kickoff of our annual *Giving Tree* charity drive. The tree will remain in the

Narthex until **December 2**. Please remember to return the tree ornament with you donation.

**Wine & Beer Tasting Fundraiser Report**

<b>Ticket Sales</b>	\$2,745.
50/50 Profit	315.
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,060.</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Alcohol	406.11
Permits/License	192.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>598.11</b>
<b>Profit:</b>	<b>\$2,461.89</b>

(The winner of the 50/50 donated their share to the church \$315. A big thank you goes to that parishioner!)

Also thanks to those who donated food, water, fruit, etc. It really helped our profit margin!

**Our Offering**

**October 21: \$2,402. World Missions: \$480.**

**TRICKY TRAY FUNDRAISER**



**December 1 @ 9:30 a.m. at the Mansfield Township School**

Check out our Basket Theme suggestions posted in the Narthex and again we ask that each family donated a basket of items with a value of at least \$25.

*Dear Parishioners, You are encouraged to join me every Friday after the morning Mass, to pray the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, and on the First Friday pray the chaplet in front of the Blessed Sacrament. To follow Bishop James's invitation, we will dedicate these prayers for the healing of the victims of clergy sexual abuse and for strength, courage and perserverence of the Church of of Metuchen.—Father Damian*

Stephen, Bridget M., Savannah Paine, Bobby Gross, Keira Hedges, Peter, Zachary, Logan Peter Saks, Anna Saks, Lauren Lane, Jay Mildrum, Peter S., Mary Rupell, Susan Reynolds, Maryanne C., Robert Dicheck, Christian, Tara, Zoe, Teagan, Eric Harding, Kathy & Bob Y., Irma Marquart, Dolores Staiano, Gerard Schnaars, Glenda L., The Rasimowicz Family, Michael Dante, Joseph Boyle, Tony Santos, Tina Delrosso, Gaspar Scozzati, Eleanor D., Tom and Jean C., Helene Picht, Tom M.



Prayer Requests

**Fall Grounds Clean-up**

Father Damian is looking for help with the grounds clean-up. We want to give a supreme effort to have the grounds look tip-top for the bishop and the visiting priests who will be with us on November 18 (the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Theodore Church). If you can give us a few hours of your time on **November 10 at 10:30**, we'd be most appreciative. P.S. Bring your rakes! 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Graders can earn service hours!