

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As the World Series comes home this week to Philadelphia, we enter the month of November. This is the month in which we remember our lasting home, Heaven. In doing so, we call to mind those who have gone before us. Those already in Heaven (the Saints); those in Purgatory (i.e. still on the way); and yes, even ourselves as we continue our journey on earth, still capable of making decisions for or against Heaven. This is a sacred, sober time of year as we recall our human condition and orient it toward God.

A few notes then in that regard: Tuesday is **All Saints Day**, a Holy Day of Obligation. Please see our Mass schedule, come to Church as we celebrate the Saints whose powerful friendship and prayer encourage on the Way. Wednesday is **All Souls Day**, not a Day of Obligation, but a time when we can remember and pray for those still in need of mercy. Our Parish Book of the Dead will be placed in the front of Church for names of deceased loved ones. Finally, on Saturday, we will remember our parishioners who have died this past year. They sat in the pews that we sit in and our prayer for them is most fitting.

In November, we also have our **Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service** with the other Christian Churches of the area. This year, it will be held on Sunday, November 20 at 7PM at St. Michael’s Lutheran Church. Please mark your calendar.

Finally, we have **Election Day** approaching, a day when we exercise our civic duty. A few notes in that regard:

- 1) “We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern.” – Pope Francis, 9/16/13.
- 2) “Offering the best of ourselves” means making a well-informed decision with well-formed conscience. While we live in a sad political environment where virtuous politicians are few, we are not excused from voting. Rather, we vote for that candidate that best respects the four basic principles of Catholic social doctrine: the dignity of the human person, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity. Equip yourself with Catholic Voters Guides that report the candidate’s positions on the important issues of life, family, marriage and the common good.

Peace,

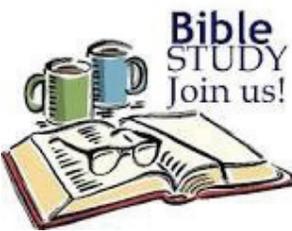
Fr. Rogers



COMMUNION OF SAINTS WITH SEMINARIAN AUGUSTINE REIMERS

Thursday, November 10 and November 17, 2022 in the St. Joseph Room

The Saints are powerful intercessors for us, they are constantly present in all our lives, and their example can lead us to be like them so that we can join them in the eternal happiness of heaven. Join Augustine for a presentation and discussion on the saints. These evenings will help all of come to a deeper understanding of who the saints are, how they are active in our lives, and help us to grow in relationship with them. All are welcome!



**Advent Bible Study Now Forming**

Advent is right around the corner and we are excited to journey into scripture with you this season.

*Rejoice! An Advent Pilgrimage into the Heart of Scripture* will offer daily reflections on the Sunday Mass readings that will help you enter more deeply into the season of Advent. Together with the weekly videos, this reflection series will help you to grow in your understanding and appreciation for the incredible gift of Christ’s Incarnation. As you slow down and meditate on the readings each week, you’ll find your experience of Advent transformed. By contemplating the coming of the Prince of Peace at Christmas, you’ll find your own heart filled by his peace and joy.

**This four week series will be held on Tuesday nights from 7:00-8:30PM in the St. Joseph room from November 22 through December 13. There is an optional \$9.00 fee for those who wish to purchase the journal. For more details and/or to sign up, contact Anne Marie Gillinger at amgmag03@gmail.com or visit the parish website.**

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