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Let us give thanks to the Lord

We thank thee, Lord,

For fields of grain

Gold and ripe from summer's rain,

For hillsides bright with scarlet trees

That rustle in the autumn breeze,

For friend so dear,

For those we love,

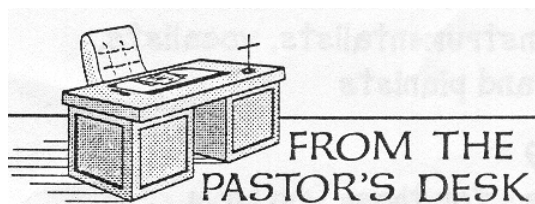
For all things sent from

heaven above...

We thank thee,

Lord.





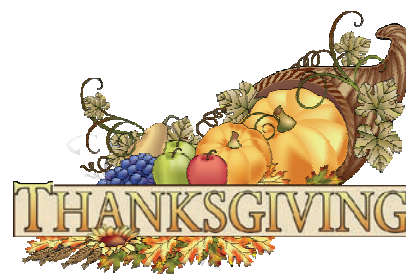
Monday, we celebrate Thanksgiving and we offer the Mass and our prayers this weekend for the many graces that God has given us.

However, I am very aware that today we may struggle to find something to be thankful for. There may be someone who have or are still suffering physically. As well that there are many who are suffering with mental illness and especially the silent scourges of anxiety and depression. For some there has been economic or family stress. Please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers. As always, if you need someone to talk to please feel free to contact me.

But, I may suggest that giving thanks is more important than ever. In times of difficulty it is a temptation to be cynical and to question God. Yet when we give thanks we look at the completeness of our life and it makes us realize that indeed there is goodness in it and that God is still with us and has never abandoned us and with His grace these dark times will pass.

I might use an extreme example to illustrate this point: In the Agony of the Garden and the passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, in those moments of the cross, there were also moments of quite comfort. The angel that comforts Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane. During the passion, there was St. Veronica who wipes Jesus' face, the centurion who gave Him something to drink when Jesus said "I thirst", by pious custom we attribute this to St. Longinus and Mary, St. John, St. Mary Magdalene and the other woman who stayed with Him at the foot of the cross. But you know, the cross is not the end of Jesus' story. That is the resurrection. It was Him coming back to his disciples and continuing a life in the Church with them. Even telling St. Peter at the last Supper that "I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail and when you have turned again strengthen your brethren" (Lk 22:32) Jesus is looking past St. Peter's weakness at the passion, in fact He is looking past the passion itself to the joy and glory of the resurrection. Giving thanks not only reminds us that God has never abandoned us, but more so, it gives us hope, hope that this moment will pass and that joy will return until we experience that fullness of Joy when He comes again.

I may not know how your Thanksgiving will look like this year. Truth be told at the time I write this note I'm not fully sure where I will be spending it. Regardless, I pray that you do find happiness in it and that we will be able to give thanks to God for the graces He has given us this year, as we look with great hope to the days that follow. May you all have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.



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Morning Mass on Thanksgiving Day

Monday, October 11th, will be celebrated at 9:00 am.

The Parish Office will be closed.



Celebrate Thanksgiving by helping in the fight against hunger.

Please bring a non-perishable food item to Church.

These donation will then go to the Good Shepherd Ministries.

Good Shepherd are most in need of canned sops & stews, canned legumes, pasta sauce & canned tomatoes, canned vegetables, tuna, breakfast cereals, tea bags, packaged cookies/granola bars, chocolate bars, rice, jam or any other non-perishable food item.

Thank you for your support!!!

We will be celebrating a special Mass for Thanksgiving Day on Monday, October 11th, at 9:00 am.



Upcoming Bundle Up for the Society of St Vincent de Paul November 13 & 14

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul will be collecting gently used clothing, shoes, linens and household goods to support our neighbours in need and our residential programs the weekend November 13 & 14, 2021.

Please bring your donation and help others in your community. Thank you!!!

The truck usually arrives Friday afternoon and leaves Monday morning.



November is the month that the Church traditionally prays for all her deceased brothers and sisters. The following Masses have been scheduled for the month of November:

We will be celebrating Masses in Honour of the Saints Monday, November 1st, 7:00 pm in English. ALL SOULS – Tuesday, November 2nd, 8:00 am in Italian and 7:00 pm in English.

*Novembre messe dedicato a tutti I Santi e Defunti, saranno celebrate le seguenti messe:
Lunedì il 1 novembre la messa dedicate a tutti I Santi Alle 7:00 pm in Inglese
Per tutti I Defunti: Martedì il 2 di novembre alle 8:00 am in Italiano e 7:00 pm in Inglese*



**“Living the Gospel”
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Day in and day out, frontline workers have been working tirelessly during the pandemic. While they are there for us, who is there for them?

Catholic Family Services agencies have served countless people who are on the front lines during the pandemic, providing counselling and support. Your gift to ShareLife is helping them cope with the stress and anxiety of being exposed to illness.

October 31 is the next ShareLife Sunday. Please give generously during the special collection or anytime at sharelife.org.

Covid 19 Protocols

As we begin to enter into the business of the fall season, we remind everyone that Covid protocols are still in effect.

Namely: The wearing the masks inside the Church, social distancing and no congregational singing.

Please pick up a copy of the bulletin or other material as you leave the Church, so as not to accidentally leave them in the pews.

For an abundance of caution, if a person is displaying symptoms of coughing, fever or other cold or flu like symptoms, we ask them to stay at home until they feel better.

I thank you for your co-operation, so far.

Let us continue praying to the Lord that this terrible pandemic may be over and we may resume our normal community life soon.



MASS INTENTIONS

SAT OCTOBER 09th – SUN OCTOBER 17th, 2021

Sat	09 th	5:00 pm	Thanksgiving Mass All Souls in Purgatory John Sousa
Sun	10 th	9:00 am	Ringraziamento Famiglia Panizza Vincenzo & Maria Domenica Tatangelo Mauro Ardizzi Pia Ardizzi Beniamino & Liberata Alonzi Michele Filice Maria & Raimondo Castellucci Aldo Celebre Giuseppina Bertucci Maria & Benito Bellissimo Renzo Carniel Natalina Botter
		10:30 am	
		12:00 pm	PRO POPOLO
Mon	11 th	9:00 am	THANKSGIVING DAY Special Intention for Brent & Ogechi Bolinger
Tues	12 th	8:00 am	
Wed	13 th	7:00 pm	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mass
Thurs	14 th	8:00 am	Antonio Rui Pereira
		7:00 pm	Confirmation Night
Fri	15 th	7:00 pm	Assunta Scaini
Sat	16 th	5:00 pm	
Sun	17 th	9:00 am	Giuseppe Dominicis Michele & Annina Risi Gina Bortolotto
		10:30 am	PRO POPOLO
		12:00 pm	Giuseppe & Caterina Rao

Weekly Collection

This week our collection was \$2,556.50
It takes 5,000.00 to cover weekly expenses.
Thank you to those who supported us during this very difficult time.
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