# NOVEMBER 1, 2020

# THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

### Reflection from Fr. Bernard Doré

The Feast of All Saints reminds us of the connection that all believers share as part of the Body of Christ.

Today we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, a celebration that offers a glimpse of what awaits all who remain faithful to Christ. It is a chance to see what love the Father has bestowed on us because we are called the children of God.

On this day, we have the hope of unity, of wholeness. We find hope in the witness and example of those who have gone before us and are now in heaven – those who faced division in their communities, division in their families, even division in their own lives, but who persevered and who now stand as witnesses. They now stand with us in our own efforts.

We can find comfort in our union with these great saints – a union, not of geography (my church or my city) – but a union that transcends place. A union, not of time – my lifetime or my generation – but one that transcends time itself, for it reminds us that we are in union with the entire body of Christian believers, those who live here now, those who have gone before us and those who will come after us.

Each of the readings today tell us a little bit about this body of Christ, this union of Christian believers. They are children of God. They are, then, not separate members from different families, but brothers and sisters of one family.

They are the multitude – not from one place or time, but from every nation, every race, every people and every tongue.

They are the blessed – not blessed as the world bestows blessings. They are not the strong, the proud, the owner of great fortune or the powerful. No, they are the poor in spirit, the meek, the peacemakers, those who show mercy, the clean of heart. They are the children of God, united in their humility, their mercy, their pureness of heart.

Let our celebration today of these holy men and women remind us of our union in Christ, of our one baptism shared across multitudes of people. Let it remind us of our call to live and care for one another as brothers and sisters – as children of one God.



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#### STPAULSFOSTER.ORG

OFFICE HOURS	9:00 AM – 2:00 PM (MON, WED, THU, FRI)
WEEKDAY MASSES	9:00 AM (MON, WED, FRI)
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	5:00 PM
SUNDAY MASSES	8:00 AM 10:00 AM

#### ST. PAUL'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE

Saturday	October 31
9:30—11 AM	Food Closet Open
5:00 PM	Mass: People of the Parish
Sunday	November 1
8:00 AM	Mass: William O'Connell (RIP)
9:15 AM	Rosary
10:00 AM	Mass: Mass of Thanksgiving for the Beatification of Fr. Michael McGivney
Monday	November 2
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Members of the Parish
Wednesday	November 4
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass:: The Grandchildren of Mary O'Reilly: Dunn, Cavanagh, O'Reilly, & Crane
Friday	November 6
8:35 AM	Rosary
9:00 AM	Mass: Souls in Purgatory
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5:00 PM	Mass: Mary Lou Guthrie (RIP)
8:00 AM	Mass: Evelyn Cherry (RIP)
10:00 AM	Mass: Deceased Knights of Columbus

PLEASE CONSIDER COMMEMORATING A LOVED ONE AT THE EUCHARIST



## **Blessed Michael McGivney**

This Saturday, at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, a Mass of Beatification was celebrated, declaring Father Michael J. McGivney (1852-1890), a blessed of the Church. This is the step before being declared a Saint. Blessed Michael, the son of Irish immigrants, was born in Waterbury, Connecticut, and was ordained a priest in 1877. He founded the Knights of Columbus at St. Mary's Parish in New Haven, in 1882. In his ministry, Father McGivney saw a variety of problems affecting families, young people, and immigrants. But more than just seeing, he set out to do something about it. Their problems became his concerns, and he looked for ways to help them find hope amid much of the darkness in their lives. These problems stemmed from substance abuse to unemployment, compounded by a loss of faith. He died from pneumonia in 1890 during what some in the scientific community now say was likely a coronavirus pandemic. Some 1 million people died in that outbreak. Father McGivney spent his short life serving others. In imitation of Christ, he laid down his life daily for others. He was a priest for the people, never absorbed with any aspirations beyond the good of his flock.

The miracle recognized by the Vatican that paved the way for his beatification occurred in 2015 and involved a baby, still in utero, with a life-threatening condition. That baby, Mikey Schachle, is now 5. His parents, Dan and Michelle Schachle, of Dickson, Tennessee, prayed to McGivney to intercede with God to save their son, still in his mother's womb, who was given no hope of surviving a life-threatening case of fetal hydrops.

Source: Excerpts from various news articles.

### **GIFTS RECEIVED**

Offertory Collection - October 24/25 \$3,595-25

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### November / Holy Souls

My Dear Parishioners,

As we enter the month of November, let us remember all our beloved departed souls. This whole month is a very meaningful time or prayer. We pray being in communion with Saints. It is a special time to remember our dear departed and especially to pray for those souls who left with no one to pray for them. By offering the Masses, praying the Holy Rosary and doing acts of charity, let us intercede for all the souls in Purgatory. Let us pray for them to reach God and may they enjoy eternal bliss. All our beloved departed souls need our love, care, prayers and Holy Masses. Rest assured that they will be praying for us as and when they reach the right hand of our Heavenly Father.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, And let perpetual light shine upon them! Amen.

Fr. M.J. Bernard Doré

### **Commemoration of the Departed**

The month of November we will continue with the commemorative book of names for our loved ones who've died. This book will be available at all Masses.

Mass for Deceased St. Paul's Knights: Sunday, Nov. 8, at 10 AM

Mass for Recently Deceased Family & Friends: Sunday, Nov. 15, at 10AM

Anyone whose loved one has passed in the last year, please call the office to have them commemorated at this special Memorial Sunday Mass.

#### The Christmas Bazaar

The Bazaar Committee will begin selling raffle tickets beginning in September. We will be mailing 10 tickets home to all parish families. Please consider purchasing or selling those tickets and or additional ones.

- •\$1000 Gift Card Tree
- •Stihl Farm Boss Chain Saw with Case, Gear Bag, and Gallon MotoMix
- •Stihl Back Pack Blower
- Emeril LaGasse Pressure AirFryer

#### **Pro-Life Rose Sale**

Thank you to all those who supported the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center with a donation for the Rose Sale. We collected \$348 in donations.

#### K of C Winter Coat Drive

The Knights of Columbus are organizing this year's annual coat collection. Please donate clean coats in good condition. There is a donation box available in the hallway.

### **Help Fill Thanksgiving Baskets**

We are collecting food items in order to prepare Thanksgiving Food Baskets which have been so important and appreciated by some of our neighbors. As part of learning about faithfulness to Christ we are especially asking the children as well as all parish families to help fill these baskets. Please drop off all items at church by Sunday, November 8.

Canned Fruit/Applesauce
Gravy (Cans, Jars, Packages)
Cranberry Sauce
Instant Potatoes
Biscuit/Roll Mix
Canned Vegetables
Stuffing Mix
Muffin Mix
Pie Crust/Fillings



Instead of being bossy, be kind and humble. Instead of being angry, work hard to make peace. Instead of wanting to be popular or rich, spend time with kids who are lonely. When you care about other people, God will smile. He will reward you in Heaven.

#### Prayer

God, help me to make peace in my family and in my school.

#### Mission for the Week

On the playground, look for someone who is alone. invite that child to play with you.