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*for the Week*  
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**THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11**

*The Mass of the 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00PM Irene Kennedy—Birthday Remembrance

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12**

*The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 AM Roland, Susan, & Michael Dumont & David Moore-Memorial

9:00AM Miriam Gossman—13th Anniversary

10:30AM Moses Hart—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13-VETERANS DAY OBSERVED**

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

7:30AM Denise Soloman—Birthday Remembrance

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

*Weekday*

7:30AM Dr. George Cooper—Memorial

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

*Weekday: St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

7:30AM Suzanne O. Carcieri—5th Anniversary

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

*Weekday; St. Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude, Virgin*

7:30AM Kathleen Hardiman—3rd Anniversary

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

7:30AM Thomas F. MacAndrew—18th Anniversary

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18**

*Weekday; The Dedication of the Basilicas Saint Peter & Paul*

8:30AM Joseph Doyle—Memorial

*The Mass of Anticipation for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00PM Debbie & Robert Anderson—Memorial

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

*The Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30AM Teresa M. Romano—4th Anniversary

9:00AM Ann E. Gardiner—1st Anniversary

10:30AM Marion Gillcrist—Memorial

5:00PM The Parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy



**We must  
empty  
Purgatory  
with our  
prayers.**

**-St. Padre Pio**



Dear Parishioners:

November 11 is Veteran's Day. A day in which we remember and honor the service of those, dead and alive, who bore arms for their country. The armistice ending the First World War was signed on November 11.

The origins of this observance began in 1926 and became a civil holiday in 1938, called "Armistice Day." In the late 1940s, Americans began calling November 11 "Veterans Day," Congress officially gave it that name in 1954. My late father was a veteran of the Second World War, and so Veteran's Day has always held special significance.

The main ceremonies of Veterans Day take place at Arlington National Cemetery. Traditionally, the president lays wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, a sarcophagus under constant watch by an honor guard since its dedication in 1921. Four unidentified American soldiers — from World Wars I and II, Korea, and Vietnam — are buried there.

As we continue to watch the ongoing wars in Israel and Ukraine, we must commit more fervently to praying for our veterans and also for peace. We must also pray for all those serving in the military who put themselves in harm's way to protect our nation and our freedom. Let us pray for all veterans this weekend.

The biographers of Padre Pio report that, in 1944, as he and his friars were sitting down to supper after the monastery gates were closed, they heard a crowd of men shouting, "Viva Padre Pio!" (Long live Father

Pio!). But there was nobody in the courtyard. Asked about the event, Padre Pio calmly said: "Those men were soldiers who died in battle. They have just been delivered to heaven." They wanted to thank him for his prayers.

So, in this month of All Souls, one of the best ways we can honor Veterans this Veterans Day is to go to Mass and pray for them. This simple deed may be of greater practical help for veterans than all our speeches, parades, ceremonies, and flowers. For our living veterans, it should be a day of charity on which we thank a veteran for their service.

Veterans Day is more than a day off or a long weekend. Let's help our veterans, especially those who gave their lives, by praying for the repose of their noble souls. Here is a prayer you can offer for deceased Veterans during this All Souls Month.

*"O God, by whose mercy the faithful departed find rest, look kindly on your departed veterans who gave their lives in the service of their country. Grant that through the passion, death, and resurrection of your Son, they may share in the joy of your heavenly kingdom and rejoice in you with your saints forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord."*

We are getting nearer to completing our Church Door Project. After delays due to supply chain issues, the major delay has been the stained glass. The stained glass artist has to craft each window of every door, which has taken an unusually long time. I hope that all the glass is now ready to be installed

so that the remaining doors by the Parish Office and Candle Room can be installed.

Once all the doors are installed, the thresholds in the doorways will be finished. They will also be weather-stripped and adjusted so they open and close smoothly. The Candle Room Door and one of the front doors feature electronic openers for disabled people. This will also be installed in the coming weeks. It has been a long process getting the doors and then having them installed. But it is now nearing completion!

The doors are beautiful and add to the beauty of our Church. St. Thomas Aquinas defined beauty as "that which, upon being seen, pleases." Certainly, beauty is something good, something to be admired. The beauty of our new doors gives glory to God.

Our Church is not simply a gathering space or a meeting room. Through these doors, we enter the House of God. Its beauty should lift our minds and hearts up in worship and praise of the Almighty, who is beauty itself. Bishop Robert Barron has said: "Begin with the beautiful, which leads you to the good, which leads you to the truth."

Fr. Mahoney is making his Annual Retreat this week with the Benedictine Monks at St. Anselm's in New Hampshire. Please pray that his retreat time is prayerful, restful, and fruitful. Do good. Be well. God Bless. Go Pats but perhaps its too late!!

**Veterans Day**

**Veterans Day Holiday Observed**  
**Monday, November 13, 2023**

Mass at 8:30am  
 Confessions at 6:00pm

*The Parish Office is closed in observance of the holiday.*

**WITH  
 RESPECT,  
 HONOR AND  
 GRATITUDE...**

THANK YOU VETERANS

**Pray  
 For Our  
 Deceased**

In your charity please pray for the repose of the souls of the faithful departed especially **George Murray, Michael A. Romano, Margaret E. Murray and Michael J. Burley.**

*Rest In Peace*

If you find yourself grieving -  
 lift your grief up to God.

Find comfort in His peace.

# Weekly Collection

## November 5, 2023

Weekly.....	\$11,967.00
EFT.....	\$4,123.00
	<b>Total=\$16,090.00</b>
Outreach.....	\$1,342.00
Annual Collection (To Date).....	\$95,662.00

## November 6, 2022

Weekly.....\$17,533.00

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**Confessions at Our Lady of Mercy**

Mondays  
 6:00 pm-6:45 pm  
 Saturdays  
 3:00 pm-3:45pm

**Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Join us every Friday at 3:00PM as we pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet in OLM Church before the Our Lady of Mercy Altar and Shrine.



## OLM FAITH FORMATION

UPDATE

### First Communion Class Schedule

Sunday, December 3

### 2024 Confirmation Class Schedule

Sunday, November 19

Sunday, December 10

Sunday, December 17

For questions and more information please contact Mr. Jeremy Long, Director of Faith Formation at 884-4968 or email at [faithformation@olmparish.org](mailto:faithformation@olmparish.org)



•**OLM Food Pantry** is always in need of food items and paper goods for the members of our local community. Please place all donated items in the box in the vestibule of Church or the box on the porch of Mercy House. **All food items should be unexpired and non-perishable.** We also are in need of paper goods (paper towels, napkins). Thank you for your support.

•**OLM Bereavement Group:** Our next meeting is on **Thursday, November 16, 2023 at 4:00pm** in Mercy House. All those adults experiencing sorrow, grief or loneliness are most welcome to attend for prayer and discussion.

•**For more information,** please contact the OLM Outreach Director, Doug Green at 401-884-4410 or via email at [outreach@olmparish.org](mailto:outreach@olmparish.org)



## Calendar

- **Monday, November 13:** Veterans Day Holiday, No School today.
- **Wednesday, November 14:** PTG Board Meeting at 6:00pm
- **Wednesday, November 15:** Lifetouch Picture Retake Day
- **Friday, November 17:** Application Deadline for 2024-2025 Sibling Preference

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