



Remembrance Mass November 2, 5:30 PM

There will be a Special Mass on Nov. 2 at 5:30 PM to gather, celebrate and remember our loved parishioners that have passed away in the last year.

We have tried to call all the families to let them know but, in some cases, it is a little more challenging. If you were not contacted, know that you were not missed on purpose and we are sorry for any mishaps. All are welcome! Please join us and bring a picture to place on the Remembrance Altar for the month of November. (All pictures will be returned) There is also a basket in the back of church to drop picture off.

We hope all families will be able to join us.

Irene Pearl Waletzki	Nov. 7	George Thomas Weisenberger	August 14
George Joseph Symitczek	Nov. 11	Russell L. Severson	August 13
Ruth M. Harrison	Nov. 17	Richard A. "Red" Glowcheski	August 14
Roger Alan Harrison	May 2	Theresa F. Korpala	August 14
Gisela Schaefer	December 10	Evelyn Pauline Losinski	August 20
Robert A. Dascher	December 17	Scott "Kat" Randall Matchey	August 18
David Michael Waldera	December 23	Gerald Patrick "Jerry" Wolfe	October 18
Marie Korpala	January 1		
David John Bremer	December 23		
John Quinn V	January 3		
Barbara Jean Schultz	January 23		
Bradley David Klonecki	January 28		
Daniel Lee Fernholz	January 25		
Patricia Ann Dolan	February 10		
Judith Marie Barth	February 12		
Robert James Neitzel	February 20		
Angeline Mary Kamrowski	February 26		
Lisa Marie Garrett	March 11		
Theresa M Wozney	March 29		
Richard Allan George	April 2		
Mary Lou "LuLu" Kamla	April 21		
Lucille "Lucy" W. Pientok	April 11		
Roy W. Fried, Jr.	April 29		
Lorraine A. Sobotta	April 29		
La Verne, Sura	April 22		
Robert "Bob" J Smith	May 15		
Richard A. "Rick" Boberg	May 24		
Layla Gonzalez	May 31		
Isidro Alejo-Salmeron	July 15		
Lois Ann Rowe	August 4		

Communion of Saints

In the Apostles' Creed we pray: "I believe in the communion of saints." There is a lot to think about in this short statement. The word *communion* means a "sharing" and also "communication." Both meanings are part of the Communion of Saints. We share our faith with the saints; we share the sacraments with them. We also share our gifts, prayers, and charity with them.

Can we also communicate with the saints? Before we explore that question, we need to discover who the saints are! Of course you have heard of famous saints like Saint Paul, Saint Joseph, or Saint Ann. People who have lived good lives and have died now live as saints in heaven. But the word "saints" in the Creed does not just mean the saints in heaven. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* tells us in paragraph 946: "The communion of saints is the Church." That includes people who have died, but have gone to purgatory—and that includes the people who are still alive. It includes us! We are trying to become saints, and we are already part of the communion of saints.

When we share our faith and communicate with each other, we are part of the Communion of Saints. But how do

we communicate with the saints who have already died? We can ask the saints to pray to God for us. They can hear our prayers and see our needs.

The queen of all saints is Mary, the Mother of God. The Church has many, many prayers and devotions to Mary. What prayers to Mary do you know?

Is it a good thing to pray to Mary and the saints? Some people worry that we are confusing Mary and the saints with God. They say people should only pray to God.

The doctrine of the Communion of Saints teaches us that it is good to share and communicate with all the saints, especially the ones in heaven. We know we pray to Mary and the saints differently than we pray to God. We adore God above all others. We praise and thank God for everything we are and have.

We do not adore Mary and the saints. We do not believe they have the powers that God has. We honor Mary and the saints because of their holy lives. We ask them to pray to God for us and with us. We never pray to them *instead* of God! Our communion with them lets us join them in adoring and praising God.

Did You Know?

The Church has some terms that identify the three different groups of souls who are part of the communion of saints. We call those who are already in heaven the *Church triumphant*. Those who are waiting in purgatory are called the *Church suffering*, and we who are still alive on earth are called the *Church militant*.