



**MASSES FOR THE WEEK
November 18–November 24**

**EACH MASS IS OFFERED FOR THE INTENTIONS
OF EVERYONE PRESENT AND FOR THE
FOLLOWING LIVING AND DECEASED**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH

4:00 p.m. Mary Ann Ciravolo; Anita Pohl; Evelyn Taulli; Lois L. Walk; Members of the St. Lucy Society—Living & Deceased

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH

5:30 p.m. Colleen J. Collet; Rolando DeJesus; Harold W. Johnston, Jr.; Mary Louise Johnston; La Nguyen; Stephanie J. Summers; Maria & Oma Voc

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

8:00 a.m. Pro Populo—For the People of the Parish
9:30 a.m. Amstutz Family; LaVon Grace Andre; William Lewis Andre; Cassara Family; Jane O'Brien Chatelain; Christopher R. Dingle; Beverly B. Estes; Robin Foundher; Jude Hiley; Maria de Jesus Iruia; R. Dale Mackie; Richard Dale Mackie; McCloskey Family; Norma McClellan; Blaise Leonardo Misse; Mary Parlipiano; Herbert Weyer

11:00 a.m. Salvador Trentacoste

5:30 p.m. Mark Anthony Toups

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12 Noon Poor Souls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

11:30 a.m. Michael F. Delery

12 Noon Poor Souls

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12 Noon Anita Pohl

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

9:00 a.m. Deacon Everett & Melva Williams; Special Intentions

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

11:30 a.m. Purgatorial List

12 Noon Bowman Bourgeois; Eric Hansen; Morris Molaison, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Morris Molaison, Sr.

Mass Intention envelopes are located in the narthex

GREGORIAN LATIN MASS—SUNDAY AT 9:30 A.M.
Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

ST. PATRICK'S SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Memory Of
JOSEPH MASELLI AND JOSEPH MASELLI III
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH SANCTUARY CANDLE
In Memory Of
LOIS L. WALK

ST. PATRICK'S EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

In preparation for next year's recertification by the Office of Worship, all active extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion for St. Patrick's and St. John the Baptist, are asked to e-mail your name, contact information, and Mass you attend to Deacon Chris DiGrado at digrado.chris_91@cox.net.

WEEKEND OFFERING—November 12, 2017

First Collection \$ 18,519

Second Collection* \$ 2,304

* Maintenance and Restoration

ST. PATRICK'S THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Thursday, Nov. 23, 2017—Mass: 9:00AM

Friday, Nov. 24, 2017—Mass: 11:30AM and 12 Noon

The church will be open only during the scheduled Masses on Thursday and Friday. The rectory office will close on Tuesday, Nov. 21 and reopen on Monday, Nov. 27, 2017.

A Blessed Holiday to all!

SAINT PATRICK'S RESPECT LIFE GROUP

St. Patrick's Respect Life Group prays a rosary on the 4th Saturday of each month at 9:00 A.M. on the sidewalk in front of the Planned Parenthood Abortion Facility on **South Claiborne Avenue between Cadiz Street and Jena Street**. The next rosary is **November 25, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.** Everyone is invited to pray with us.

DECORATING THE PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE

Sunday, December 3, 2017 after the 9:30 A.M. Mass.

Please join us in the rectory for the annual Christmas tree trimming party. Refreshments will be served. **All are invited!**

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS FOR THE HIGH ALTAR

Envelopes for the annual giving of flowers to be placed on the high altar during the Christmas season are now available in the vestibule. Once completed the sealed envelope can be placed in Mas collection basket, or hand delivered to the rectory office before **Monday, December 11, 2017**.

ALL SOULS DAY ENVELOPES

All Souls envelopes are now available in the narthex of the church. The names of deceased loved ones should be recorded and the envelope delivered to the rectory office, or place in any collection basket. The listed names will be remembered at all Masses celebrated during the month of November.

AN ADVENT MORNING OF REFLECTION

Nat'l Shrine of Our Lady of Prompt Succor; 2701 State St. NOLA

Saturday, December 9, 2017

"Being Mary In The Martha-Paced Season of Advent

Father Joe Palermo, Presenter

8:30-9:00a.m. Registration

9a.m.-11:30a.m. Presentations; Quiet Prayer: & Reconciliation

11:30a.m. Mass

ALL ARE WELCOMED! DONATIONS APPRECIATED!

For more information: Janetanne Mears: 504.615.1469

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Will be held until 11:59 PM on Tuesday, November 28. It's 24 hours of giving by Catholics for the Catholic community. You can find additional information about #iGiveCatholic in the back of the church. Join our parish to inspire and celebrate Catholic giving by spreading the word about #iGiveCatholic to your friends, family, and colleagues!

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL

For the sick of our parish and those who have asked for our prayers especially: Stephen Bailey; G. Barbe; Bridget Belew; Elliana Belew; Patricia & Harold Berrigan; Grace Blanchard; D. Burt; Father Ronnie Calkins; Belle Cashio; Father Joseph Cazenavette; Tony Clesi; Howard Comeaux; Alice Couget; M. deBlanc; Margaret Fanning; Gregory Frabier; Stephani Frabier; Mary R. Gates; Kathleen Gaudet; R. Gautraux; Audra Guilbeaux; Jerry Harris; Joyce Harris; Cy Hoormann; Emi Hunley; Earline Huster; Anna Jobs; Father Stanley Klores; Joyce Kurtich, Donald G. Lambert; Sharon W. Lambert; Albert Leonhard; Ashley Lyons; Daniel Mead; Vickie Middleton; Steven V. Murthy & Family; Patricia O'Keefe; Forrest Pendleton; Roy Perrin; Marcella Pierce; Chilton Porter; John Provencano; Mary Ramsey; Richards Family; Lee Rung; Pat Russo; E. Smith; Sylvia Talamp; S. Turkington; Charles Ventre; Amanda M. Waring; Albert Weidenbacher, Jr.

A ROCKWELL THANKSGIVING: LIFE'S BANQUET FOR ALL

From February 20 to March 13, 1943, while World War II was being fought, The Saturday Evening Post published a series of four Norman Rockwell paintings. Rockwell took his inspiration for these paintings from the State of the Union Address that President Roosevelt delivered on January 6, 1941. The President realized that the United States would soon be dragged into World War II. At the close of that speech, President Roosevelt described four freedoms that our country wished to defend in face of the tyranny being inflicted on Europe.

Roosevelt insisted that people "everywhere in the world" should have the freedom of speech, the freedom of religion, the freedom from want and the freedom from fear. These basic freedoms were fundamental to the dignity of the human person. These values were worth any struggle. Roosevelt actually was placing before the country the high ideals that make America free.

Norman Rockwell decided to bring these four freedoms to life in everyday scenes of American life. Using his neighbors in Vermont as models, he worked for six months and produced four of his greatest masterpieces. His third illustration, published on March 6, 1943, is his most recognized and best appreciated work. It is The Freedom From Want. It is a Thanksgiving Day classic.

In the painting, the Rockwell family cook appears as the kind grandmother. With her dignified husband next to her, she is serving a very large turkey. The table is set with the best china and dinnerware. Parents and children are happily seated, smiling and talking. Rockwell spent much time working on the painting. He succeeded in doing what he intended. He gave us a treasured icon of our deepest hopes for Thanksgiving: joy, family, abundance and freedom.

Thanksgiving cannot be divorced from freedom. When the Pilgrims joined together with the Native Americans in the autumn of 1621, they celebrated their first successful harvest. They also reveled in their newly acquired freedom of religion.

The Pilgrims had left their native England to avoid religious persecution. State and religion were one. Since their religion was not the state religion, they first fled to Holland and then to America. The Pilgrims rightly understood that, where religion enjoys freedom, people respect and cherish one another and there is protection for all other freedoms: the freedom to work, to speak and even the very freedom to be born.

Unlike Easter, Passover or Ramadan, Thanksgiving does not celebrate the faith of one particular religion. Rather, Thanksgiving is a celebration of our common history as Americans. It is a reminder that this great country was founded by people with strong religious convictions. They valued the freedom to practice their religion without persecution, reprisal or ridicule.

Our celebration of Thanksgiving today challenges us to insure that our country does not take the radical secularist path of evicting religion from our national patrimony. Thanksgiving inspires us to enshrine in every new law the freedom of conscience for individuals to live according to their beliefs that respect life and work for the common good.

Despite our religious differences as Americans, we join together on this national holiday in a common act of gratitude to God. We return thanks for the blessings that

God graciously bestows on us. At a time in our national history, when some wish to define freedom only in secular terms, our celebration of Thanksgiving calls us back to the founding of our great country and to the basic religious principles that inspired our ancestors to leave their homelands, risk life and fortune, and come to the shores of a new home.

In the right-hand corner of Norman Rockwell's classic Thanksgiving dinner, one man has his face turned toward the viewer. With his smile, he is inviting us to join the others at the table. We are already seated at the table. We have our place at the banquet of life that God has given us from his goodness. As we thank God for his blessings, may we do all we can to invite all, born and unborn, to their rightful share in the fullness of His bounty.

*Bishop Arthur Serratelli
Catholic News Agency*

A NOTE OF GRATITUDE AND AN APPEAL

In the Gospel of St. Luke, we find our Lord encouraging us, "Give, and gifts will be yours, good measure, pressed down, shaken up and running over, will be poured into your lap; the measure you award to others is the measure that will be awarded to you." Almighty God has been very generous and gracious to all of us: the gifts of our lives, the grace of faith, the Sacraments. We have been extraordinarily blessed if we take the time to reflect upon our lives, and the same is true of us here at St. Patrick's as a parish. Throughout our storied history, St. Patrick's has been a testament to the Providence of God and how He has cared for His people.

St. Patrick's is a spiritual home to so many across the Gulf South. Our weekend Masses are regularly filled with people who travel consistently long distances to experience the beauty, tradition, and ancient faith of the Church that we preserve and present here at St. Patrick's. Our legacy, as you know, is supported and maintained almost exclusively by the donations we receive from you, our parishioners and visitors and we thank you for your generous support thus far! At the same time, St. Patrick's is an old church in constant need of care and attention and your generous support is needed for the continued traditions that provide a sacred place to worship Almighty God in splendor, reverence, and awe.

With that in mind, we humbly ask that you consider and pray about how you help to provide for the needs of St. Patrick's. In an effort to keep you informed of your parish home, it is our duty to inform you that while St. Patrick's is financially stable, our ability to care for the Church is becoming increasingly more difficult as costs continue to rise. If you are able to increase your weekly donation, we humbly ask that you do so and please know that we are deeply grateful. The money that you contribute goes to the upkeep of the Church, the daily operations of running the parish, and the liturgy. If you are unable to do this at this time, we ask that you increase your prayers for us as we rely upon God's Providential care to attend to the daily needs of St. Patrick's Church.

May God bless you all!