

Our Lady of Lourdes is a pilgrim church coming to know the Kingdom of God by being Christ to the world

Our Lady of Lourdes

Catholic Church

November 2017

*“Dew evaporates
and all the world is dew:
so dear, so fresh, so fleeting.”*
—Issa

The month of November is a bitter-sweet month. The trees have shed their leaves, and the reality of summer's end cannot be denied. Did you know that one of the names of the moon in November is “The Moon of Forgetting?” It was named because it marks a time for letting go of the light and warmth of summer days in preparation for the dimming light and the cold winds of wintertime.

The Church has wisely chosen this month as a time to especially remember and honor those who have gone before us in faith, our designated saints as well as our loved ones, who have taught us what it means to embrace life as a Christian. November 1 begins with the celebration of the Feast of All Saints when we remember those who have modeled what it means to follow Jesus throughout their lives—often suffering and even dying for that faith. On November 2, we celebrate The Feast of All Souls when we remember those we love and who have walked with us in this life.

At this time of year, we as a parish family mourn some of our nearest and dearest. In planning the All Saints and November liturgies, I felt a wave of sadness and loss each time I viewed their names knowing I would no longer see these great people in my lifetime. These parishioners modeled for me what it means to be **church** and to be a part of a spiritual family. Their example of commitment and service was truly inspiring. They taught me that a community is only as strong as the willingness of all its members to contribute and participate in its ministries and life. They were disciples of God's love and care for the life of the people they knew and loved. Their love for Our Lady of Lourdes was evident in their involvement in many ministries, and their absence leaves a hole in our hearts and in our community.

Those whom I had the privilege of knowing and ministering with leave memories that are dear to me. Mary Nowicki will be remembered for her contagious laughter heard throughout the building. Mary Van Beek and Arlene Krolkowski worked in our Parish Office for years and were always a welcoming presence to everyone. Vinnie Horne always brought his beautiful smile even as he mourned the loss of his wife, Donna.

Rita Brhley loved to sing and was a faithful member of the Resurrection choir. Owen Lynch lived just across the street. In addition to being a faithful member of the choir and a faithful festival worker, Owen opened up the church early on Sunday mornings. We nicknamed him our guardian angel because he would wait until at least two or three people were in the building before he left so we would feel safe. I think we all have stories about Judy Daniels who had something to say about everything and had the energy of two people. Judi Bartholomew was our very own liturgical artist and will be remembered for her beautiful carving of our Risen Christ. Rev. Mick Savio served our community for many years as our assistant pastor with Rev. Tom Suriano and later as our pastor. Mick brought a keen intelligence and smile to his ministry. Many of us were the recipients of his talents in the kitchen.

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These are but a few of the memories I hold dear, and I'm sure you hold dear many of your own. During the month of November, please take time to view the "We Remember" boards installed on the front wall of our worship space. Remember our saints and the memories they invoke. Tell their stories. Remember their service to this parish community and to those who knew them. Allow yourself to be inspired by their memory and consider how you might follow in their footsteps as disciples and full members of this parish community and beyond. Life is truly "dear, fresh, and fleeting."

November blessings,
Chris Deily
Director of Liturgical Ministries

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Calling all artists, craftspeople, and hobbyists of the parish and beyond!

**The Our Lady of Lourdes
2018 Community Art Mosaic Fun'raiser**

IDEAS [No particular theme]

Painting, drawing, print, photo, ceramic, sculpture, woodwork, jewelry, collage, book making, paper-craft, weaving, quilt, textile/fiber art, glasswork, or writing should be created on or adhered to canvas and artfully displayed. Showcase your favorite art form!

THE SPECIFICS

Eighty-one 6" x 6" canvases will be distributed **December 2 and 3**. Canvases are free of charge, courtesy of the olol ART Guild.

REQUIREMENTS

Your artistic expression **must** fit onto the canvas. No work will be accepted after February 10/11, 2018. Artists **MUST** be 16 years of age on the date of canvas distribution. Adult/Child partnerships not allowed. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**



CREATIVE GROUP DISPLAY

Canvases to be assembled and displayed as a group mosaic in 9 rows of 9, edge to edge creating a large square and displayed throughout the 2018 Hallway ART Gallery Exhibition this winter.

FUN'RAISER!

During the run of the show, viewers will be able to purchase a raffle ticket to obtain a surprise piece of the original artwork displayed **for only \$10.00!**

Everyone who purchases a raffle ticket is guaranteed to win a piece of artwork—only 81 tickets to be sold.

THE PROCEEDS

All proceeds support the olol ART Guild Ministry including classes, programs, exhibitions, art outreach to the needy, creativity enrichment, the annual Promising Artist Award, liturgical art projects, and more!

I HAVE A QUESTION

To reserve a canvas now or for more information, please contact Mary Ann Logic at jmlogic@wi.rr.com or call the Parish Office at (414) 545-4316