

St. Matthew Parish



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Mass Schedule:

First Friday 10:00am

Saturday-5pm

Sunday 11:30am

Saturday: Reconciliation-4:30 pm

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Mass Schedule:

Monday-Friday 7:30am & 9:00am

Saturday 8:00am & 8:00pm

Saturday: Reconciliation-7:30 pm
or by appointment

**Exposition on Wednesdays &
Fridays after the 9 A.M. Mass
until noon**

Sunday:

English-7:30am & 11:30am
Spanish 9:30am; Kreyol 1:30pm

Office Staff

Secretary: Sharon Andrews

D.R.E.: Charmaine Noel

Office Hours:

Monday:10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, Wednesday,

Thursday Friday & Saturday:

10:00am-6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am-4:00pm

Monday - Saturday-

Closed for lunch 1-2 P.M.

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Mass Schedule:

Sunday: Rosary 9:00am

9:30am-Praise & Worship

10am-Mass

Office Staff:

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Office Hours:

Monday-Friday:10am-6pm

Catholic Cemeteries-

80-01 Metropolitan Ave.

Middle Village, NY 11379

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30th Sunday : Formerly Blind, Now Following the Lord

I can't understand this. I knew so much when I was in my 20's & 30's. I knew everything about everything. But the older I get the more I realize how little I know. Where did all that knowledge go? When I was a young priest, people would come to me with their problems and I would have an instant solution. Now, I am not sure I can comprehend their difficulties, let alone offer solutions. Perhaps, the wisdom of age is realizing how little we know, and how much we are dependent on God to step into His view of the world. Part of this wisdom is realizing that we need God to guide us from our blindness into His Light.

Bartimaeus, the blind man of today's Gospel, was dependent on others for sight. But he could hear well. He heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, so he called out to him. He was healed. And then, Bartimaeus did something a blind person cannot do. He followed Jesus, not just figuratively, but literally. Bartimaeus walked behind Jesus along with the other disciples of the Lord.

The first reading from the Prophet Jeremiah tells us that a day will come when the lame will walk and the blind will see. That day began with Jesus Christ. Certainly, this is one of the teachings in today's Gospel. Bartimaeus sees. The great days that Jeremiah had prophesied had begun. But this Gospel reading is deeper than a demonstration of the powers of the Messiah to give sight to the blind. It is speaking about seeing with the eyes of faith.

A long time ago, I was approached by a renown artist named David Flackman. He told me that he would like to do a painting of a saint for the parish and asked if I could recommend one. I suggested him to consider St. Lucy. We had numerous people on the staff and in the parish who had problems with eyesight. St. Lucy is the patron of eyesight. Her eyes were taken from her as part of her martyrdom. David worked for quite a while on the painting, using a local girl as his model. If you are ever in Tarpon Springs, FL, go to the chapel at St. Ignatius of Antioch and take a close look at this painting. If you look at St. Lucy's face you would see that she has eyelids covering her eyes as well as a plate holding her eyes. David explained to me that he wanted to convey that she is seeing with God's eyes.

Bartimaeus saw with the Lord's eyes even before the Lord healed him. He called out, "Son of David, have mercy on me." He saw with the eyes of faith. His faith resulted in his seeing with his physical eyes.

Then, Bartimaeus followed Jesus. The blind cannot follow someone. Can you imagine the joy that Bartimaeus must have had to be able to follow someone on his own, without being led? But the reading has a deeper level. Those whose souls are blind to the Presence of God cannot follow him. Only those who are willing to take a step of faith, a leap of faith, and seek out the Lord can follow Him. At the conclusion of the long reflection on the healing of the Man Born Blind in the Ninth chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus says, "I came so that those who are blind may see." So, can you imagine the joy of those whose lives seemed to have no direction, who lived in darkness, when they find a path to life, a light to guide them? Wait a minute. We are those people. We are the ones who had been in darkness and who now have light.

"I need direction in life," a lady once complained to me. "I don't know what I am doing or why I am doing the things I do." Perhaps, we have all had times that we have felt the same way. Why do we do that? Why do we look for direction, when all that we need is right in front of us? We have been entrusted with a treasure, the very presence of the Lord. When we feel we are lost, then, we need to get back to basics. "You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence, the delights at your right hand forever," the Psalmist proclaims in Psalm 16 vs 11. .

Jesus has brought profound joy to our lives. He has given us sight. We can see where we need to go. We can follow Him. We can go to that place where all happiness dwells. Our joy is realizing that like Bartimaeus we are not blind any more. We can follow the One who gives Light to our lives.

WEEKLY READINGS	
Sun Oct 27	Jer 31:7-9; Heb 5:1-6; Mk 10: 46-52
Mon Oct 28	Eph 2: 19-22; Lk: 6:12-16
Tue Oct 29	Eph 5: 21-33; Lk 13:18-21
Wed Oct 30	Eph 6: 1-9; Lk 13:22-30
Thu Oct 31	Eph 6: 10-20; Lk 13:31-35
Fri Nov 1	Rv 7:2-4,9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3;Mt 5:1-12
Sat Nov 2	Wis 3: 1-9; Rom 6: 3-9 Jn 6:37-40

OUR LADY OF CHARITY: MASS INTENTIONS

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS : Yolande Cadore , Andre Cuffie Jr. , Andria Harrison , Anthony Jones , Dcn. Jaime Cobham , Denise Duliepre , Michelle Chillious , Vincent Johnson , Cassandra Adjakey, Carmela Rodriguez , Dalia Hopkin , Shauna Candelario , Janai Lawson , Allana Crockwell, Kelly Marie Wright , Darryl White

TODAY'S MASS : Birthday blessings for Addison Phillip, Emillio Simon, Johnathan Duncan, Donna Crayne , asking Gods for continue guidance , protection on their lives, requested by Lisa Romain

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY : Mr. & Mrs. Marlon Huie

PARISH PRAYER: For our parish, that the three communities of St. Matthew, St. Gregory the Great and Our Lady of Charity, learn how to merge and grow together spiritually and become financially sound as three and yet one,

ST. GREGORY : MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Oct. 26 th	5 PM Vigil Mass for Monique Mejias, Birthday Blessings, Requested by Gemma Mejias
Sunday, Oct. 27 th	11:30 AM Mass for Janet Paul, In Thanksgiving, Requested by The Family
First Friday, Nov. 1 st	9 AM All Saints Mass Birthday Blessings and Thanksgiving for Life, For Marque' Barber, Joanne Barber-Rivera and Orson Hutchings, Requested by Rosanne Barber & 7 PM All Saints Mass for Cornelia Robergeau, Rest In Peace, Requested by The Family
First Saturday, Nov. 2 nd	9 AM All Souls Mass In Memory of the Deceased Members of our Parish and Families & 5 PM Mass for Winnifred Warner, R. I. P., Requested by Marjorie Lopez

ST. MATTHEW: MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday October 26	8:00pm – Birthday blessings for Sean Hector by Cita Ferguson
Sunday October 27	7:30am – I.L.M. of Neville Ferguson & Carl Selman by Floe Patrick & family 9:30am – R.I.P. Rafaela Guerrero by children & grandchildren 11:30am –59th wedding anniversary blessings for Jean & Leslie Dorsinville by the Seales family 1:30pm – Repose of the souls of Legion of Mary members by President de Notre Dame de Perpetual Secorers
Monday October 28	7:30am – I.L.M. of Avery Arlette by Ursula Arlette 9:00am – R.I.P. Norma Smith by family
Tuesday October 29	7:30am – Blessings & protection for my family by Gertrude Agbasonu 9:00am – R.I.P. Rose Edna Rhau by Anne Marie Rhau &son, Jeremie Oscar
Wednesday October 30	7:30am – B'day blessings for Barbara Joseph, may the Lord continue to bless me 9:00am – R.I.P. Stanley & Edna Butler by Angela Dielingen
Thursday October 31	7:30am –B'day blessings for Maritza Mendez by sister, Myrna Mendez 9:00am – R.I.P. Gregoria Rosario & Maria Guzman by Raquel George
Friday November 1	7:30am – R.I.P. Cecilia Alexander by Cheryl Alexander 9:00am – Happy heavenly birthday Cecilia Alexander by Patricia Alexander 7:30pm – For all Saints by Carmen Edouard
Saturday November 2	8:00am – I.L.M. of Anne Marie Rosette Voltaire by Marie Denise Ariste



BREAD & WINE FOR OCTOBER



BREAD: R.I.P. St. Clair Andrews

WINE: Birthday blessings for Florence Holder & R.I.P. St. Clair Holder

BREAD & WINE FOR NOVEMBER



BREAD: Birthday blessings Delon Moffat requested by Uphita Clarke

WINE: For the deceased Moffat family requested by Uphita Clarke

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

PARISH REGISTRATION:

All are welcome! Any letter concerning sponsorship for the sacraments or testimonial letters will only be issued to registered parishioners of 6+ months. Please register in the rectory.

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Full Name _____

Address 1 _____

Address 2 _____

Telephone Number _____

Email Address _____

Were you registered before _____

If yes, registration # _____

RCIA

RCIA stands for RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS and is composed of a series of sessions bringing people together to experience the prayer life of the church as well as learn about its doctrines and teachings. Using the readings from the Bible which we hear daily at Mass, the Sacred Liturgy as well as the Catechism of the Catholic Church, teens and adults who have not yet done so prepare themselves to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation & Holy Eucharist.

C'est la préparation de Ceux qui ne sont pas catholiques mais qui veulent le devenir. RCIA prépare ces personnes à recevoir le sacrement de baptême.

Es el proceso para preparar los no católicos que están interesados en pasa a ser miembros de la iglesia católica. También prepara católicos para completar el sacramento de la iniciación.

SACRAMENTS & REGISTRATION

RECONCILIATION/CONFESSIONS/RECONCILIACION

- ◆ Saturday 7:30PM-8:00PM or anytime by appointment in the Rectory.
- ◆ Samedi 7:30PM-8:00PM ou du moins appelez du presbytere pour un rendez-vous.
- ◆ Sábados de 7:30PM-8:00PM o cualquier otra hora por cita.

MARRIAGE/MARIAGE/MATRIMONIOS

*Arrangements must be made AT LEAST six (6) months in advance

*Contacter le presbytere au moins (6) l'avance.

*Arreglos deben ser hechos por lo menos seis (6) meses por adelante.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK/LES MALADES/LOS ENFERMOS

- * Sick & Homebound can receive the sacrament of anointing from a priest and receive Holy Communion on a regular basis from our Ministers of Holy Communion. Please contact the Rectory
- * Ceux qui sont très maladies et ne peuvent pas sortir de leur maison jeun vent recevoir le sacrement d'extrême onction d'un prêtre de la paroisse, la sainte communion d'un ministre de l'eucharistie appelle au presbytere pour un rendez-vous.
- * Puede recibir el Sacramento de los enfermos por un sacerdote. En tiempos regulares puede recibir Sagrada Comunion de uno de nuestro ministros de la Comunion Favor notificar la rectoria.

BAPTISM/BAPTEME/BAUTISMO

- ◆ Registration and preparation in our baptismal class is required. Please contact the Rectory for date and time of our next class.
- ◆ Tous ceux ou celles qui voudraient recevoir le baptême doivent se faire enregistrer au presbytere pour prendre part aux cours avant la réception de ce sacrement. Pour plus d'information, composez le 718-774-6747
- ◆ Registracion y participacion en nuestras clases bautismal es un requisito para el bautismo. Favor de encontrar el diacono Cruz para fijar la fecha y clases

REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

For the homebound, hospitalized and sick

Candy Abreu, Judith Adams, Carmen Allen, Rita Antomez, Armelle Amilcar, Hillary Amarosa, Loraine Quash– Antoine, Marie Augustin, Al Barnett, Monica Belfon, Marque & Yael Barber-LaFon, Melona Barber, Jason Bascom, Silvestre Brathwaite, Ismay Brewster, Jahonah Brown, Recy Brown, Isabella Bugett, Patricia Burrowes, Yolande Cadet, Eslyn Canning, Cathleen Charles, Catilda Charles, Delcia Charles, Marcel Charles, Maria Clouden, Cecilia Clovie, Mahalia Clunis, Nelia Collins, Marilyn Coates, Virginia Cox, Daphne Critchlow, Golda Critchlow, Theresa Cudjoe, Veronica Dale, Angela Daniels, Shirley Daniels, Shurland DeFreitas, Marcella DeSandies, Joseph Drew, Stephen Duncan, Dorothy Edwards, Una Europe, Stella Emmanuel, Elardo Flemmings, Carrie Frasier, Sherwin Fung, John Gale, Ryan Gee, Sybil Geoffroy, Catherine & Deacon Roy George, Bernadette Gilbert, Muriel Gomez, Trina Gonzalez, Kellon Hagley, Kelly Hagley, Gwendolyn Harding, Pat Harris, Bruno Henry, Beverly Hillyer, Pierre & Elreta Hinds, Florence Holder, Danielle Huie, Janice & Orson Hutchings, Kerlyne Hyppolite, Anasha Inniss, Carlyn Jabouin, Donna James, Nellie James, Roberta Jennings, Alsie Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Magdalena Joseph, Ian Kellman, Lucy King, Albert Kirton, Kanelle Lang, Rhoda Lewis, Sampson Lewis, Marjorie Lopez, Luis Manuel Lorenzo, Madelin Lorenzo, Vivian Boykin Lott, Norberto Lovell, Jean Lubin, Gloria Lynch, Hubert Lynch, Mamita, Barbara Manuel, Judith Matthew, Wilma Maynard, Tom McCafferty, Laura McDonald, Mavis McDonald, Leticia McDowell, Vernita McDowell, Gemma Mejias, Daniel David Mendez, Marcelina Morales, Grant Nelson Jr., Isai Munoz, Marta Munoz, Nelson Munoz, Suzanna Neil, Claudette Norde, Mother Dolores Olf, Keena Ollivierre, Margaret Otumba, Ronaldo Nano Paul, Sharonie Perry, Andre Perry, Chung Peters, Mary James Peterson, Marie Pierre, Melody Pink, Sonia Prescott, Ann Primo, Val Quash, Len Quash, Dorothy Irons Reid, Catherine Richards, Elizabeth Rivera, Carlos Rudas, Lidia Saunders, Fr. Robert Seay, Pamela Smith, Pema Smith, Robert Smith, Lisa Scott Spencer, Delores Sykes, Kevin Maynard, Basil Suarez, Antonio Sultan, Brenda & Javier Talango, Angela & Edris Thomas, Jean Thornhill, Allison Thorpe, Lyonette Tribie, Janet Throne, Malik Wellington, Karen Williams, Terrance Williams, Octavio Willis, Leandro Wilson, Reynold Williams, Christine Wright, Joan Wright, Natasha Wright, Vilma Zuniga

SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR : Yvonne Lacy, Dean Jackson, Wendy Romain, Vaughn Haynes, Georgeann Campbell, Maura Chisam, Danielle Huie, Cotilda Charles, Anthony Hepburn Jr., Lawrence Latimer & family, La Mar Mc Nabb, Conrad Lord, Christine Hudson & family, Glenda Hunter, Livingston Holloway, Jaden Bell, Nathan Ford Sr. & family, Sabrinia Guess, Gwen & Helena Pugh, Golda & Daphne Crithlow, Leon Richards, Kendall Wilson, Almarie Mc Coy, Raymond Jorsling, Judith Prosper, Carla Martin, Hermelene Thomas, Marge Holas, Althea Gordon, Maureen Walter, Khalilah Saleem, Kato Pollydore, John Daniel, Nigel & Jacinta James, Elizabeth Alexander, Alicia Daniel, Robert Maughn, Joseph Trotman, Eileen Stephens, all families represented here today.

All students, teachers and principals, President Joseph Biden & his family, Vice President Kamala Harris & her family, our Government, prayers and petitions in our prayer basket, for the all Priest especially those who serve here at Charity, Religious Vocations, and an increase in Religious Vocations, all men and women serving our country, the elders, all who are incarcerated, and unexpressed prayers, for immigrants, a successful solution to the pandemic, the mentally sick, the unemployed and under employed, end to gun violence and for world peace,

We pray to the Lord.

WEEKLY MEETINGS - St. Matthew

St. Matthew weekly meetings have commenced. Please contact your ministry to find out the time and date of the meetings.

WEEK OF SUNDAY 10/27/2024 @ ST. GREGORY

+ **9:30 AM Sunday school-Church**
+ **11:30 AM MASS – Church (Live Stream)**
Bethlehem Christian Family Presentation
+ **CREDIT UNION-OPEN**

MONDAY 10/28/24

+ **7:30 PM - Choir Rehearsal-Church**

FIRST FRIDAY 11/01/24 – (Solemnity of All Saints)

+ **9 AM ALL SAINTS MASS – Church- (Live Stream)**
+ **7 PM ALL SAINTS MASS – Church- (Live Stream)**
+ **NO 7:15 PM Bible Study-meets via zoom**
(Studying the Book of Romans)

FIRST SATURDAY 11/02/24 (ALL SOULS DAY)

+ **9 AM ALL SOULS MASS – Church- (Live Stream)**
+ **4 PM Confession**
+ **4 PM Vigil Choir Rehearsals**
+ **4 PM Light Fest Prayer Group – via zoom**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82362442148?pwd=MGVNMWFFQcVdrQktXeTh0YjRadC9Mdz09>
+ **5 PM Vigil Mass-Church**
+ **8 PM ALL SOULS MASS – St. Matthew Church**

COLLECTION 10/19– 10/20/2024

ST. MATTHEW

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5:00 PM	4	158.00	—	158.00
8:00 PM	34	1,039.00	186.00	1,225.00
7:30 AM	82	3,216.00	381.37	3,597.37
9:30 AM	51	967.00	309.55	1,276.55
11:30 AM	64	1,424.00	303.00	1,727.00
1:30 PM	39	582.00	170.00	752.00
L.I.R.	23	984.60	—	984.60
Total	297	8,370.60	1,349.92	9,720.52

ST. GREGORY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
5 PM	10	750.00	124.25	874.25
11:30AM	34	935.00	327.35	1,262.35
Total	44	1,685.00	451.60	2,136.60

OUR LADY OF CHARITY

Mass	Envelopes	Envelope Collection	Loose money	Totals
10:00AM	54	2,282.00	—	2,282.00
Total	54	2,282.00	—	2,282.00

FAITH DIRECT: \$2,095.00 collected
September 2 to October 2, 2024

ST. MATTHEW EXPENSES

INCOME	Jan – June 2024	Jan-Jun 2023	CHANGE
COLLECTION	\$ 463,241	\$484,004	(20,763)
RENTAL INCOME	280,457	260,410	20,047
DONATIONS/ FUNDRAISING	58,690	30,214	28,476
OTHER	17,060	1,622	15,438
TOTAL INCOME	819,448	776,250	43,198
EXPENSES			
SALARIES	380,494	411,038	30,089
MAINTENANCE	82,778	97,198	14,419
OFFICE EXPENSE	68,823	69,626	803
PROGRAMS	2,408	6,396	3,988
ALTAR SUPPLIES	9,655	14,393	4,738
UTILITIES	127,757	93,675	(34,083)
MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE	192,841	181,601	(11,240)
TOTAL 3 EXPENSE	865,212	873,296	8,714
NET INCOME LOSS	(45,764)	(97,675)	51,912

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT

*ALL ARE INVITED to join St. Gregory the Great **BIBLE STUDY** meets on zoom every Friday from 7:15PM to 8:30PM with Catherine Abdullah*

Starts at 7:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Bible Study is beginning the Book of Ephesians

(A Book of the Bible is picked (By the Group) alternatively, from the Old Testament, followed by The New Testament.)

Link for Bible Study <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85498875775?pwd=Nk4zY3BVOUFRmVzRUSDJodllWSDArUT09>

. Dial 929-205-6099 using meeting ID 782362442148 and pass code 424370. (Please contact any member for information on book currently being read.) (ALL ARE WELCOME!)

LIGHT FEST PRAYER GROUP Meets In Person at St. Gregory R.C. Church every **“SECOND SATURDAYS”** of the month at 4PM in the Rectory’s dining room. The remaining Saturdays of the month, Light Fest Prayer Group meets on zoom in the Light Fest Reading Room from 8PM to 9PM. Dial 929-205-6099 using meeting ID 823 6244 2148 and passcode 424370. (Please contact any member for information on book currently being read.)

UPCOMING MTGS. & EVENTS @ ST. GREGORY

St. Gregory the Great – Religious Education

Sunday school will resume Sunday, October 13th, 2024
@ 9:30 AM

Registration will open for returning students and new students entering Sacramental and Non-Sacramental Classes.

Please see Ms. Monica Flemmings, Director Religious Education

Children’s Fall Festival sponsored by Sterling Block Association on Saturday, November 2nd, 2024
Event location: Parking Lot of St. Gregory the Great Church, entrance on Sterling Place. There will be distribution of Books to the children from 5:30 PM to 5:45 PM and movie starting 6:45 PM to 9 PM.

MARCUS GARVEY SERVICE IS NOW SCHEDULED ONCE A MONTH ON THE SECOND SUNDAY AT 2 PM

ALL SAINTS DAY Mass will be held on First Friday, November 1st, 2024 at 9 AM and 7 PM at St. Gregory the Great R. C. Church.

ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE DAY Mass will be held on the First Saturday, November 2nd at St. Matthew Church at 8 PM. St. Matthew Church located at 1123 Eastern Parkway, corner of Utica Avenue.

GIFT SHOP

Located @ the back of the Church, selling an array of religious articles including rosaries, open on weekends before & after Mass.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Adoration in the Church on
**Wednesdays and Fridays after 9:00
am Mass until 12:00 noon and
First Fridays after the
9 A.M. to 9 P.M.**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SIGHT N SOUND trip to Lancaster Pennsylvania to see the play "DANIEL" at 7:00 P.M.

DATE: Saturday, December 28th

**Price: \$175 for adults and \$ 145 for children
ages 3 -12.**

We will have shopping, (**NOT** at Tangers outlet) Dinner at the Golden Corral and the show. Bus leaves from in front of St. Matthew at 11:45 A.M.

To reserve your seat you must make a deposit of \$50 immediately. Deadline for all payments is November 15th.

ALL SAINTS DAY - Friday, November 1st—Mass @ 7:30 & 9:00 A.M. & 7:30 P.M. We will have Exposition after the 9 A.M. Mass until 7:00 P.M. (All Day)

ALL SOULS DAY— Saturday, November 2nd - Regular Mass @ 8 A.M. & 8 P.M. At the 8 P.M. Mass we will honor all who were buried from our Church since last All Souls Mass.

ALL SOULS DAY— Saturday, November 2nd -1000 Hail Mary's—We will recite the 1000 Hail Mary's after the 8 A.M. Mass

GROUP OF HOPE - Date: Sunday, November 10th from 2:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M. at St. Matthew Parish Center
Price: \$10.00 which includes Hors d'oeuvres and beverages . Karaoke, Talent show etc. Tickets available from members and at the door,

RAFFLE: You would've received your raffle books via mail. The tickets are \$5 each. If you sell a full book the 6th ticket is free. The prizes are:

- 1st prize—2K
- 2nd Prize-1K
- 3rd Prize-750
- 4th Prize-500

If you need additional raffle books, please stop by the rectory. The **drawing takes place during our Christmas concert on December 15th.**

HALLOWEEN

Halloween comes from the old English title for the day before All Saints Day, "All Hallows' Eve". Hallow is the old English word for "Holy". One who is a saint is "Holy", a holy person, a "hallowed" person. In the Our Father, we say, in old English, "...hallowed be Thy Name...", that is, "'holy' is Your Name". "Eve" is short for "Evening". Hallowe'en is short hand for (All) Hallows' Eve, that is All Holy People's Evening, that is, the Evening before the Day we celebrate all who have been hallowed, all who are holy, i.e. saints. It is not by chance that Halloween is always on October 31st, the day before November 1st, "All Saints' Day" because it is the "Eve" of All Saints' Day, as we have Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. All Saints' has its Eve, too, "All Hallows' Eve".

Originally, October 31st/November 1st was a Celtic pagan holy day celebrating the end of summer and the beginning of winter. On the eve of the first day of winter, their New Year, November 1st they believed that the dead and evil spirits prowled about the land. We Catholic Christians wanted to counteract this pagan belief. Subsequently we moved our celebration of all saints and all martyrs from the Spring to November 1st as an antidote to this pagan culture. We transformed the meaning of the Eve of November 1st to signify the beginning of the celebration of All Saints, thus it was called "All Saints' (Hallows') Eve. Evening Prayer on October 31st ushered in the beginning of All Hallows', thus it was the Eve of All Hallows', eventually, Hallowe'en.

Although the day before November 1st was not important on the Christian Calendar, American society has secularized it and made it into a commercial hit. Our society is also emphasizing the Celtic pagan roots of the day taking attention away from the important day, the day after

October 31st, November 1st, All Saints' Our church community needs to work hard to develop a new Catholic Culture in our secularized world.