

"Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5: 4

Dear Parishioners,

Every year, we have a special Mass of Remembrance to give thanks for those we have lost during the past year. I would like to invite all in our community who have experienced the loss of a loved one this past year to attend this poignant Mass which will be celebrated **Thursday, November 2nd at 7:00pm**. Moving through a time of loss can be difficult, lonely, and sad. We want those who have experienced loss to know that as part of our Holy Infant family, we mourn with them.

This Mass of Remembrance gives us an opportunity, as a spiritual family, to join together in prayer, to ask for healing, and to give thanks for the lives of those who have gone before us in faith.

If you have lost a loved one this past year and will be attending this Mass, we will prepare a candle for your loved one which will be presented at the end of this celebration. The candle is a symbol of our baptism into the resurrection of Jesus Christ and is a reminder to us that we have the hope of eternal life.

If you are not able to attend, we will be happy to include the name of your loved one to be read during the Mass. Please fill out the form at the end of this column with the name of your loved one and place it in the collection basket or simply drop it by the Parish Office.

If you have lost a loved one prior to this past year, we invite you to remember that person by writing his or her name in our Book of Remembrance that is in the front of Church near the Holy Family statue. We will pray for all those in the Book and it will remain in Church during November.

I hope many will consider attending this Memorial celebration. It can be a time of healing and comfort. May the Lord continue to give strength, encouragement, and solace to all who have experienced loss especially during this past year.

Please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish Office through the collection basket or by dropping it off before October 20, 2023. Thank you.

R. Edward Stangor

**Mass of Remembrance
November 2, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

Name of the Deceased: _____

Date of Death: _____

My name: _____ Phone Number _____

I will attend Mass to receive candle _____

I cannot attend, please pray for my loved one _____

Please return this form to the rectory by **October 20, 2023**.

(Candles will be prepared only for those attending this Memorial Mass.)