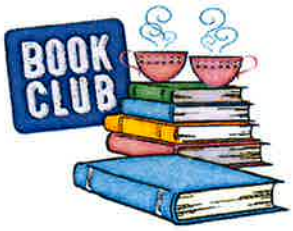
St. Cronan Catholic Church
November 1 , 2026
All Saints Day



Mass Information
SUNDAY – 8 am. and 10 am.
SATURDAY VIGIL – 5 pm.
Wednesdays – 8 am.
Sacrament of Reconciliation by appointment.
Bulletin Deadline: Noon Tuesday

St. Cronan Social Justice Book Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month, the November 8 book is "The Veiled Prophet: Secret Societies, White Supremacy, and the Struggle for St. Louis" by Devin Thomas O'Shea. We meet in the 1st floor conference room after the 10am mass from 11:30am-12:30pm and invite you to join us in person or to simply read with us. Looking forward to December, our book will be "The Hundred Years War o Palestine" by Rashid Khaladi.



Poinsettia Fund Raiser: Every Christmas season, St. Cronan Church sells red, white, and pink poinsettias. This year we are selling them at three price points, by size: 4"- $10, 6" - $20, 8" - $30. Christmas poinsettia order forms can be found in the vestibule of Church. The last day to order your poinsettias for the Christmas season is November 29. Poinsettias purchased can be picked up after each Mass on December 5/6. Proceeds from tthe sales of the poinsettias benefit the programs of St. Cronan. So please consider helping our Church through your order this Christmas season. Online orders can be made by using the QR code.



Prayers Please: Nick and Shirley Ambrose and Family; Elisabeth Byrne's mom, Denise Siebold; Yvonne DeHart's daughter, Cathy Hebert; Nancy Buck's daughter, Jeanne Oberle; Trish Curtis' sibling, Skip; Joe Fairless; Judith Santamaria; Leslie Conway; Madonna and Tom's friend, 3-1/2 year old Juliette Braren; Jane Sykes; Mary Proot's sister, Terry Jacks, and Mary's son, Tim Proot; Madonna Kuciejczyk-Kernan; Ken Ladd; Fr. Gerry Kleba; Marie and Roland Martir's daughter, Carrie; J.T. Fowler; Grace Mueller; Joe Kuciejczyk, brother of Madonna and Janet, and brother-in-law of Tom; Maria, daughter of Marcy and Dominic Soda; Teresa Beard's son, Edward Burch; Ed Calcaterra, brother of Diane Calcaterra; Colleen Wallace's cousins, Katy and Dennis Rosolowski; Sandra Ward; Fr. Jerry Stookey's brother, Tom; Cecilia Kelly; Debbie Kowalski's father, David Cobb; Neil O'Hallaron, Doritt's husband; Irma Forbes; Lisa Masek, niece of Kathy Hunn, Mary Margaret Kleba: sister of Fr. Gerry; Michel Wendell; Dominic Soda.



Support for Immigrants

As we continue to support our immigrant neighbors, please know that they continue to express gratitude for what we are able to provide each month.

Needed for November:

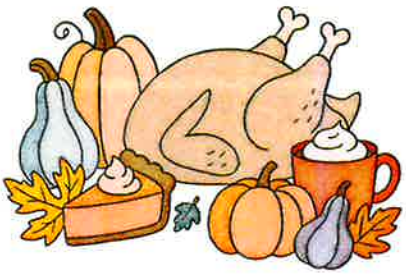
*Egg Cartons

*Larger Diapers - Sizes 6 & 7

*Feminine Hygiene (Pads & Tampons)

Please drop off donations in the tub in vestibule of church, or church office during the week - prior to 11/7.

Assisi House Thanksgiving November 14



Each year we host Thanksgiving dinner for the Assisi House residents and staff. It's a wonderful opportunity to provide a traditional Thanksgiving feast for our friends. Residents have commented it is the nicest (or only) Thanksgiving they have ever had. We are hoping Cronan community members can contribute the some items for the feast. If you are able to contribute one of the following, it would be much appreciated.

Pies: (pumpkin or any kind). Need 10; Whipped cream (Need 5 cans); Rolls (7 packages of 12); Butter (4 packages)

If you have some time that evening to serve and help wash a ton of dishes, that would be great too. Thank you so much for your generosity. Please let Maggie Hart-Mahon if you have any questions or if you are able to contribute something or help at the dinner. Maggie's contact info is ofccomp17@gmail.com; cell 314.749.1453. Thank you!!

Looking for a quiet place to pray and meditate? Following the 5pm mass on the 1st Saturday of each month (11/7, 12/5), the church will remain open for a time of silence and contemplative prayer. Whether you join for 5 minutes or stay for 50, all are welcome. If you would like to lead or introduce a prayer practice, please email Olivia at: owalter1010@gmail.com.



Check out the Lost & Found bin in the vestibule of church. We have water bottles, books, jackets, eye glasses and many other items. Any items left after Nov. 22 will be donated to a worthy cause.

November 7/8
after all Masses

BLIND DATE With a BOOK



Purchase a wrapped book with 3 clues about the book. Give your book away as a gift or keep it for yourself, either to read or display on your bookshelf.

$10.00 per book

Make checks payable to ST. CRONAN with "Blind Date" on the memo line.

St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem

creating a climate for community

A Fair-Trade Market of Palestinian products, and local honey!

Sat., Nov. 14, 4:30 - 6:30 pm
Sun., Nov. 15, 7:45-11:15 am
St. Cronan's Catholic Church Vestibule
st.louisfriendsofbethlehem@gmail.com

St. Cronan Catholic Church Land Acknowledgement

We respectfully acknowledge that St. Cronan Church stands on the ancestral lands of Native American and Indigenous peoples. We honor their enduring presence and acknowledge the historical and ongoing impacts of colonization. We are committed to learning, dialogue, and fostering reconciliation with Native American Indigenous communities.

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Several years ago I was in Japan in August at the time of their Obon Festival, which celebrates the belief that the ancestors' spirits come back to their homes to be reunited with their family. This is a time of great celebration and family gatherings. People go to their family's grave to call the spirits of ancestors back home. They place gifts of food in front of a *butsudan* (Buddhist altar) in their homes. Incense is burned. Lanterns are lit. Fires are lit at the entrance of houses so the spirits can find their way back home. After 3 days of festivities the spirits are guided back to their world. In Kyoto this is done by lighting huge bonfires in the hills surrounding the city. The bonfires can be in the shape of boats, Japanese characters, or other designs to guide the spirits back to their world. The sending forth is an amazing sight as people gather on balconies and roof tops to watch the home-directing bonfires.

Most cultures have religious traditions which honor the ancestors and provide a time for the different worlds to intersect. An internet search of this topic shows many similarities across history and geography. Our celebration of Halloween, All Saints, and All Souls Day is largely rooted in the Gaelic festival Samhain (SAH-win), which marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the darker half of the year. Early Gaelic culture believed that on the night before All Saints, All Hallows Eve, the graves opened up and those who had died were free to roam the earth again. People lit bonfires and wore costumes to ward off the ghosts. One tradition included preparing Soul cakes so the spirits would have something to eat, the original Halloween treat. In the 8th century Pope Gregory III set Nov. 1 as a time to honor all saints and martyrs, and some customs of Samhain were incorporated into the celebration of the feast.

While many of these customs have evolved and even become secularized, the Church still sets aside the holiday to honor our ancestors. Possibly you have experienced the awareness that family members and friends who have died continue to be present, possibly even closer to us than the time we shared life together here on earth. Maybe you have even had the experience that the person has come back to offer comfort or encouragement or direction. The Gaelic belief is that at some times the veil separating our various worlds is very thin and we are able to pass through the curtain that separates us.

Again this year at St. Cronan's you are invited to add pictures of your loved ones to our Altar of Saints. You may also want to do this in your home where you as a family can celebrate the lives of your ancestors, those who have influenced your life – good and bad. We all have a few strange relatives in our families whose lives can also be celebrated. They too made us who we are today. Blessed Saints Day!

—Lynne Schmidt, SSND

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