

# *St. Michael the Archangel Church*

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## **Dear Parishioners and Friends:**

We are approaching with great strides the month of November. Beginning with the celebration of All Saints Day (Nov. 1), and All Souls Day (Nov. 2), and the following days are a time with prayer in which we especially remember those that have passed away from us, and this is a tradition connected to the Roman Catholic Church. We explain them in our **leaflets** (they are at both entrances to the church).

### **"Shorten the Longing of Souls" and "Eternal Rest"**

These are available in our church and on the parish website (in the **"Downloads" tab**).

I am asking you to read their content and the practice of praying for souls in purgatory.

A special form of prayer for the dead in our parish is **Novena for the Dead** as well as **Naming of the Dead Devotion**.

### **Novena for the Dead**

Novena is celebrated daily from November 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 10<sup>th</sup> for the dead. It takes the form of a daily Mass celebrated for our deceased loved ones. We can include the names of our deceased relatives or friends by depositing a "second orange envelope, All Souls Offer" and writing out names on the envelope to be remembered.

in the Novena for the Dead. The envelopes will be placed on the altar and will be a visible sign of our joint prayer on the days of the Novena.

### **Naming of the Dead**

Naming of the Dead are prayers for the deceased from our families, parents, relatives, friends, spouses, and children. Naming of the Dead is remembering deceased people together with the power of joint prayer. This service is an expression of deep love and faith that the names written on pages, and then read are recorded in God's Book of Life.

In our church, Naming of the Dead is celebrated every Wednesday and Friday of the month in November at 6.30 pm Directly after the service, we celebrate Mass for those who listed their intentions. We can join and include the names of our close deceased relatives prior to the READING (preferably printed) on a piece of paper or an envelope of names and include a "goodwill offering" as a voluntary sacrifice for this intention.

Naming of the Dead will immediately be read by Fr. Stefan and Fr. Norbert.

*I would like to invite everyone to pray for the dead, wishing you,  
dear Parishioners and Friends, blessings during this month of November.*

*"When we enter heaven, we will see many souls coming to us and thanking us. We will ask who are they, they will answer that they are the poor purgatory souls for which you have offered your prayers. "*

*/ Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen*