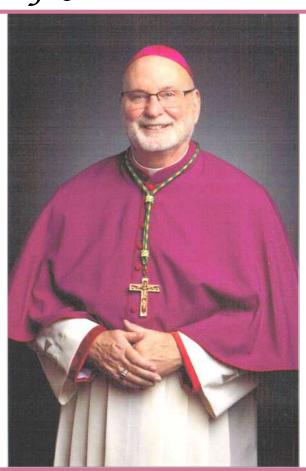


OCTOBER 26, 2025 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome! Bíshop John Síemíanowskí



Today we welcome our local Vicar, Bishop John Siemianowski, who will celebrate the 11:00 a.m. Mass and officially introduce Fr. Deo to the parish community. There will be a reception in the gym after the Mass. All are welcome.

October 26, 2025

FROM FR. DEO



Brothers and sisters,

God is good all the time... All the time God is good! Let us give thanks to God for the presence of Bishop John Siemianowski among us. When the bishop celebrates the Eucharist, he does so as a visible sign of the unity of Christ's Church. Let us come together and celebrate our communion with the Church. All are welcome!

As Halloween and All Saints' Day draw near, I would like to offer a reflection on how we, as Catholics, can approach this widely celebrated cultural occasion with faith and discernment.

The Triduum of the Dead

The Catholic tradition includes the "Triduum of Death" — three sacred days that reflect on the mystery of death and eternal life. It begins with *All Hallows' Eve* on October 31, the vigil that prepares us for the solemn celebration of *All Saints' Day* on November 1, when we honor the countless souls who have entered the glory of heaven. Then *All Souls' Day*, November 2, is dedicated to praying for our beloved dead who may still be undergoing purification. Together, these days affirm the unity and communion of the Church — the *Mystical Body of Christ* — as we honor the saints in glory, intercede for the souls in purgatory, and walk in faith as the pilgrim Church on earth.

The Christian origin of Halloween

Originally, The Solemnity of All Saints' Day, called also All Hallows was preceded by the Vigil known as "All Hallows Eve", which got contracted to Halloween. It was celebrated during the night of October 31st, and All Saints' Day, the following day, on November 1st. After the Reformation, this European Christian tradition gradually became intertwined with various local customs and drifted from its explicitly Christian origins. Catholic practices—especially from English, Irish, and French traditions—were brought to America by immigrants. For example, dressing up for Halloween traces back to the French; Jack-o'-Lanterns originated with the Irish, who originally carved turnips; and the English custom of going door to door for "soul cakes" involved praying for the deceased loved ones of those who gave treats. Unfortunately, today's popular celebration of Halloween often distorts its roots, glorifying the demonic and placing an unhealthy emphasis on violence, horror, and sensuality.

Embracing Halloween with Catholic Intentionality

Halloween has become one of the most important holidays of the year, with children and adults dressing up as their favorite heroes, superstars, ghouls and goblins. Catholics can reclaim Halloween as a day connected with their faith, especially All Saints' Day. The celebration of Halloween ought to be approached with discernment and aligned with Christian values. This includes celebrating in ways that respect the faith, avoid glorifying evil, encourage fun in moderation, and contribute to the cultural and spiritual education of children. Halloween, in its secular forms, sometimes promotes fear (of death, monsters, the unknown). But our faith reminds us that Christ has triumphed over fear and darkness.

Practical Suggestions for Christian-Minded Halloween

Encourage costumes that reflect saints, heroes of faith, or positive virtues. Use decorations that recall light over darkness: pumpkins, candles, lanterns — symbolizing Christ as the light of the world. Reach out to children, families, neighbors — especially those who may feel excluded. As Paul says, what matters is "finishing the race, staying faithful, trusting in God's deliverance." That is how our heroes of faith- the saints- walked on the face of the earth. We can use Halloween/All Saints' Day as opportunities to evangelize by posting a saint quote on social media, handing out prayer cards with candy, or inviting someone to an All-Saints' Mass.

Through the intercession of All the Saints, may we grow in holiness through a life of prayer and trust in God.

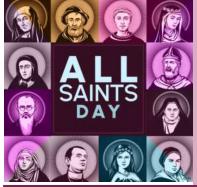
In Christ,

Fr. Deo.



The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold a Winter Coat Drive this Weekend

At all Masses on this weekend the St. Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting new and gently used, clean winter coats for homeless folks and others in need in our area. Thank you for your generosity and support.



ALL SAINTS DAY

Saturday, November 1 is All Saints Day. Because it falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is removed. In honor of this Solemnity, we will have a Spanish Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 31 and our regular 8:30 a.m. Saturday Mass on November 1. The 5:00 p.m. on November 1 is the vigil Mass for the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day).



PICTURES OF THE DECEASED

We will once again have a shrine in church during the month of November honoring our deceased relatives and friends. You may drop off pictures of them in advance at the parish office. Make sure your name and phone number are on the back. You can take them home from the vestibule in early December.

All Women of the Parish

Please join us next Sunday, November 2nd for our Women's Group Mass at 9:00 a.m.

All Parishioners

All members of the Parish are invited to the Auditorium after the 9:00 a.m. Mass next Sunday, November 2nd for Hospitality.

Coffee, juice, milk, and doughnuts will be served.



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Thank you!



To all that supported the annual Spaghetti Dinner benefiting the Station School in Rwanda.

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During October, Respect Life Month, our parish is participating in **The Baby Bottle Project** benefiting **The Women's Centers of Greater Chicagoland.**This non-profit organization directly assists mothers and families experiencing crisis pregnancies by offering emotional, financial, material, and spiritual support through counseling, clothing & monetary provisions, prayer, and other aid. Each year the three locations together have over 5,000 appointments with expecting mothers. By God's Grace, The Women's Centers have saved almost 41,000 babies—and their mothers—from abortion since opening in 1984.

Please return your baby bottle this weekend. You may give it to any usher as you enter church. Donations will also be accepted if you wish to use a plain envelope with "The Women's Center" written on it. If you are donating by check, please make it payable to: "The Women's Center." You may also drop it off at the parish office during the week.

This is a simple, but crucial fundraising effort for The Women's Centers. Please note the Baby Bottles cost almost \$1.00 per bottle and are recycled afterwards so please return upon completion of the project. *Thank you for helping defend life* and remember to keep all pro-life undertakings in your prayers.

Thank you for your support!





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MaryAnn Hermesdorf—Eugene Pagani—Lidia Piper—John Kottra—Rosemary Marinello—Marion Calvino

(Call the parish office to have your name added or removed)



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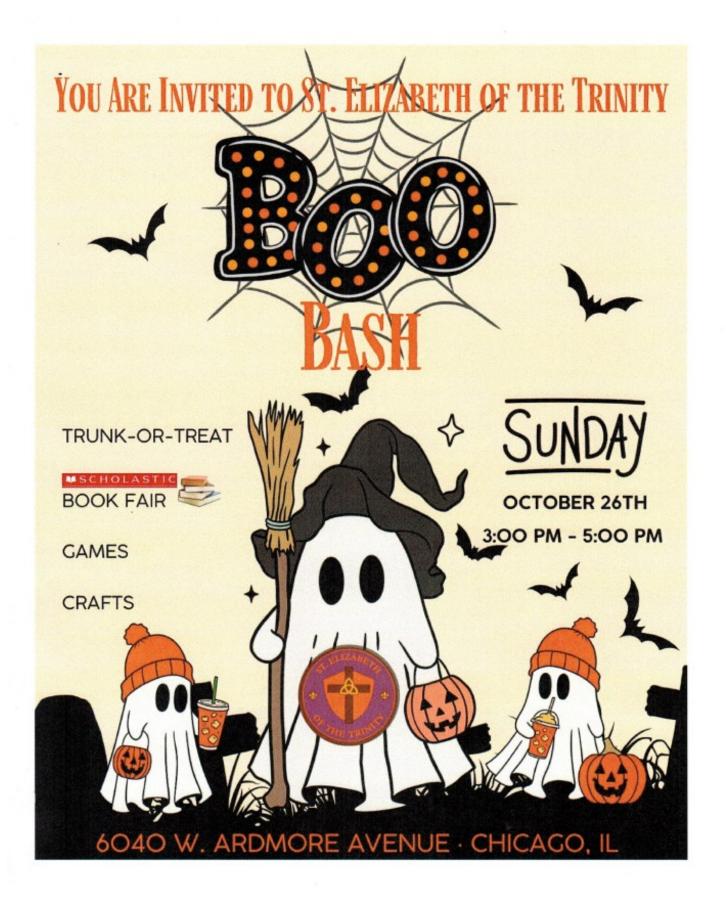
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We are thankful for the extra work Mr. Wuich puts into his program.









Personal Reflection

What's it like to change parishes after belonging to the same parish for 70 years? That's what I have been asking myself for the past five years. My thoughts of sadness, anxiousness, and loss which are coupled with anticipation, optimism, embracing, and acceptance are still with me and change from day to day.

My faith journey began with my Baptism at St. Cornelius Parish and continued there with schooling, reception of sacraments, marriage; and children's sacraments and attendance at our school, and even the marriage of one of my children and the funerals of my parents. These, and many hours of participation in ministries and volunteer work, ended with the closure of St. Cornelius.

So, after living this long history in one parish and having a humongous change thrust upon me, I ask myself: how have I endured the last five years? Do I miss the physical St. Cornelius church building and other parish structures? Answer: somewhat. St. Cornelius Church was brighter and modern. SEOTT has beautiful stained-glass windows, but couldn't that black/gray and white marble be some other color? Do I miss the St. Cornelius people? Yes – quite a bit. However, some of these people have joined SEOTT along with me and my husband. Also, with this move, I have had the opportunity to meet new people and form new acquaintances and friends.

I still struggle with attending liturgies in a different building, and I miss the people who joined other parishes. But, I have endured and it has been easier than I expected. That's because my faith teaches me that God is everywhere and in everyone. It is not all that important where I meet Him. It's important that I do meet up with Him. For me, that is what my worship and relationship with Him is all about. It is why I continue at SEOTT. Anytime I begin to feel down about the changes, I remind myself that I believe in the virtues of faith, hope and love, and I can bring these with me anywhere I go.

I don't know where I will be when Our Lord calls me home, but until then, with His blessings, I will make the best of where I am.

Connie Polaniecki

"Parishioners Corner" is a dedicated space for parishioners. All are invited to share their thoughts about the parish merger and building the new reality of SEOTT. In addition, we invite parishioner thoughts about a journey of faith, a moment of grace, a prayer intention, or a reflection on the readings. Send your thoughts (anonymously if you wish) to the Rectory office.





Watch St. Elizabeth of the Trinity 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass live on You Tube - search for St. Elizabeth of the Trinity Parish channel.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 25, 2025

5:00 PM — +Don Lov Jr., +Erin Stastny, +Dick & +Peggy Lameka, +Rosaria Cicchetti

SUNDAY OCTOBER 26, 2025

7:30 AM — +Marie Margaret Cabel (birthday)
9:00 AM — +James Mader, +Kevin Kirby, +Roger
Cabrera (3rd anniversary), +Jimmy Cabrera (3rd
anniversary), +Antonio dela Rosa, souls in
Purgatory

11:00 AM — +Joseph & +Tekla Mruczek, +Antonio dela Rosa, +Jimmy Cabrera (3rd anniversary), +Roger Cabrera (3rd anniversary)

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — NO CONFESSIONS TODAY 1:00 PM — (Spanish) +Cesar Hernandez Marin, Carlos Alexis Hernandez Perez, +Diana Calderon, +Ricardo Calderon, Gabriela Reveles (birthday), +Jesus & Adrian Hernandez

MONDAY OCTOBER 27, 2025

8:30 AM — Rick Bekielewski

TUESDAY OCTOBER 28, 2025

8:30 AM — Zofia Kalemba, +Sonia Maco (birthday) 11:00 - 6:00 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:00 PM 5:30 - 6:00 PM - CONFESSION 6:30 PM — for those in our prayer garden

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 29, 2025

8:30 AM — for the intentions of the holy father

THURSDAY OCTOBER 30, 2025

8:30 AM — Betty Aguilar, +Charles Boyd, +Joseph Jaszczor

9:15 - 6:50 PM - Adoration / Benediction at 6:50 PM 6:00 - 7:00 PM -- CONFESSION

FRIDAY OCTOBER 31, 2025

8:30 AM — for the homebound of the parish 6:30 PM—Spanish Mass

SATURDAY NOVEMER 1, 2025

8:30 AM — +John Mruczek 3:30 - 4:30 - CONFESSION

5:00 PM — deceased members of the Ognibene family

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2, 2025

7:30 AM — for our parishioners

9:00 AM — +Frank Warburton, souls in Purgatory

11:00 AM — souls in Purgatory

12:00 PM - 12:45 PM — CONFESSIONS

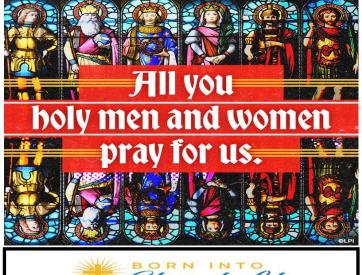
1:00 PM — (Spanish) +Cesar Hernandez Marin, Jose Luis Bucio, +Jesus & Adrian Hernandez, +Paulino Correa, +Maria Luz Coss, +Adalberto Correa

Presider Schedule - November 1 & 2

5:00 p.m. — Fr. Deo / piano 7:30 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Deo / piano / parish choir

11:00 a.m. — Fr. Leo / organ 1:00 p.m. — (Spanish) Fr. Deo





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SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday:

Tuesday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Wednesday: Thursday:

Friday: All Hallow's Eve

Saturday: All Saints

Next Sunday: The Commemoration of All the Faith-

ful Departed (All Souls' Day); Daylight Saving Time Ends

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THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18/Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19,

23 (7a)/2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18/Lk 18:9-14

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-

21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16 Wednesday: Rom 8:26-30/Ps 13:4-5, 6/Lk 13:22-30 Rom 8:31b-39/Ps 109:21-22, 26-27, 30-

31/Lk 13:31-35

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/

Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1

Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Next Sunday: Wis 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Rom 5:5

-11 or Rom 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40





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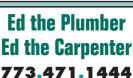
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Tuesday: 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (Benediction at 6:00 p.m.) Thursday: starts after the 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at

6:50 p.m. (in Spanish)

Parish Office (Rectory) Hours: Monday - Friday- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Baptism:

Please contact Deacon Greg Bzdon to make arrangements: gbzdon@archchicago.org

Becoming a Catholic:

Would you like to learn more about what it means to be a Catholic? The Church calls this process *The Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)*. It is a small group forum where interested people learn more about initiation and membership in the Catholic Church. Please call the parish office for more information.

Marriage:

Must be arranged six months prior to the ceremony. Please contact a priest to make arrangements.

Religious Education for Public Grade School Students: Contact Ashley Guinn for more information.

Parish Registration: New parishioners are asked to register at the Rectory. Forms are also available on our website under the Our Parish tab or in the rear of church.

Communion Visits: Ministers of Care bring Communion to the homebound. Contact Tony Lupinski through the parish office to make arrangements.

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St. Elizabeth of the Trinity