**Pastors Column**

Last week, I spoke of the Plenary Indulgence which is available from November 1-8 applicable to the souls in purgatory: visiting a cemetery and praying either mentally or verbally for the poor souls. All plenary indulgences subject to the usual conditions. They are (excerpted from the January 29, 2000 decree of the Apostolic Penitentiary):

To gain indulgences, whether plenary or partial, it is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.

A plenary indulgence can be gained only once a day. In order to obtain it, the faithful must, in addition to being in the state of grace—have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin; — have sacramentally confessed their sins; — receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required); — pray for the Intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

It is appropriate, but not necessary, that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope’s intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. Prayer for the Pope’s intentions is left to the choice of the faithful, but an “Our Father” and a “Hail Mary” are suggested. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father’s intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.

For the sake of those legitimately impeded, confessors can commute both the work prescribed and the conditions required (except, obviously, detachment from even venial sin). Indulgences can always be applied either to oneself or to the souls of the deceased, but they cannot be applied to other persons living on earth.

If you haven’t sent your Hymnal donation in memory or in honor of someone this is the last weekend to do so. Order forms are in the vestibule of the Church. Drop it in the collection basket Sun. by the 10:00a.m. Mass.

Help is needed to clean the Church Thurs. Nov. 8th at 9:00a.m. Bring a rag and bucket.

The Health Care Ministry will meet Thurs. Nov. 8th at 2:00p.m. at the home of Christine Reynold. The Ministers made 28 visits in the month of Sept.

The Adult Choir will be singing at the 10:00a.m. Mass Sun. Nov. 11th.

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**Sacrament of Baptism**

James Anthony Lawrence, son of Russell and Kristina (Murren) Lawrence. Congratulations!

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**Sacrament of Confirmation**

This weekend we welcome the newest member of our Parish family through the Sacrament of Confirmation.