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Eucharist

Daily Mass

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am
(Chapel)

Weekend Liturgies

Summer Schedule

Saturday 5:00 pm

Sunday 8:00, 9:30

Holy Days

8:30 am, 7:00 pm

Reconciliation

Saturday 4:00-4:30 pm
or by appointment

Baptism

Contact the Parish Office for
Sacramental Preparation and
Baptismal date.

Marriage

Contact the Parish Office
at least six months prior
to anticipated wedding date .

Homebound, ill or Infirm

Contact the Parish Office if you,
need to receive communion
or Anointing of the Sick
at home or in the hospital.

St. Perpetua School

Contact the school office for
enrollment (TK-8) and
After School Program.
Tours by appointment call
284-1640 or skozel@csdo.org.

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OCTOBER 28, 2018

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown,
they shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

~ Psalm 126:6

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National Vocation Awareness Week Encourages Young People to Encounter Christ's Call

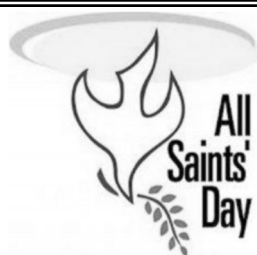
WASHINGTON—The Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Vocation Awareness Week, November 4-10. This annual event is a special time for parishes in the U.S. to foster a culture of vocations for the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

Pope Francis, in his message for the 2018 World Day of Vocations, emphasized that it is at the loving initiative of God, and by His personal encounter with each of us, that one is called. "Even amid these troubled times, the mystery of the Incarnation reminds us that God continually comes to encounter us. He is God-with-us, who walks along the often dusty paths of our lives. He knows our anxious longing for love and he calls us to joy. In the diversity and the uniqueness of each and every vocation, personal and ecclesial, there is a need to listen, discern and live this word that calls to us from on high and, while enabling us to develop our talents, makes us instruments of salvation in the world and guides us to full happiness."

National Vocation Awareness Week, sponsored by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations, is designed to help promote vocation awareness and to encourage young people to ask the question: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" Parish and school communities across the nation are encouraged to include, during the first week in November, special activities that focus on vocation awareness and provide opportunities for prayerful discernment.

Contemporary society is all too often saturated by constant activity and noise, so it is important this week to encourage young discerners to take time for silent, contemplative prayer. Results of studies conducted by the Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate (CARA), notes that 72% of those ordained to the Priesthood or solemnly professed within the last year cited participation in Eucharistic Adoration as a prayer experience that proved influential in their discernment. Cardinal Joseph Tobin, Chairman of the USCCB's Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations echoes this finding, stating: "Quiet reflection and prayer are essential elements for vocational discernment. It is in the interior depths of our heart where we hear the voice of Christ, where he speaks to us, and where he reveals his will for our lives."

Observance of Vocation Awareness Week began in 1976 when the U.S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for the celebration. It was later moved to the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. The USCCB Committee on Clergy, Consecrated Life and Vocations moved the observance of National Vocation Awareness Week to November to engage Catholic schools and colleges more effectively in this effort.



All Saints Day

All Saint Day will be on Thursday, November 1. Masses will be at 8:30 am and 7:00 pm in the Chapel.



Teens join with the younger grades today for the first Faith Family Night of the school year. In anticipation of the upcoming days around Halloween and All Saints Day we will be focusing on our beloved dead. Inspired by the movie Coco we focus tonight on those people in our family's life who we miss but trust are in God's loving hands now. As Coco reminds us (as well as our Latin American brothers and sisters in their celebration of "El día de los muertos,") we must continue to share the stories of our beloved dead to remind us of who we are. Teens plan to gather at either 4 or 6 pm. *Gary*

St. Perpetua Faith Formation First Eucharist Parent Meetings

Parents of children preparing to receive their First Eucharist in May of 2019 and are currently enrolled in 2nd grade or higher at St. Perpetua School and Faith Formation are asked to attend one of the following parent meetings:

Monday, November 5
7:00 pm
OR
Tuesday, November 13
9:30 am

Both meetings will be held in the Religious Resource Room. If you have any questions, contact Kristine at kristine@stperpetua.org

Safe Environment Protecting God's Children

Safe Environment training for adults, children and youth is a concrete way we as a church can recognize situations of potential abuse and give our children the tools they need to stay safe and protect themselves from those who would do them harm. All volunteers (those not required to fingerprint) are screened through Megan's law annually. If you have trained on Virtus you will be notified by email when to recertify. If you have not trained on Virtus you must complete the training by **December 1, 2018.**

Please go online to www.virtus.org and follow the instructions for Safe Environment training. For more information, contact Diana Bitz at 510-267-8315 or dbitz@oakdiocese.org or Arlene Connors at 925-283-0272 or aconnors@stperpetua.org.



Welcome into the Catholic Community

Congratulations! This weekend we welcome the following children into our parish community through the waters of Baptism:

William 'Liam' Matthew Anderson

son of Matt & Nicole Anderson

Charlotte Austen Brown

daughter of Peter & Jessica Brown

Alessia Eileen Kurpinsky

daughter of David & Ashley Kurpinsky

May our community embrace William, Charlotte and Alessia and may our word and example be a reflection of God's love for them. Let us offer our joy-filled prayers and congratulations as a sign of our support and welcome!

OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION

Al and Virginia LaFaille were happy to be able to deliver 37 very heavy bags of canned and dried beans (refried, pinto, black, kidney, pork & beans, baked) to the St Vincent de Paul Food Pantry at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Concord. Virginia said they were delighted with the donation and thanked the parishioners for their generous response. Thank you for your generosity in remembering to pick up that "extra" item or items for the monthly collection. It all adds up and goes right back out from the pantries. **The next collection will be the weekend of November 10/11, Masa Harina, Sugar, Flour (preferably 5 lb. bags) and vegetable oil.**

Join Artist and Author Mickey McGrath for a weekend on Friday, November 9 through Sunday, November 11 for contemplative creativity as we explore three mysteries of our faith: Christ's birth, death and Resurrection. Using his own art and stories, Bro. Mickey will lead us from the garden of the Annunciation, to the cave of the Nativity, the tomb of Christ's death and Resurrection and end with the Cosmic Pentecost-where things are only just beginning!

To Make a Reservation: Please send a check of \$50 deposit to San Damiano Retreat, P.O. Box 767, 710 Highland Drive, Danville, 94526, phone (925) 837-9141, fax (925) 837-0522. Cost: \$245 for private room, \$215 per person for double occupancy. Registration online is available at www.sandamiano.org or call at (925) 837-9171 to make your reservation by phone.

**A Special Thank You to all who Participated in the
Funeral Mass for Arthur Connolly**

Thanks to the "Helping Hands" Committee and everyone who brought food donations and helped in the kitchen and many thanks to Lorena Rojas and Oscar Jovel who took care of the tablecloths.

With gratitude,
Sieglinde & Maria

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Sacred Conversations

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

The last thing Jesus does before his entrance into Jerusalem (and his eventual death) is to take pity on the blind Bartimaeus, who is calling out to him as he is leaving Jericho. In fact, this beggar is *on the roadside*, which I suppose means he's begging from people leaving the city.

Some in the crowd, who think they are the experts in knowing the heart of Jesus, tell him to go away. Jesus is way too important to be bothered by him. I'll bet this beggar is a familiar sight. The Jericho folks have probably known him all his life. He's probably an annoyance, sitting at the gates, asking for alms, year after year. Now they have the Master in town, they've done their best to make a good impression, and just when they think they've pulled it off, there sits the blind man, calling out to him.

Ugh. This is the guy we cross the street to avoid meeting, and Jesus is walking straight towards him! Didn't anybody think to get him off the streets before Jesus left? He's ruining everything.

I get the feeling that, just as Bartimaeus may have strategically placed himself outside the gates so as to have better access to travelers (whom he hadn't worn down through the years), Jesus placed himself in that exact spot so as to have maximum exposure to the beggar. He absolutely didn't want to miss him. Or you. Or me.

*At what times in your life has Jesus placed himself
directly in your path?*

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World Mission Sunday

Thank you for your generous response to the collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Our parish raised \$837. You may stay connected year round to the Pope's missions, continuing the commitment of World Mission Sunday by visiting MISSIO.org

**This Week at St. Perpetua
October 28—November 4, 2018
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 am Mass
Teen Family Youth Mass, 11:30 am
Faith Formation, 4:00 pm
Youth Group, 6:30 pm

Monday

Children's Choir, 3:30 pm, RRC
Capital Campaign Meeting, 7:00 pm, RRC
Carnival Evaluation Dinner, 7:00 pm, Parish Office
Centering Prayer, 7:15 pm, Chapel

Tuesday

Faith Formation, 5:00 pm, School/RRC
RCIA, 7:00 pm, Parish Office

Thursday—All Saints Day

8:30 am and 7:00 pm Mass, Chapel
Construction Meeting, 9:15 am, RRC
Knights of Columbus, 7:00 pm, RRC

Friday—All Souls' Day

Sunday

Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:30 am Mass
Faith Formation, 10:30 am, RRC/School
Teen Family Youth Mass, 11:30 am
Confirmation, 4:30 pm, Chapel
Faith Formation, 6:00 pm, Church
Confirmation, 6:30 pm, Chapel



**Don't Forget to turn your clocks back
one hour Saturday, November 3,
before you go to Bed!**

**Mass Intentions
October 27,—November 3, 2018**

Saturday	5:00 pm	Bryan Inderrieden, Jr. ✚
Sunday	8:00 am	For the Community
	9:30 am	Annie D'Lima ✚
	11:30 am	Harold George Rollins ✚
Friday	8:30 am	Eleanor Prorok Pawlak ✚
Saturday	5:00 pm	Sadie La Faille ✚

TOGETHER WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Elizabeth Cox, Jennifer Rosko, Giselle Contreras, Juanita Estrellas, Dennis Callahan, George Buonocore, Charlotte Cairney, Judy Russell, Orlando Portillo, Alex McLin, Fabricio Mendoza, Anne Lagache, Karl Smida, Bruce Wood, Pat McGinnis, Mary Beth Metz, Steve Luna, Chris Bruzzzone, Carol Farrell Raffa, Terry Osburn, Dylan Cazin, Bryan Inderrieden, Sr., Irwin Mettler, Hamilton Coke, Maureen Graf, Al Swimmer, George Kalvass, Lesley Kirchman, Hope Ramponi, Michael Gilson and Laura Zellmer.



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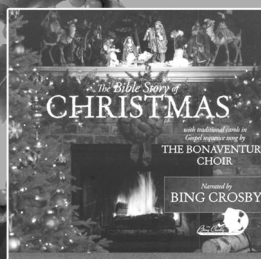
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