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Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them O Lord
Feast of All Souls is Thursday, November 2, 2023

Upcoming Parish Events

- 10/28 Sat Confessions 4pm
 10/28 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall
 10/30 Mon Miraculous Medal Novena following 9am Mass
 10/31 Tue Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm Church
 11/1 Wed Feast of All Saints - Masses at 6:30am, 9am, 12noon & 7pm
 11/1 Wed St. Jude /St. Anthony Novena following 9am Mass
 11/2 Thu Feast of All Souls—9:00 a.m. & Noon Masses, Remembrance Mass 7pm
 11/3 Fri 6:30pm Confessions & First Friday Mass 7pm
 11/3 Fri AA 8pm Lower Hall
 11/4 Sat Confessions 4pm
 11/4 Sat NA 7pm Lower Hall

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Please PRAY in the name of JESUS, the Healer, that the SICK of ST. JOHN PARISH may be restored to health and that those who ASSIST and CARE for the sick will be given the STRENGTH to continue GOD'S GOOD WILL: Alex, Gina, Shane, Jeanne Aimone, Vahide Atlas, Sue Baniel, Chieko and Pauline Bernard, Alberto Castro, Sheila Conroy, Jerry Cornacchi, Harold DelMonte, Mary Ellen Diakakis, Carla Errico, Kathleen Falotico, Nellie Fazio, Virginia Fisher, Joseph Garcia, Patty Gowers, Cara Hanson, Estrella Juele, Andrea Korner, Scott Lyndon, Frank Lynam, Audrey Maguire, Jean Marrano, Kay Mazza, Raven Moncada, Mary Moran, George Mulligan, Mary Netherby, Rita Neugebauer, Alice Palmieri, John Michael Pasquale, Elidia Patch, Mark Patricola, Gloria Petti, Betty Pisarek, Sal Poppo, Dan Reeves, Chris Ruskay, Netti Russo, Fabio Santos, Newman Santos, Angelo Shingelo, Maureen Spadora, Marimel Tolentino, MaryAnn Torre, Maria Uhm, Loidya Valenzuela, Joan Veneman, Adam Villavecchia, Stefan Wiklinkski, Ali Wilcox, Susan Wong, Mary Xavier and Special Intention.

PRAYER FOR OUR MILITARY

O Prince of peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in military service. Give them unflinching courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion, the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Be their rock, their shield, and their stronghold and let them draw their strength from You.

Sgt. Matt Brady, USMC
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Sgt. Joseph Gonzales, USAF
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The names on the cover of this week's bulletin are those souls from St. John's who were called back to God since last All Souls' Day (through the bulletin submission date of October 23, 2023).

MASS INTENTION

REQUESTED BY

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28, STS. SIMON & JUDE, APOSTLES

9:00 AM HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY..... THE FERRAO FAMILY
 5:00 PM PAUL DANTE TORRE, DDS..... CAROL & JACK FARESE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29, THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ANTHONY RANAUDO ANTONIO RANAUDO
 9:30 AM MARK MAURER..... CATHY DOHENY & FAMILY
 11:30 AM BARBARA CANGIANO JOAN KAPSURIS
 DEC'D. MEMBERS OF THE GILLESPIE FAMILY MARY RAUSCH
 6:00 PM MARISOL ALETHEA IBARRA..... ELENA PORTUGUES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, ST. ALPHONSUS RODRIGUEZ, BROTHER

9:00 AM JOE & BERNADINE RILEY JOE & CAROL RILEY

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, ST. WOLFGANG, BISHOP

9:00 AM BARBARA LORENZO MARY MORNINGWAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, ALL SAINTS DAY

6:30 AM MICHAEL BUTLER..... MARY LYONS
 9:00 AM MARGARET RALLIS VINCENT CHIARELLO
 12:00 PM DON KRAMER MARILYN BADAMI
 7:00 PM SR. ANN THESE TRINIDAD & JAMES MORIARITY ADAMCIK FAMILY

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, ALL SOULS DAY

9:00 AM ALL SOULS
 12:00 PM ALL SOULS
 7:00 PM ALL SOULS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, ST. MARTIN DE PORES, RELIGIOUS

9:00 AM ALL SOULS
 7:00 PM ALL SOULS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, ST. CHARLES BOROME0, BISHOP

9:00 AM ALL SOULS
 5:00 PM ALL SOULS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 AM ALL SOULS
 9:30 AM ALL SOULS
 11:30 AM ALL SOULS
 6:00 PM ALL SOULS

SANCTUARY MEMORIALS

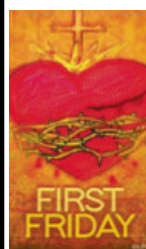
The Altar Bread & Wine is in memory of
Carmen Veguilla
 requested by
Sylvia Donohue

The Sanctuary Lamp is in memory of
Solokas Family
 Requested by
Jerry & Evelyn Solokas

SANCTUARY OFFERINGS

The Altar Flowers, Bread and Wine, the BVM Votive Lamp, and St. Joseph Votive Lamp, the Sanctuary Lamp in the Church, Rectory and Convent can be dedicated on a weekly basis.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS is this Friday



The First Friday of the month is a devotion that many Catholics around the world follow. First Friday devotions among Catholics are related to devotion to the Sacred Heart of Christ. First Friday practices date to the end of the 17th century, when Jesus appeared to St. Margaret Mary and spoke to her of His Sacred Heart. Please join us this Friday, November 3rd at 7pm in the Church for Mass and devotional prayer.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sun: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Mon: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17
 Tue: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21
 Wed: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
 Thu: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30
 Fri: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6
 Sat: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Knights of Columbus Carmel Council 8982 News

The Knights of Columbus Bergen County Chapter Meeting will be held at Council #2229, E. G. ALBERQUE, SR, at 106 Bergen Ave, Ridgely Pk 07660 on Monday, October 30th. Food at 7:00 p.m., meeting at 8:00 p.m.

What does “memento mori” mean?

As Catholics we are urged to “remember our death,” but why?

We are all going to die.
Every single one of us.

And, over time, so will all those whom we know and love.
This reality can strike fear in the heart of even the most faithful Christian. Yet, if we are pursuing holiness and conformity to God's will, we need not fear what the future has in store for us: it is heaven, and union with the Lord Who is the source of our joy.

Christ has already died for each of us, and if we have been baptized, then we have died to the world through our baptism in Him. If we understand and believe these truths of our Faith, we can live freely in the light of His love for us. We can spend our lives seeking His will and aspiring only for His will to be done. We can let go of our fear of death and embrace the unique mission He asks of us in our finite time on earth.

Fear is a natural part of our humanity, but it is not the better part. The better part is to fix our gaze confidently on God, Who desires all to be saved.

Instead of focusing on the unfamiliar, uncontrollable aspect of bodily death, God calls us to rejoice in the gift of our immortal souls, and to embrace the hope and the promise implicit in bodily death.

This is a grace of the practice of memento mori, which is Latin for “Remember your death.”

To take memento mori to heart is to remember our own deaths, and to live each day so that we are prepared to see the face of God. The practice of memento mori is essential, as it keeps the reality of our mortality present in our minds so that we may best live in a manner that will grant us heaven upon our death. How powerful to ready ourselves in the here and now, which we know is fleeting, for the gift of eternity with Christ Jesus!

This life is precious. Every moment is gift and mystery. One day, at the hand of death, we will look upon the One Who we know loves us. His kingdom and our relationship with Him will endure into eternity, when we have left all we know of this world behind us.

So, until that day, memento mori!

~<https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/what-does-memento-mori-mean/>

St. John's Altar Society Holiday Bazaar

Saturday—Sunday, November 4 & 5, 2023

Come and join in some holiday fun! The Altar Society Holiday Bazaar will be held in Peter Kramer Hall on **Saturday, November 4th from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday, November 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Prizes, craft items, hand made items, and more will be available for purchase. Please come and support the la-dies of the parish who work so hard throughout the year for the benefit of the parish. Please bring shopping bags with you for your purchases. If you have new unused items, still in box or with tags you would like to donate, please call Lena Boggiano at 201-944-3308 or Kathy Stendor at 201-956-7146 or Betsy Trautsch at 201-947-8679.

TROUBLED MARRIAGE???

If your marriage has become troubled or stressed, unloving or uncaring, if your relationship has grown cold and distant, if you're thinking of separation or divorce, BUT you want to try again – then try the Retrouvaille program, it can help you. For more info., call the Family Life Ministries, at 973-497-4327. You may call anonymously. Please be assured that all inquiries are kept in confidence.

QUESTION?

What is a votive candle? The act of lighting a candle when offering a special prayer has long been a cherished tradition. As a way to help advance the works of the Church and to offer a sacrifice to Christ, it has been customary to give an offering for the candle. The word *votive* comes from the Latin verb *voveo*, meaning *I desire*. It signifies an offering in which a gift is linked with a prayer intention, as a sacrificial dedication of oneself to God, submission to His will, and reliance on His mercy and providence. Essentially, a votive candle is a sentinel that we leave burning heavenward at a sacred place as a visual sign of our prayer of thanks or request.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to help set up Peter Kramer Hall for the Altar Society Bazaar. Please come this Tuesday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. if you can lend a hand.



Time changes next weekend!
Don't forget to turn your
clocks back one hour.



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SPIRITUAL EXCERPT

God created me to go to Heaven. His mercy allows me to go to Purgatory. Purgatory is a place of love unfulfilled. You found out at judgment how much God loves you and how you failed to respond. Purgatory is not a place of despair and regret-at that point you're very sorry for all the opportunities that passed you by. You're also very grateful that God had such mercy on you. The inability to be with God is the greatest pain in Purgatory, because that's all you really want. The good news is, eventually, you'll get to Him; there is an end to Purgatory. I've always thought that life is full of enough tiny things and big things to purify us. I never did believe that everybody was ultimately destined for Purgatory. Many of the people in Purgatory have high degrees of union with God in Heaven once they're released. In other words, it doesn't mean that because you went to Purgatory your degree of holiness is less. Some of them are destined for great, high degrees of glory. There is true joy in Purgatory. I am justly punished and chastised there. I have seen God and I know that I am on my way. It may take me a while, but I know I'll see Him. **Mother Angelica, *Little Book of Life Lessons* page 216**

~DEATH~

WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO EXPLAIN IT.

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to leave the examination room and said, "Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side." Very quietly, the doctor said, "I don't know." "You don't know? You're, a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?" The doctor was holding the handle of the door. On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, and as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room and leaped on him with an eager show of gladness. Turning to the patient, the doctor said, "Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, and when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, but I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough."

GOOD SAMARITAN

A Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of the Good Samaritan. She asked the class, "If you saw a person lying on the roadside, all wounded and bleeding, what would you do?" A thoughtful little girl broke the hushed silence, "I think I'd throw up."

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, LEONIA

Mass Schedule

Saturday:.....5:00pm
 Sunday:.....7:30, 9:30 & 11:30am
 and 6:00pm
 Monday-Saturday:.....9:00am

SPECIAL MASSES OR DEVOTIONS

First Friday: 7:00pm, Mass of Sacred Heart & Devotions
First Saturday: 9:00am, Mass of Immaculate Heart of Mary

Confession Schedule

Monday - Friday.....8:30-8:50am
 Saturday.....4:00-4:30pm
 First Friday.....6:30pm

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

It's that time of year again! As we get closer to the holiday season it is once again time for our annual Toy Drive. Our Toy Drive is a wonderful opportunity for us all to remember just how blessed we are, and to model Christ's love by sharing with those less fortunate at this very special time of year. Bins will be out at the Broad Avenue and Harrison Street entrances beginning next weekend. We thank you for your generosity and anything that you are able to contribute!

ALL SAINTS

In designating one day on our calendar for all Saints, the Church chooses a time to honor our heroes – the men and women whose example we admire and wish to imitate. Coming near the end of the Church year, the solemnity of All Saints invites us into the mystery of death and the promise of eternal salvation. An early tradition placed the feast on May 13. Pope Boniface IV (himself a saint) began the celebration in Rome. On that date in 609, he dedicated a very old building in Rome as a new church. The Pantheon had been built to honor all the pagan gods, but Pope Boniface rededicated the building as a Christian Church in the seventh century. He brought the relics of the martyrs from the catacombs to this famous public place of worship. The parade of martyrs' relics changed the Pantheon from a place for worship of all the pagan gods to a place which honored Mary and all the Christian Saints and in turn the one Christian God. Eventually, the idea of a feast of All Saints was transferred to November 1, near the end of the Church year. The Church honors many Saints with a day of their own on the general liturgical calendar, but there are more Saints than days in the year. Since Vatican II, the number of individuals canonized as Saints had multiplied considerably. Although we do not celebrate all their names on specified dates in all our church throughout the year, we do gather them as one on this day. Unfortunately, secular tradition has turned the eve of All Saints into a kind of anti-festival, a night when heroes of the underworld take command.

Pray the Rosary with Us

Each day after 9:00 a.m. Daily Mass, we pray the Rosary. For those unable to attend, there is also Divine Mercy at 3:00 p.m. followed by the Rosary of the Day. Also, the Chaplet of the Holy Face is prayed daily at 7:00 p.m. If you are interested, download the **Zoom App** (free) to your phone, tablet or computer. Use this link any day you would like to join us in prayer:

<https://us02web-zoom.us/j/4845188113>

Use passcode: **prayer**

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. The Holy of Holies.
2. The finger of God.
3. By the sea of Galilee.
4. St. John the Baptist.
5. St. Paul

ALL SOULS

On November 2nd we celebrate the memory of All Souls here at our Parish. This day, and indeed, the entire month of November, is set aside in order that we may remember in a special way, our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest. This month is a traditional time for visiting the graves of loved ones (as is the anniversary of death). Rooted in ancient tradition, St. Odilo of Cluny established a memorial of all the faithful departed in 988 A.D. It was accepted in Rome in the 13th Century, where it spread from the Cluniac monasteries. St. Augustine reminds us: "If we had no care for the dead, we would not be in the habit of praying for them." The theological basis of this feast is the acknowledgment of human frailty. Since few people achieve perfection in this life, but, rather, go to the grave still scarred with traces of sinfulness, some period of purification seems necessary before a soul comes face-to-face with God. Please remember to pray for all our dead. Requiem aeternam dona eis Domine.

God Bless You, *Fr. Bryan*

WHY BLACK?

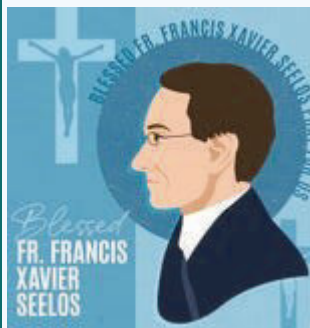
On the Feast of **All Souls**, this year is on Thursday, November 2, we know that, although God's mercy is greater than our sinfulness, still we have the choice to reject His gifts. Most of us live and die struggling to accept fully the gracious gift of faith and mercy. We are not ready for Heaven, for seeing God "as He really is," because we have not seen or loved Him clearly enough in this life. We need more scouring. Part of how we receive this scouring or "purging" after death is by the prayers of the faithful still sojourning. We have a duty in this life, born of our unity in Christ, to pray for the dead, for the purifying fire of God's merciful love to purge them of the heaviness of sin. This duty is one of the spiritual works of mercy. So important is this duty, that the Church uses an entire day to remind us of it each year. Remember, then, that none of us can become saints without the hard work, not only of ourselves, but of many others also. One of the hardest forms of this sanctifying work is to learn to love and pray for all, especially for our enemies, even after their death. "For if you love those who love you, what reward shall you have? Even the tax-collectors do this. And if you greet your own family only, what more have you done? Even the heathens do this. Therefore, be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect." (Mt 5:46-8). All of us would do well to continue to pray for the souls in purgatory. We hope that many will pray for us as well when we die. Black is a traditional color of the Church's vestments that may be worn on All Souls Day. It can also be worn at Masses for the dead. As a liturgical color, black symbolizes mourning and penitence, sorrow and solemnity. (Death to the allurements of this world.) This is exactly the spirit we are trying to cultivate on the Feast of All Souls, when we pray for the salvation of the dead. It is appropriate, then, to use the external symbols suitable to help us cultivate the proper internal reality. Black vestments help us to remember to pray for all the dead, not just our own beloved dead. Black vestments help remind us of the inestimable worth of the divine gift of life, in this world and in the next. Hopefully, this sign will remind us of our need to face death with all its pain and mourning, but also remind us of the resurrection.

NOVEMBER 2

ALL SOULS' DAY

Masses at 9:00 a.m., 12 noon & 7:00 p.m.

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos



Father Francis Xavier Seelos was born on January 11, 1819, in Füssen, Bavaria, which is now part of modern-day Germany. He was the sixth of 12 children, and his parents instilled in him a deep faith and a desire to serve the Lord.

As a young man, Francis Xavier Seelos studied at the University of Munich and later

at the University of St. Stephen in Austria. He joined the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, also known as the Redemptorists, in 1842, and was ordained to the priesthood two years later. He began his ministry in Bavaria, where he served as a pastor and missionary.

In 1849, Father Seelos volunteered to go to the United States, where the Redemptorists had established a mission, to work among German-speaking immigrants. He arrived in New York City and was immediately struck by the poverty and hardship that he saw in the city's slums. He decided to dedicate his life to the service of the poor and spent several years ministering in the Redemptorist communities in New York, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and elsewhere around the United States.

Father Seelos soon became known for gentle and compassionate nature, his deep spirituality, and his tireless dedication to those in need. He often went out of his way to offer help and would visit hospitals and prisons, spending time with the sick and dying. He was also known for his powerful preaching, and many people were drawn to him due to his charismatic speaking abilities.

One of Father Seelos' most important contributions to the Church was his work among the black communities wherever he was serving. At a time when racial prejudice was rampant in America, he made a special effort to minister to the spiritual needs of his black neighbors, often putting himself at risk to do so. He was known for his compassion and his willingness to speak out against racism and discrimination.

On October 5, 1867, Father Seelos contracted yellow fever while ministering to the sick in New Orleans. He died just a few days later, on October 7, at the age of 48. His death was mourned by people of all faiths and races across the USA. Father Seelos' life was marked by a deep spirituality and a strong devotion to the Eucharist and the Blessed Virgin Mary. He was beatified by Pope John Paul II on April 9, 2000, and is considered Blessed. ©LPI

KIDZ KORNER

1. What is the most sacred part of the Jewish temple?
2. Who wrote the 10 Commandments?
3. Where was Jesus walking when He called His first two disciples?
4. Who identified Jesus as the Lamb of God?
5. Which apostle said he was the worst of sinners?

Answers on page four.



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