

Who Wants to Be a Saint?

This question can be understood in two very different ways. On the one hand it asks: Who might step forward to accomplish this feat? On the other hand, it wonders: Who wants to bother putting forth the effort? Perhaps we have read too many of the wrong “lives of the saints” to want to be one of them. So often those stories describe extraordinary feats of physical punishment. Anyone who thinks that such abuse is what makes a saint should listen to St. Irenaeus of Lyons. He insists, “The glory of God is man [Christ] fully alive.” Sainthood is allowing the sanctifying grace of God to dwell habitually in us and make us like he who is fully alive—Jesus Christ. However, what does “fully alive” really mean?

To be fully alive means to be people of faith; to have deep principles and to live by them, regardless of the cost. It means to realize that we are part of the

wondrous creation of nature, and we must respect our place in it and our responsibilities for it. It means to care for others as well as for ourselves. All of this is grounded in faith in God, who loves us enough to make us and who made us to be fully alive. However, it is not always easy to live this out. Here is where the struggle comes in. We don’t have to create struggle; life will do that for us. Still, to be fully alive is well worth the price we might be asked to pay. Isn’t it?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR *Reflection*

- ★ What challenges do your life circumstances present to you?
- ★ What prevents you from standing up for principle in those circumstances?



[Jesus said,]
“Blessed are they
who are persecuted
for the sake of
righteousness,
for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.”
MATTHEW 5:10

Dear Padre,

I exercise my civic duty to vote. How should my Catholic faith inform my voting choices?

For Catholic voters, the selection of candidates and the policies they may enact are best exercised within the sanctity of a well-formed conscience.

The Catholic approach to faithful citizenship relies on moral principles found in Scripture and on four major principles of Catholic moral and social teaching that don't "easily fit ideologies of 'right' or 'left,' 'liberal' or 'conservative,' or the platform of any political party" (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, 55).

These four principles include the life and dignity of the human person (all human life is sacred, from conception to natural death); subsidiarity (the family as the basic unit of human society); the common good (protecting basic human rights and social conditions for all, and a duty to care for God's creation); and global solidarity (especially a preferential option for the poor).



Because the Church cannot compromise these basic principles or moral teachings, our cause is the defense of human life and dignity, and the protection of the weak and

vulnerable—not a particular party or candidate (*FCFC* 58).

Moreover, the faith-filled voter is urged to choose candidates who not only integrate the tenets of Catholic social teaching, but who also reject intrinsically evil acts. According to St. John Paul II, those acts include "any kind of homicide, genocide, abortion, euthanasia and voluntary suicide; whatever violates the integrity of the human person...whatever is offensive to human dignity, such as subhuman living conditions, arbitrary imprisonment, deportation, slavery, prostitution and trafficking in women and children" (*Veritatis Splendor*, 80).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

Christians are called to promote political dialogue, especially where it is threatened and where conflict seems to prevail. Christians are called to restore dignity to politics and to view politics as a lofty service to the common good, not a platform for power....To be a leader demands thoughtfulness, training, and experience.

—ADDRESS TO BISHOPS' CONFERENCES OF THE
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, OCTOBER 28, 2017



Calendar

Monday

NOVEMBER 2
*All the Faithful
Departed
(All Souls' Day)*
Wis 3:1–9
Rom 5:5–11
Jn 6:37–40

Tuesday

NOVEMBER 3
Weekday
Phil 2:5–11
Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday

NOVEMBER 4
*St. Charles Borromeo,
Bishop*
Phil 2:12–18
Lk 14:25–33

Thursday

NOVEMBER 5
Weekday
Phil 3:3–8a
Lk 15:1–10

Friday

NOVEMBER 6
Weekday
Phil 3:17–4:1
Lk 16:1–8

Saturday

NOVEMBER 7
Weekday
Phil 4:10–19
Lk 16:9–15

Sunday

NOVEMBER 8
*Thirty-second Sunday
in Ordinary Time*
Wis 6:12–16
1 Thes 4:13–18
or 4:13–14
Mt 25:1–13

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, October 31

8:00 a.m. + Amelia R. Simpao by Ruth & John Lowry
5:00 p.m. + Courtney Schilling by John, Joanne & Joe

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints Day

7:00 a.m. + Bok Sun & Song Rae Yi by The Proctor Family
8:30 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by The Pham Family
10:00 a.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
11:30 a.m. + Edward Hurley by The Hurley Family
1:00 p.m. + Anthony Gromala by Phyllis Pary
3:00 p.m. + Deceased members of The Legion of Mary (Spanish Mass)
5:00 p.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by Edna Manlangit

Monday, November 2 - All Souls Day

6:30 a.m. + Names in the basket near the Altar
8:00 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by The Pham Family

Tuesday, November 3

6:30 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by The Ezenwa Family
8:00 a.m. + Rudy Hacker by Joe Boyle

Wednesday, November 4

6:30 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by Edna Manlangit
8:00 a.m. - For the intentions of Ivy Dumlaio

Thursday, November 5

6:30 a.m. + Estefana Monsale by Hope Chi
8:00 a.m. - Mary & John Job by The Job Family

Friday, November 6

6:30 a.m. - Living and Deceased Franciscan Friars, Friends & Benefactors
8:00 a.m. - Living and Deceased Franciscan Friars, Friends & Benefactors
7:30 p.m. + Sandra Howard King by Lee G. Florist

Saturday, November 7

8:00 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by Ivy Dumlaio
5:00 p.m. + Tom Burke by The Burke Family

Sunday, November 8

7:00 a.m. + Charles & Rosemarie Bock by The Bock Family
8:30 a.m. + All Souls in Purgatory by The Pham Family
10:00 a.m. + Lucia Hang Nguyen by Van Nguyen
11:30 a.m. - Living and Deceased Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish
1:00 p.m. + Lucia & Jose Antonio Venero by Ray Ramon
3:00 p.m. + (Spanish Mass)
5:00 p.m. - For the intentions of Hung Nguyen by Hung Nguyen

Worldwide Marriage Encounter - Learn how to live the beatitudes in your marriage by participating in a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience** on Feb 2-22, 2021 in WARRENTON, VA and Nov 6-8, 2020 in COLLEGE PARK, MD. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: **RenewMarriage-VANorth.org** or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.



Peace and good! It's hard to believe that October is coming to an end! As we anticipate the month of November, we are reminded that it is a month in which we remember the dead and the Holy Souls in Purgatory. The Church commemorates all those who have departed from this life and invites us to pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory. St. Paul warns us that we must not be ignorant concerning the dead, nor sorrowful, *"even as others who have no hope ... For the Lord Himself shall come down from heaven ... and the dead who are in Christ shall rise."*

Know we honor all our beloved dead throughout the month of November. Your All Souls envelopes with the names of your own beloved deceased family and friends are remembered at Masses in November. The envelopes will be placed in our basket of remembrance in the Church.

All Souls Day, November 2nd. We remember all those who have died and in particular we pray for the souls in Purgatory. As we pledge our prayers for our beloved dead, we are reminded of the words of St. John Chrysostom in the 4th Century: *"Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."*

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Please join us in honoring our nation's veterans. The Herndon Woman's Club is once again partnering with the Wreaths Across America foundation to lay wreaths at over 800 veterans' graves at Chestnut Grove Cemetery on December 19th. This year, because of the Corona Virus pandemic restrictions, the ceremony will be a private one. However, you can help us by donating \$15 for the cost of a wreath. Please visit the HWC website, www.herndonwomansclub.org. Click on the link for Wreaths Across America. Thank you in advance for your memorial gifts.

Blessings

The Parish staff wishes to thank the following parish ministries:

We thank **our parishioners** who participated in the Sunday and weekday Masses as we began the celebration of public Masses and for those parishioners who joined us via live stream. Be assured of our prayers for you and your family!

We thank **our parishioners** for their **support of the Sunday offertory via the use of Church envelopes and Faith Direct**. Know that we are grateful for your prayers and support.

We thank **our parishioners** for their support of the **Parish Facility Fund Collection**. Your contributions assist us in maintaining and caring for our parish buildings and grounds. Know that we are grateful for your prayers and financial support.

We thank **the pastoral staff, Parish Advisory Council, Friars, ushers, lectors, music ministers and Knights of Columbus** for assisting us in implementing the SJC Reintegration Plan for the celebration of our public Masses this past weekend. O come Holy Spirit!

We thank the **Religious Education Staff, Catechists, Catechist Assistants, Faith Formation program leaders, and all the volunteers** for ministry this year during these challenging days. Know that we appreciate your ministry to the parish. Pope Francis shares: "Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others."

We thank the **Knights of Columbus** for their service and ministry here at the parish. May you always be aided by the intercession of your founder, Blessed Michael J. McGivney, may you always seek God with diligent love and find Him in the sacrifices of daily service. Blessed Michael J. McGivney! Pray for us!

We wish to thank the **youth of the parish** who participate in altar serving, choir, lector, Youth Ministry, Middle School Youth Ministry, SJS Clubs, CYO, Scouting, etc... **A special thanks to the leaders and adults overseeing these ministries and organizations**. As Pope Francis shares: "God loves you, the Church needs you."



All Souls Envelopes

Envelopes are available in the parish office. If you wish, please contact the office to have the All Souls Envelope(s) mailed to you. Please return the envelopes with the names of those you wish to have remembered throughout November at Mass for the repose of your Holy Souls and the Souls who are most forgotten. The envelopes may be returned via USPS mail, placing the envelope in the collection basket at one of the weekend Masses, dropping the envelope at the Parish Office or in the parish mailbox located on the sidewalk on the side of the SJC/SJS Office.

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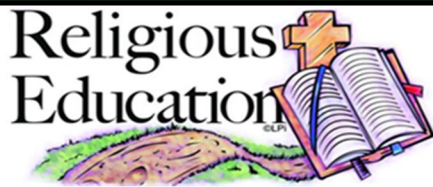
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"FORMATION IN CHRISTIAN CHASTITY" & "CALLED TO PROTECT"

November (Sun.) 8th, (Mon.) 9th, (Tue.) 10th, & (Sat.) 14th



Each year the Diocese of Arlington requires all Religious Education classes in First and Fifth through Eighth Grades to offer the "Formation in Christian Chastity" program as well as the "Called to Protect" video program for High School age teens. These programs are not sex education classes but an endeavor to instruct our young people with regard to living a chaste life in conformity with God's commandments and to foster a safe environment. Detailed parental information and an optional "Opt-Out" form are in your child's Google Classroom account under Classwork.



In **Baptism** we are reborn as children of God, made members of His Church, and heirs to the Kingdom of Heaven. With this in mind, we welcome these children of God who were baptized **October 24, 2020**:

Zoe Cees Gonzales Roque daughter of Jervin & Loreta;

Adeline Olivia Siemer daughter of Jobie & Claire;

Wyatt Thorsten Siemer son of Jobie & Claire



Statement on the Beatification of Venerable Fr. Michael McGivney

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge
Bishop – Catholic Diocese of Arlington

For more than 138 years, the Knights of Columbus has served families, the poor and the Church with profound dedication and compassion. Focused on the principles of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism, the immeasurable good work it has done started with the vision and courage of Father Michael J. McGivney. He is said to have had an "iron will" in his work to improve the lives of the faithful, especially the destitute. He recognized the needs of his own time and worked veraciously, with heroic virtue, to serve those on the margins of society, demonstrating to them the mercy and love of Our Lord. How great is his witness needed today!

On Oct. 31, Father McGivney will be beatified at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford, Connecticut. This beatification is a blessing for the Knights of Columbus, and it is also a great blessing for the entire Church. All Catholics and people of good will are invited to learn about Venerable Father McGivney and strive to emulate the tremendous virtue he lived out in his daily life. May all of us take this time to reflect on how we too can be so moved by our faith and zeal for Jesus Christ, that we would serve those in need in ways that might seem impossible.

For Father McGivney, there was no feat too great. His confidence came not from trust in his own abilities, but instead in the power of God to work through ordinary people to bring about extraordinary good. The Knights of Columbus is comprised of faithful Catholics who believe steadfastly in this reality. They know that their own efforts will always be insufficient. Because they trust in the Lord and follow His call in their lives, they have continued in Father McGivney's footsteps, building a community that has done some of the greatest charitable work imaginable, on a scale that is second to no other.

Through the intercession of Blessed Michael J. McGivney, may God help us to follow his holy example of charity, fraternity, and courage in accompanying those in most need.



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For more information contact Jack (jmatneytmiy@gmail.com) or Steve (Mundts@aol.com).

This Advent, St. Joseph will be giving all parishioners a gift to help ignite a deeper spiritual journey through Advent and Christmas. After all Masses on **November 21-22**, be sure to get your bundle of music by The Vigil Project, reflections by Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, and a devotional companion booklet for you and your family. Make this Advent and Christmas one like never before! For more information email ignite@sjcherndon.org

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Advent & Christmas



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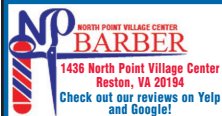


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