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November 3, 2024

31st Sunday in
Ordinary Time

Sunday Masses
10am & 8:00pm

Confessions
Sunday, 7:30pm

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*In case of immediate need, call
your parish office to reach a
priest directly.

This Week's Happenings

Monday (11/4)

9:00am Faith in Housing Meeting

Tuesday (11/5)

7:00am-8:00pm Election Day
Prayer Vigil

5:30pm Bible Study Wil's Place

Wednesday (11/6)

7:00pm Confirmation

Thursday (11/7)

6:00pm Student Thanksgiving Meal

7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Saturday (11/9)

11:30am Community Meal

Praying into Election Day – and Beyond

On this weekend before Election Day, it is striking, to say the least, to hear the Gospel passage about Jesus' call to "Love God, with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength . . . and to love your neighbor as yourself."

Jesus proclaimed that such love enabled us to participate in the in-breaking of what he referred to as "the Reign (or Kingdom) of God". It is a vision of "a new world. A new creation. A covenantal community. An upside-down Kingdom [to] replace the kingdoms of the world. . . . A Kingdom that is not 'from' this world, but 'for' this world." (*James Talarico*)

Jesus embodied this vision. "His love for enemies, his non-violent response to evil, his embrace of the marginalized, his condemnation of self-serving religious hypocrites, his compassion for the poor, his disregard for boundaries of social exclusion, his advocacy for the economically oppressed, and his certainty that God's reign was breaking into the world all flowed from his complete, mutual participation in his Father's love." (*Rev. Wes Granberg-Michaelson*)

"Such a vision . . . [can be dismissed] as [being] idyllic, unrealistic, and irrelevant. But the person of faith, whose . . . journey opens [their] life to the explosive love of God, knows that this vision is the most real of all. It is a glimpse of creation's purpose and a glimmering of the Spirit's movement amid the world's present pain, brokenness, and despair." (*Granberg-Michaelson*)

The following prayer was shared by a presenter in a recent session on Christian faith and politics, hosted by the Peace and Social Justice Committee, following the 10 am Mass.

Loving and gracious God, we remember that your plan for us is fullness of life lived with love, justice and mercy.

Be with us and our whole nation this year as we work together in selecting political leaders at all levels of our society. Help us keep the common good before us.

Strengthen our gifts of wisdom, courage and respect for the views of others. Deepen in us the willingness to act in solidarity with [all who are marginalized and oppressed in our society], seeking fullness of life. Help us be persistent in testing political remedies against what they will do for people, to people, with people, and what they will mean for the health of our earth home.

Help us to support one another in exercising our precious responsibilities as citizens in a representative democracy.

After the elections, strengthen us to continue to work with our leaders, seeking an ever more just society that acts in harmony and interdependence with all creation.

We ask this in the name of Jesus in union with Your Spirit. Amen. Sisters of Mercy Mid-Atlantic Justice Office

Kevin LaNave, Peace and Social Justice Coordinator



November 2 was All Souls Day, a feast in which we pray for the holy souls in Purgatory. In addition to offering Mass and praying for the souls of the faithful departed, the Church also gives us the opportunity to gain a plenary indulgence for the souls in purgatory.

A plenary indulgence is “a remission of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 1471)

As the Catechism tells us in paragraphs 1472:

To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the “eternal punishment” of sin. On the other hand, every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which

must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory.

A plenary indulgence removes all temporal punishment, so for a person on earth it would be as though they had just been baptized. If they died at that moment they would go straight to heaven. The Church also gives us the opportunity to obtain a plenary indulgence for souls in Purgatory. The Catechism says in paragraph 1479:

Since the faithful departed now being purified are also members of the same communion of saints, one way we can help them is to obtain indulgences for them, so that the temporal punishments due for their sins may be remitted.

Here’s how you can obtain a plenary indulgence for souls in Purgatory anytime between November 1-8. From The Enchiridion of Indulgences: **Visit to a Cemetery.** Only applicable to the souls in Purgatory when one devoutly visits and prays for the departed. A PLENARY INDULGENCE is bestowed for this work each day between November 1 and November 8.

In addition to visiting these places and offering the prescribed prayers, the general requirements of indulgences must be met, which are:

- Pray for the intentions of our Holy Father
- Worthily receive Holy Communion (ideally on the same day, or within several days if that is not possible)
- Go to Confession within about 20 days of the indulgenced work
- Be in a state of grace at the time the indulgenced work is completed

Take advantage of this opportunity the Church has given us to help our faithful departed brothers and sisters!

Parish Prayers

†Arleen Boyd, Mother of Glenda Prom
†Parisa
†Julie Gabrielson
†India Faith Krueger Wasilowski
†Bob Trisko
†Frank Roehl
●Nkeiru
●Innocent, Chinwe, and their family
†Mary Helen Montgomery
●Aaron Dockendorf
†Mary Morton

Election Day Prayer Vigil (Tues, Nov 5th)

We are hosting a prayer vigil for Election Day in our chapel; members of all of our other ACC parishes are also welcome to join us. We'll begin at 7 am (when MN polls open) and conclude at 8 pm (when the polls close). Each hour will begin with a short prayer, and end with another. The rest of the hour will be time for silent prayer. We welcome people to sign-up in advance for an hour (or more) -- but it's not necessary to do so; you can come in at any time and leave at any time. To sign up, contact:

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It will also be livestreamed, for those who are unable to join us in person. Soup and bread will be available in the Terrace, from 5-8 pm.

Our parishes are participating in the Boxes of Joy program, a Christmas gift outreach program of Cross Catholic Ministries this year.

By packing a Box of Joy you provide a gift to a child suffering from extreme poverty in a 3rd world country.

Your filled donation boxes (or any shoebox sized package) must be returned to the parish offices (Holy Spirit, Newman Center and St. Anthony's Parish Office by Monday, November 4.

Please contact Pam Rickbeil 320-493-8347 (pamela.rickbeil@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you!

Youth Group Calendar for November:

November 3rd: Adoration, Confessions, Praise & Worship
November 10th: Activity Night
November 17th: Faith and Mental Health Talk by Addy Diaz

ACC Faith Formation Reminders

Confirmation: November 6, 7:00 p.m.

K-9 SEEK/SEND: November 13, 5:45 p.m.

First Sacraments: Nov. 16, Activity Day St. Anthony's

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