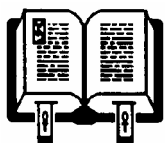


TODAY IS THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

NOVEMBER 1, 2009



Scripture Readings for Today

1st Reading: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14

2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12a

Scripture Readings for November 8th

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

Dear Parishioners,

Attending the 40 Hours Devotion today and for the next two days is an *excellent* way to enrich our spiritual lives and bring us closer to Christ. It has a special beginning on the feast of All Saints where we celebrate the promise that God does not forget the poor in spirit, the meek, the merciful, the pure of heart and the peacemakers. *God blesses them.*

Allow yourself to be blessed these next few days. Adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pope Benedict XVI said, 'Baptism and good works are not enough for true Christian living; it requires daily and total giving of oneself to Jesus *with humility and adoration.*'

Devote yourself to Jesus Christ. Open your heart and soul to his love and mercy in the Blessed Sacrament.

'O, come let us adore Him.'

Deacon Jack

MASS COUNT FOR OCTOBER 24-25TH

5 PM – 200 7:30 AM – 146 9 AM – 341
 10:30 AM – 282 12 PM – 233 Total – 1202

COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 24-25TH

Envelopes	\$13,211.71
Loose	\$1,045.08
Poor Boxes	\$317.97
Children's	\$37.87
Haiti Collection	\$17,349.82



Today's psalm makes clear that everything belongs to God: "The Lord's are the earth and its fullness, the world and those who dwell in it." We are stewards, not owners, of our lives and all we possess!

We are servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS of our deceased parishioners.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS, especially those in hospitals – Doris Shryock Catherine Applegarth, Joan Armstrong, and Francis Vizzini.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED for all those recovering from surgeries and illness and for: Milton & Timothy Getka, Susan Redmond, Beth Szczybor, Therese Lipscombe, Quinn Degenhard, May Herzing, Rev. Edward Hemler, Brother James Kelly, Rose Rauser, Bernard Maddox, Edward Flannagan, Kyla Zeilinger, Jo Keyes, Teddy Skinner, Bill Herman, James DeMatteo, Margaret Peter, Florence Fink, Lillian Goldwine, Lorraine Keough, Kathleen Ricker, Helen Bopp, Frances Amann, Genevieve Randle, Evana Feeney, Heather LaMartina, Ann Finnel, Dottie Lappe, Concetta Fowler, Sandy Miller, Margaret Blinke, Mr. & Mrs. William Lang.

PRAYERS FOR OUR SERVICE PEOPLE: We ask



you to remember the parishioners, family & friends serving in the military: **USMC** – Cpl. Joseph Bytella, LCpl. Sean Fitzpatrick, LCpl Alex Webb, LCpl. John J. Cohee, Jr., Sgt. David Burton; **NAT'L GUARD** – Pfc.

Ryan Kamauff, David Parker; **NAVY** – David Roussey, Daniel Gately; **ARMY** – SSG Patrick Flanagan, Sgt. Alex Kuziel, James Lowe, Andy Giotis, Andy Deponai, Timothy Muhl, Sgt. Joshua Callow, Specialist Stephen Grenfell, 1st Lt. Stephen Winter, Capt. Sheldon Broedel.

MASSSES FOR NOVEMBER 2-8TH

MONDAY 6:30 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory
 11/2 8:00 a.m. – Bob Wissman

TUESDAY 6:30 a.m. – Sam Liberto
 11/3 8:00 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory

WED. 6:30 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory
 11/4 8:00 a.m. – Jack Rubner

THURS. 6:30 a.m. – Bobby Lee Smelser
 11/5 8:00 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY 6:30 a.m. – Souls in Purgatory
 11/6 8:00 a.m. – Margaret McGuirk

SAT. 8:00 a.m. – Noreen Newcomb
 11/7 5:00 p.m. – Thomas Dougher

SUNDAY 7:30 a.m – Ints. of Sr. Elizabeth Anne
 11/8 9:00 a.m – Jeannette Deane
 10:30 a.m – For the Parishioners
 12:00 p.m – Bill Dulaney

CONGRATULATIONS to the families of Lacey Anabella Shreiner, Robert Anthony Burnett and David Andrew Czlonka who were baptized in our Church last weekend.

OUR FORTY HOURS DEVOTION: Begins today at the 12 Noon Mass. A sign-up sheet for Adoration can be found in the front of Church. Fr. Raymond Harris will conduct the services. The theme is **“Marked with the Sign of Faith”**.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:

Sunday, Nov. 1st

Opening Mass: 12 Noon
 Adoration: 1:00 – 7:00 p.m.
 Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 2nd

Adoration: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Evening Service: 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

Adoration: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
 Solemn Closing Mass: 7:00 p.m.

DAILY READINGS

Monday 11/2	All Souls Day Reading: Wisdom 3:1-9 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46
Tuesday 11/3	St. Martin de Porres Reading: Romans 12:5-16ab Gospel: Luke 14:15-24
Wednesday 11/4	St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop Reading: Romans 13:8-10 Gospel: Luke 14:25-33
Thursday 11/5	Weekday Reading: Romans 14:7-12 Gospel: Luke 15:1-10
Friday 11/6	First Friday Reading: Romans 15:14-21 Gospel: Luke 16:1-8
Saturday 11/7	Weekday Read: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27 Gospel: Luke 16:9-15

ALL SOULS DAY – This year on the Feast of All Souls and throughout the month of November, we remember in a special way, those parishioners who have died, especially those in the past year:

Claire Anderson	Mary Krischik
Ruth Perrotti	Catherine Cleaver
Doris Cassidy	Doris Ryan
John Newkirk	Melvin Leek
John Eisenberger	Simon Avara
Mary McDaniel	Charles Payne
Elaine Flannagan	Chip Kiszner
Rita Luebehuesen	Michael Steer, Sr.
John Joseph	Anthony Votta
Ruth Eckert	Mary Van Dusen
Valerie Rader	Joseph Eichelman
Mary Petti	Cathy Parsons
Rosalie Schulteis	Joan Saunders
Catherine English	Douglas Wink
Timothy Gulley	John Wisniewski
Margaret McGuirk	James Judge
Helen Giber	Patty Kuzmak
Noreen Newcomb	Nellie Spahn
Dolores Carver	Leo Bukowinski
Margaret Wagner	Catherine Teal
Florence Dunne	Mary Straub
Charles Harris	Rev. John Nissel, SJ
Jacque Harris	Elizabeth Simpson
Mary Jo Levine	

FLOWERS – on the Holy Family Altar are in loving memory of Samuel E. Wenck, Jr., requested by his wife Alida. Flowers on the Main Altar are in loving memory of Claire Anderson, requested by her family. Flowers on the Blessed Sacrament Altar are in loving memory of Sam Liberto, requested by his brother Joe. To donate fresh flowers, please call Doris at 410-747-2751.

FAMILY ROSARY - Please join us as a parish family to pray the Glorious Mysteries this Wednesday, Nov. 4th at 6:30 p.m. in the Church.

CONFESSIONS will be heard this Thursday, Nov. 5th, beginning at 4:30 PM, in preparation for First Friday.

FIRST FRIDAY MASSES will be held this Friday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – Holy Hour will be held this Friday, Nov. 6th from 7 to 8 p.m. After this Hour the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed until 8 a.m. Saturday. Parishioners are needed to rest with Jesus. A sign-up sheet can be found in the front of Church.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION – Next weekend, our second collection will be for our building fund. Thank you so much for your continued generosity!

ST. AGNES SCHOOL NEWS!

Please save Box Tops for Education labels, empty printer cartridges, and used cell phones for our school collection. Send them in with your favorite St. Agnes student. With these we were able to purchase balls and jump ropes as well as lots of other physical education equipment.

Hike for Haiti Update: Now that all the pledges are in from the walk-a-thon St. Agnes School was able to donate \$7,000 to Fr. Vitesse for his parish school in Haiti. Thank you for your generous support!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- 11/2 Innisbrook Delivery Day
- 11/3 Forty Hours Closing Mass 7 p.m.
- 11/6 Mass 9 a.m. All are welcome!

ST. AGNES CHRISTMAS CARDS – will be for sale after the Masses Nov. 7 & 8 and Nov. 14 & 15. This year we will offer an assortment of our previous, best-selling cards. Proceeds from the sale will go to our Building Fund.

THE APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA is selling raffle tickets for the Ravens vs. Colts game on Nov. 22. These are club level seats. Tickets are \$5 and are available in marked boxes at the exits. Drawing is Nov.16. For info call 443-845-7227.

ALL SAINTS DAY

In honor of All Saints Day, the following saints' relics will be exposed on the Holy Family Altar for veneration.

St. Peter	St. Elizabeth Anne Seton
St. Paul	St. Anthony of Padua
St. Andrew	St. Gerard Mejella
St. Philip	St. John Neumann
St. Jude	St. Irene
St. Gemma	St. Paschal Baylor
St. Thomas Aquinas	St. Charbal
St. Agnes	St. Pio
St. Cecilia	St. Frederick
St. Pius X	St. Clement
St. Therese	St. Vincent
St. Maria Goretti	St. Venantius
St. Bernadette	St. Illuminata
St. Teresa of Avila	St. Celestine
St. Catherine of Siena	St. Maurice
St. Catherine of Bologna	St. Christina
St. Francis of Assisi	St. Ursula
St. Bernard of Clairvaux	St. Victor
St. Alphonsus	St. Boniface
St. Blaise	St. Augustus
St. Bridget of Sweden	St. Theodosius
St. Margaret Mary	

ST. AGNES YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday, November 1 – Parish 40 Hours

Please meet in the youth room at 6:45. We will head over to the Church as a group at 6:50. If you are running late, please meet us over in the Church. After the 40 Hours, we will have discussion, snacks and free time in the youth room.

Sunday, November 8 – Open Gym Night

Please wear tennis shoes and meet in the gym tonight! Feel free to bring a volleyball.

NATIONWIDE MASS TIMES call 1-410-676-6000, or visit the web at www.masstimes.org

MEMORY VERSE

MATTHEW 5:11

“Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you...because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.”

40 Hours with Jesus Christ **FR. WILLIAM SAUNDERS**

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The Forty Hours Devotion is a special forty-hour period of continuous prayer made before the Blessed Sacrament in solemn exposition. Of course, the focus of this devotion is on the Holy Eucharist. As Catholics, the words of our Lord burn in our hearts: "I myself am the living bread come down from Heaven. If anyone eats this bread, He shall live forever; the bread I will give is my flesh for the life of the world" (John 6:51).

Affirming our belief in the real presence of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, the Vatican Council II taught that the Holy Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life" (Lumen Gentium, #11). While the Mass is the central act of worship for us Catholics, an act which participates in the eternal reality of our Lord's passion, death, and resurrection, Vatican Council II upheld and encouraged the adoration of the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass. Of course such devotion derives from the sacrifice of the Mass and moves the faithful to both sacramental and spiritual communion with our Lord (Eucharisticum Mysterium, #50). As Pope Pius XII taught in *Mediator Dei*, "This practice of adoration has a valid and firm foundation." Our Holy Father, Pope John Paul II has repeatedly "highly recommended" public and private devotion of the Blessed Sacrament, including processions on the Feast of Corpus Christi and the 40 Hours Devotion (cf. *Dominicae Caeae*, #3, and *Inaestimabile Donum*, #20-22).

The number forty has always signified a sacred period of time: the rains during the time of Noah lasted 40 days and nights; the Jews wandered through the desert for 40 years, our Lord fasted and prayed for 40 days before beginning His public ministry. The 40 Hours Devotion remembers that traditional "forty-hour period" from our Lord's burial until the resurrection. Actually in the Middle Ages, the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to the repository, "the Easter Sepulcher," for this period of time to signify our Lord's time in the tomb.

The Forty Hours Devotion begins with a Solemn Mass of Exposition, which concludes with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession. The Blessed Sacrament remains on the altar in a monstrance. During the next 40 hours, the faithful gather for personal or public prayer in adoration of our Lord. The Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the tabernacle for the daily Mass, and then returned for exposition after Mass. At the end of the devotions, the Mass of Deposition is offered, again concluding with a procession, benediction and final reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. While the forty-hour period should be continuous, some Churches break-up the time, reposing the Blessed Sacrament at night because of security reasons.

The Forty Hours Devotion can be seen almost like a parish mini-retreat or mission. A guest priest may be invited to give a series of homilies. Confessions should be offered and encouraged. Consequently, an appropriate time to schedule Forty Hours is either Advent or Lent.

While the Forty Hours Devotion nurtures the love of the faithful for our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, three special dimensions have also surrounded this devotion: the protection from evil and temptation; reparation for our own sins and for the Poor Souls in Purgatory; and deliverance from political, material, or spiritual calamities. Here the faithful implore our Lord to pour forth His abundant graces not only for themselves, but their neighbors, not only for their own personal needs, but for those of the world. Such practices are evidenced in the history of this devotion, which we shall explore next week.

Having explored the spiritual dimension of the Forty Hours Devotion, a greater appreciation for this spiritual exercise is found through knowing its history. The practice of Forty Hours Devotion originated in Milan about the year 1530. Granted, prior to this time, the Church did have exposition and benediction, Eucharistic processions, and devotions to the Blessed Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. In 1539, Pope Paul III responded to a petition from the Archdiocese of Milan asking for an indulgence for the practice: "Since our beloved son the Vicar General of the Archbishop of Milan, at the prayer of the inhabitants of the said city, in order to appease the anger of God provoked by the offenses of

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Christians, and in order to bring to nought the efforts and machinations of the Turks who are pressing forward to the destruction of Christendom, amongst other pious practices, has established a round of prayers and supplications to be offered by day and night by all the faithful of Christ, before our Lord's Most Sacred Body, in all the churches of the said city, in such a manner that these prayers and supplication are made by the faithful themselves relieving each other in relays for forty hours continuously in each church in succession, according to the order determined by the Vicar... We approving in our Lord so pious an institution, grant and remit." While this pronouncement seems to be the earliest official approval by the Church of this devotion, the Forty Hours Devotion spread rapidly.

By 1550, both St. Philip Neri and St. Ignatius Loyola had also instituted this practice, especially for the reparation of sin. Recognizing the tremendous graces offered through this devotion as well as the dangers threatening the Church, Pope Clement VIII in his letter *Graves et diuturnae* (November 25, 1592) proclaimed, "We have determined to establish publicly in this Mother City of Rome an uninterrupted course of prayer in such ways that in the different churches, on appointed days, there be observed the pious and salutary devotion of the Forty Hours, with such an arrangement of churches and times that, at every hour of the day and night, the whole year round the incense of prayer shall ascend without intermission before the face of the Lord." He also issued regulations for the devotions, which were later collected and promulgated by Pope Clement XI in 1705, and known as the *Instructio Clementina*.

In our own country, St. John Neumann (1811-60), the fourth bishop of Philadelphia, was a strong promoter of the Forty Hours Devotion. While the practice had already existed in individual churches throughout the city (as well as in other places in the country), no organized, cohesive diocesan schedule for it had ever before been attempted. St. John had a tremendous devotion to our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and desired to foster such a spiritual life in his people.

Unfortunately at this time, a strong anti-Catholic sentiment plagued Philadelphia. During the Know Nothing riots of 1844, two churches were burned and another was saved simply by the threat of gunfire. Some priests, therefore, advised St. John that the introduction of 40 Hours Devotion would only flame the hatred against the Catholics and expose the Blessed Sacrament to desecration. St. John was left in a quandary.

A strange incident occurred which helped St. John decide. One night, he was working very late at his desk and fell asleep in his chair. The candle on the desk burnt down and charred some of the papers, but they were still readable. He awoke, surprised and thankful that a fire had not ignited. He fell on his knees to give thanks to God for protection, and heard His voice saying, "As the flames are burning here without consuming or injuring the writing, so shall I pour out my grace in the Blessed Sacrament without prejudice to My honor. Fear no profanation, therefore; hesitate no longer to carry out your design for my glory."

He introduced the practice of 40 Hours Devotion at the first diocesan synod in April, 1853, and the first devotions began at St. Philip Neri Parish, an appropriate place since that saint had initiated the devotion in the city of Rome. St. John himself, spent most of the three days in the Church praying. No trouble ensued. St. John then introduced the program for the whole diocese, so that each parish would have Forty Hours Devotion during the course of the year. He composed a special booklet for the devotions and obtained special indulgences for the faithful attending them. The Forty Hours Devotion was so successful it spread to other dioceses. At the Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1866, the Forty Hours Devotion was approved for all Dioceses of the United States.

The Forty Hours Devotion provides a wonderful opportunity for the spiritual growth of each person and the parish as a whole. In a world where temptation and evil abound, where devotion to the Mass and our Lord in the Holy Eucharist have declined, where the practice of penance and confession have been forgotten, we need the Forty Hours Devotion more than ever.

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