

# THE LITURGICAL WEEK

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, October 29

4:30pm - Pete† & Mary† Goyak

### Sunday, October 30

8:30am - Jerry McMahan†

11:00am - Annie Shewchuk†

12:30pm - The People

### Monday, October 31

8:30am - Joanne Mackey†

6:30pm - Pro Populo

### Tuesday, November 1

8:30am - No Mass Intention

### Wednesday, November 2

5:15pm - Poor Souls in Purgatory

### Thursday, November 3

8:30am - Kohlbry Family

### Friday, November 4

8:30am - Meyers Family

### Saturday, November 5

4:30pm - Marshall Monroe

### Sunday, November 6

8:30am - Jerry Wood

11:00am - Taveta Moede†

12:30pm - The People

*There will be no regularly  
scheduled First Saturday Mass  
on November 5<sup>th</sup>.*

## CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays from 6:00 to 6:30pm

Saturdays from 3:30 to 4:15pm

**“Behold the Lamb of God  
who takes away  
the sin of the world.”**

*~St. John the Baptist (John 1:29)*



## DEVOTIONS

### ADORATION

Wednesday at 5:45pm

### MORNING PRAYER

After Mass on Monday, Tuesday,  
Thursday, & Friday

### DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

After Morning Prayer on Monday

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### THE SANCTUARY LIGHTS

Are lit this week for  
*Poor Souls in Purgatory*

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### PRAYERS

#### FOR OUR SICK & SHUT-INS

Please remember the infirmed  
of our parish, especially those  
who, by request, have been  
placed on our parish prayer  
intention list.

If you would like to be added to  
this list, please call the parish  
office.

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# SPIRITUAL READING & REFLECTION

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL READING



### MATTHEW 25:1-13

*Jesus told his disciples this parable:* "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were wise. The foolish ones, when taking their lamps, brought no oil with them, but the wise brought flasks of oil with their lamps. Since the bridegroom was long delayed, they all became drowsy and fell asleep. At midnight, there was a cry, 'Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!' Then all those virgins got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish ones said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise ones replied, 'No, for there may not be enough for us and you. Go instead to the merchants and buy some for yourselves.' While they went off to buy it, the bridegroom came and those who were ready went into the wedding feast with him. Then the door was locked. Afterwards the other virgins came and said, 'Lord, Lord, open the door for us!' But he said in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, I do not know you.' Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

## NOVEMBER 2 ALL SOULS

### LET US DIE WITH CHRIST, TO LIVE WITH CHRIST

We see that death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: For me life is Christ, and death a gain. What does "Christ" mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us then die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly lusts to a place where they cannot come near, to hold it fast. It must take on the likeness of death, to avoid the punishment of death. The law of our fallen nature is at war with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? Who will set me free from this body of death? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

We have a doctor to heal us; let us use the remedy he prescribes. The remedy is the grace of Christ, the dead body our own. Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ. Though we are still in the body, let us not give ourselves to the things of the body. We must not reject the natural rights of the body, but we must desire before all else the gifts of grace.

What more need be said? It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is then no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation. Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labor and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.

The soul has to turn away from the aimless paths of this life, from the defilement of an earthly body; it must reach out to those assemblies in heaven (though it is given only to the saints to be admitted to them) to sing the praises of God. We learn from Scripture how God's praise is sung to the music of the harp: Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God Almighty; just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not revere and glorify your nature? You alone are holy; all nations will come and worship before you. The soul must also desire to witness your nuptials, Jesus, and to see your bride escorted from earthly to heavenly realities, as all rejoice and sing: All flesh will come before you. No longer will the bride be held in subjection to this passing world but will be made one with the spirit.

Above all else, holy David prayed that he might see and gaze on this: One thing I have asked of the Lord, this I shall pray for: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, and to see how gracious is the Lord.

**Excerpt from The Office of Readings**  
*From a book on the death of his brother Satyrus by St. Ambrose, bishop*

# PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**If you or anyone you know is homebound or hospitalized, even temporarily,** please call the office so that we may arrange for them to be visited by one of our Extraordinary Ministers.

With your help we can make certain everyone is taken care of. Thank you!

**For sacramental emergencies, please call 828-859-9574, ext. 6**

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> IS ALL SAINTS DAY

All Saints Day is a Holy Day of Obligation. You may attend Mass on Tuesday, Nov. 1 at 8:30am, or the Vigil Mass on Monday, Oct. 31 at 6:30pm.

*The 8:30am Monday Mass  
does not fulfill your obligation.*

### **To the St. John the Baptist Family;**

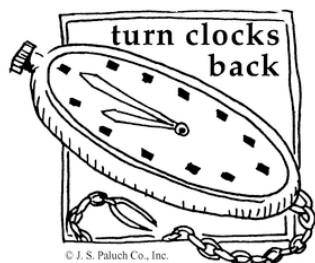
**Food For The Poor** wishes to thank you for the welcome you extended to Father White on his recent visit to your parish.

*On behalf of the less fortunate brothers and sisters of Latin America and the Caribbean, we thank you for having shared in their lives. They, and you, are blessed by your generosity.*

*In Christ,  
The Food For The Poor Family*

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS' MEETING This Sunday, October 30th at 9:45am**

ALL Extraordinary Ministers, who are currently serving in this ministry, are to attend a meeting in the church social hall with Fr. Winslow on Sunday, October 30th between the Masses at 9:45am.



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**November 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Bulletin deadlines** are Wednesdays by 12:00 noon, in writing. Please submit announcements to [stjohnchurch@windstream.net](mailto:stjohnchurch@windstream.net), attn Bulletin, or bring to Andrée in the Parish Office.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup> & 23<sup>RD</sup>

**\$4,370.50**

*"Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back  
on one who wants to borrow."*

—Matthew 5:42

### FACEBOOK

To keep up with the **latest news and information** in real time, join our Facebook page by visiting our web site, and selecting the "Join us on Facebook" tab.

### **The Parish Office has new telephone extensions,**

that are not yet updated on our bulletin cover. Our new voicemail extensions are:

Fr. Winslow - ext. 5

Andrée Harrison - Parish Office - ext. 2

Theresa Fitch - Faith Formation - ext. 3

Our phone number remains the same at 828-859-9574.

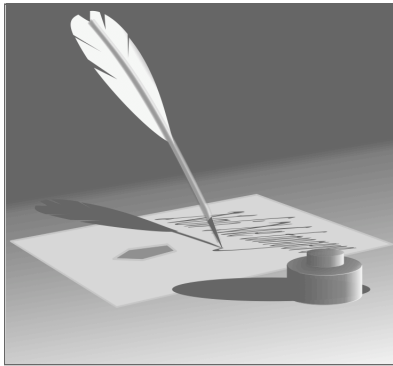
### • MASS INTENTIONS •

In order that Mass Intentions may be accurately recorded and accounted for, they must be made in person during office hours. If you are homebound, please call and we can help you secure a Mass time.

*Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

**If you have recently moved** or changed your phone number or e-mail address, please call Andrée in the Parish Office at 828-859-9574, with your updated information. Thanks!

# PARISH EVENTS



## ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Keep a watch in the bulletin for upcoming Adult Education opportunities at St. Johns.

Fr. Winslow will be recording another series of talks for Catholic Scripture Study and we may also be offering an educational DVD series. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

## CIRCLE OF MARY

The Circle of Mary will meet this Saturday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup> in the Church at 9:30am for the Rosary, followed by a meeting in the Social Hall. All women of the parish are invited.



*Please sign up for First Friday Adoration in the Church vestibule.*



## THE FOOD BANK COLLECTION IS NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup> & 6<sup>TH</sup>

Please bring your canned goods and/or donate by way of the Second Collection at Masses.

*Thank you from Thermal Belt Outreach*

**The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1, in observance of All Saints Day.**

## PARISH LIFE AT A GLANCE

Mon	Oct 31	6:30pm	Schola Choir to Vigil Mass
Tue	Nov 1	-- 6:30pm	Parish Office Closed Schola Choir Practice, Church
Wed	Nov 2	6:00pm 6:00pm	Faith Formation Classes, Parish Center RCIA, Social Hall
Thur	Nov 3	--	--
Fri	Nov 4	9 - 6	First Friday Adoration, Church
Sat	Nov 5	9:30am	Circle of Mary, Church



# FAITH FORMATION / ETC...



- NEXT Youth Group Meeting is Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Youth Group Meets Sunday, November 6, 2011
- No Youth Group November 13th
- Youth Group Meets Sunday, November 20th

*"I hope that by the grace of God I will continue to follow these Catholic ideals so that one day, in the way God wishes, I will be able to preserve and promote these truths."*  
—Blessed Pier Giorgio

If you're in high school and you attend St. John the Baptist then you ARE a part of our Youth Ministry...if you haven't attended a Youth Group meeting yet...then we really wish you would because WE ARE MISSING YOU! It's never too late to join in...we meet three Sundays each month along with other service, prayer & social opportunities. Any questions, please call Mrs. Fitch in the church office @ 859-9574 ext. 3.

## BRATS & BEER FEST

On Saturday, November 12, following the 4:30pm Mass, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a dinner to benefit those with intellectual disabilities. All profits will be donated to the LAMB Foundation of N.C. The menu will include brats & sauerkraut, potato salad, baked beans, bread, desserts, coffee, soda, beer or wine. Hot dogs will be available for children. Adults \$10, children \$5 (12 & under). Tickets will be available before and after the Masses on Oct. 29 & 30, and Nov. 5 & 6. Please plan to join us for this wonderful fundraising dinner to benefit LAMPB (Least Among My Brethren). If you cannot attend the dinner, please consider making a donation.



## ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC SHOPPE



**St John's Catholic Shoppe is open 9:30 to 3:00 Monday through Friday in our Parish Office.** Our parish's gift shop offers a wide variety of items: Rosaries, Car Visors, Medals, Holding Crosses, Prayer Booklets, Wall Crucifixes, St. Joseph Home Kits, Rosary Bracelets, Pocket Prayer Coins, Keychains, Stationery, etc. In addition, all remaining Centennial dated items will be discounted and available in our Catholic Gift Shoppe.



## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Attention: All active Employees, Volunteers, Catechists, Liturgical Ministers, Musicians, and Liturgical Trainers are to be in compliance with Diocesan protocols regarding Protecting God's Children Training, Virtus On-line training, Background Checks and completion of Volunteer forms. Father Winslow must sign an annual Diocesan Statement of Compliance. Therefore, if you have not completed any component which is required of your particular role by the First Sunday of Advent (November 27, 2011) then we will not be able to schedule you or allow you to continue in your particular service until you are in compliance. We appreciate your service and your assistance in helping to maintain a safe environment in compliance with Diocesan policy and The Bishops' Charter. If you have any questions related to your particular role please call Theresa Fitch at 859-9574 ext 3.

# ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**We're less than one month away...  
THE NEW TRANSLATION OF THE ROMAN MISSAL  
STARTS THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*Take the time now to get familiar with the New Translation and gain a deeper understanding of the Mass. My Catholic Faith Delivered* offers information on the new translation of the Roman Missal. This online course is provided to all parishioners, courtesy of the parish. The presentations and additional materials assist Catholics in understanding the Why, the How, and the What of the upcoming changes. This site is also a wonderful resource for understanding the Mass—why we do what we do. It provides information on Saints, vocabulary of the Church etc.

—**PROVIDED FREE to ST JOHN PARISHIONERS**—

**In order to register for the course:**

- Go to [www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](http://www.mycatholicfaithdelivered.com)
- Click on the sign-up button in the top right of your browser.
- Type in your name, email address and the coupon code in this announcement.
- Coupon Code for St John Parishioners: **1073-MC-NT-7ZT6**
- We suggest you use a number and a symbol in your password.
- After your account is created, sign in and click on the My Curriculum button to see the course on the left hand side.
- Click on the *My Catholic Faith Delivered* entry to expand the course.
- Click on *The New Translation* and then one of the lessons.
- Finally, click on the Start Lesson button to begin.



If you have general questions, please call Theresa in the church office (859-9574 x3). If you have any questions or problems related to the course, please call My Catholic Faith Delivered toll-free at 1-866-981-8964 or email them at [support@mycatholicfaithdelivered.com](mailto:support@mycatholicfaithdelivered.com).

## CATHOLIC HOMESCHOOLING

If you are homeschooling, or thinking about it, you should know that there is a group of Catholic homeschoolers in Western North Carolina: CAFÉ: Catholic Association of Family Educators. We welcome all Catholic homeschoolers. We have an email loop, a strong program for teens, field trips, socials and so on. We also have a variety of experienced homeschoolers who can help answer your homeschooling questions, if any. For more information, or to join our group, please contact Barbara Edwards at 828-654-0228 or [rbedwards1@bellsouth.net](mailto:rbedwards1@bellsouth.net)

### 4-H BBQ SUPPER

...will be held on Friday, November 11th from 4:30 to 7:00pm, in Columbus at the 4-H Center. Charcoal grilled chicken or oven roasted beef at \$8.00 per ticket. Contact Cooperative Extension office at 828-894-8218 for tickets. No tickets sold at the door.

### RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, Nov. 14 at Holy Cross Episcopal Church, from 12:30 - 5:30. Call 894-2700 for an appointment.

### ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH WOMEN'S FALL PROGRAM *HERE IS YOUR MOTHER, FULL OF GRACE* Saturday, November 19

This free program covers Marian apparitions and their messages. It is free and open to all women. Registration with refreshments begins at 9:30am. The program begins at 10:00am. Please RSVP by Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> with Marcia Torres at (828) 697-1235, or by email at: [johnandmarciatorres@yahoo.com](mailto:johnandmarciatorres@yahoo.com).



### **November: The Month of All Souls**

On the liturgical calendar, Memorial Day comes not in May, but in November. It is prolonged throughout the month, the time in the natural cycle for harvest and dying. We have long called it the “month of the poor souls” or “month of the holy souls.” For Catholics, Memorial Day extends for the first two days of November, since it includes All Saints’ Day, November 1<sup>st</sup>, and All Souls Day, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. We distinguish between our loved ones in heaven – members of the saints who pray for us – and our loved ones who have died and for whom we are moved to pray. These are the “poor souls” who are still undergoing the purging process of detachment from sin and purification, but nonetheless die in God’s friendship and are bound for eternal life in heaven. In this month of harvest and dying, the Church memorializes the dead and recognizes Jesus Christ as the Lord of the harvest, the Lord of the living and the dead.

### **All Souls Day**

All Souls Day (*Commemoratio omnium fidelium defunctorum*) is the day set apart in the Roman Catholic Church for the commemoration of the faithful departed. The celebration is based on the doctrine that the souls of the faithful, which at death have not been cleansed from venial sins or have not atoned for past transgressions, cannot yet attain the Beatific Vision; they may be helped to do so by prayer and most especially through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. The feast falls on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November.

The practice of setting apart a special day for intercession for members of the faithful departed is of great antiquity; but the establishment of a feast of general intercession was in the first instance due to Odilo, abbot of Cluny (d. 1048). Peter Damiani in his *Life of St Odilo* gives the legend connected with its foundation. According to this work, a pilgrim returning from the Holy Land was cast by a storm on a desolate island where a hermit lived. From him he learned that amid the rocks was a chasm communicating with purgatory, from which rose perpetually the groans of tortured souls. The hermit asserted that he had also heard the demons complaining of the efficacy of the prayers of the faithful, and especially of the monks of Cluny, in rescuing their victims. On returning home, the pilgrim hastened to inform the abbot of Cluny, who immediately set apart the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November as a day of intercession on the part of his community for all the souls in purgatory. From Cluny the custom spread to the other houses of the Cluniac order and was soon adopted in several dioceses in France. From France, the devotion spread throughout the Western Church.

### **Mass Intentions and Stipends**

In the early Church, Holy Mass was celebrated mainly on Sundays by the bishop with his priests assisting. The practice was replaced in the Middle Ages by the separate celebration of Mass by each priest. Theological consideration of the fact that each Mass is a sacrifice that is pleasing and acceptable to God and the need felt in monasteries to offer Mass for deceased members and benefactors had a decisive influence on the practice of private celebration of the Mass.

The Second Vatican Council recalls this tradition when it says: “priests fulfill their chief duty in the mystery of the Eucharistic Sacrifice. In it, the work of our redemption continues to be carried out. For this reason, priests are strongly urged to celebrate the Mass every day, for even if the faithful are unable to be present, it is an act of Christ and the Church.” From the practice of daily and private celebration of the Mass followed the custom of saying Mass for a definite intention and the offering of a stipend to the priest when the request is made that the Mass be offered for an intention of the donor’s choice. It was obviously not to ‘buy’ the Mass that the stipend was offered. It was an offering of alms for the expenses connected with the Mass itself and for the maintenance of the priest.

During this month devoted to all of the faithful departed, please take the opportunity to remember deceased relatives and friends. There are envelopes designated for this purpose. You will find them among your offertory envelopes for the year. Additional envelopes will be placed at the entrance of the Church. Please list the names of those you would like inscribed in our Book of the Faithful Departed. No offering is required. Throughout the month of November, each Tuesday’s Mass intention will be for those whose names are inscribed for the 2011 liturgical year. In addition, throughout the month the Litany for the Faithful Departed will be prayed before the Blessed Sacrament at the beginning of the 6pm Holy Hour and following Friday morning Masses.

The envelopes may be placed in any collection throughout the month of November. The names will be updated accordingly on a weekly basis. The book will be placed in front of the Paschal Candle, reminding us that those who die with Christ will also rise with Him into eternal life. May God continue to bless you and your family as we intercede on behalf of our deceased brothers and sisters throughout this month.

