

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 6:30 a.m.

All Saints

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., Rev. Phillip C. Kiley

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 6:30 a.m.

All Souls' Day

Chaille Raspberry, Marta Carmelita Bran, Henry "Donnie" Adams, Sr., Lee Nini, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 6:30 a.m.

Weekday

Rom 13:8-10 / Lk 14:25-33

Melvyn Theriot fly. (L&D)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 6:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 14:7-12 / Lk 15:1-10

Lanny Theriot fly. (L&D)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 12:10 p.m.

Weekday

Rom 15:14-21 / Lk 16:1-8

Ronald Ratcliff, Sr., AML

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 17:10-16 / Heb 9:24-28 / Mk 12:38-44

4:00 p.m. Elaine M. Grant fly. (L&D), Miles Liner fly. (L&D), Onesime Richard, Michelle LeBlanc, Tommy Naquin, Anatole & Marcelite Naquin, Leroy & Mercedes Naquin, Bobby Naquin

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7

7:00 a.m. Calvin LeLeux fly. (L&D), Chaille & Ray Raspberry

10:00 a.m. Lee Nini, Jr., John Pecoraro, M/M Jerry A. Landry fly. (L&D), David Joseph Price

6:30 p.m. Ronald Ratcliff, Sr.

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Quelques paroles de Monsieur le Cure

The theme for the Synod of Bishops to be held in October 2023 is Towards a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, Mission.

What does synod mean?

On Saturday, October 18, 2021, a few weeks ago, Pope Francis met with the people of the Diocese of Rome. Pope Francis is the Bishop of Rome so he met with his own people to initiate the process that will end with the 2023 Synod.

In his address, Pope Francis said: it (the word synod) means "journeying together." The Holy Father emphasized that synodality "is an expression of the Church's nature, her form, style and mission."

What does this mean? What does it mean for us here in Berwick?

For a couple of years now, our religion program uses the Come, Lord Jesus program developed by Fr. Conley Bertrand. The program consists of prayer, reflection, discussion and sharing. It is based on the Bible, particularly the Sunday readings.

The children are divided into groups of ten or so. There are one or two adults in each group. The adults are not there in a teaching role, but rather as facilitators and guides.

A major part of the hour that we spend together in the group is centered on the Gospel passage assigned to the following Sunday. We read the passage together and then discuss its meaning.

The children in the program are very bright, many of them are honor students. Some are quite competitive. Sometimes this leads them to search for the right answers during the guided discussion. If they think that they do not know the correct answer, they will remain silent rather than give an incorrect answer. This is an obstacle to a lively exchange of insights.

One of the gifts of the program is that we have the opportunity to help the children to understand that the Holy Spirit inspires the reader of the Bible just as that same Holy Spirit inspired the authors of the Bible. So there are no right answers.

So we actually are doing what we need to do as a people of faith: we are listening to the Holy Spirit as he speaks to us. My prayer is that our children will continue to make this a regular experience in their lives: listening to the Holy Spirit.

In calling this synod, the Holy Father is inviting the whole Church to listen to the Holy Spirit and to listen to one another. He writes that the process leading to the synod "is an exercise of mutual listening, conducted at all levels of the Church and involving the entire people of God." He writes further that "It is not about garnering opinions, not a survey, but a matter of listening to the Holy Spirit."

Why is this so important?

To be continued...

(Msgr.) Courville

New Announcements

The Solemnity of All Saints: Monday, November 1, is the Solemnity of All Saints. The bishop has dispensed Catholics from the obligation to attend Mass because the solemnity is on a Monday this year.

Repeat Announcements

Prayer for Hurricane Season: Bishop Schexnayder, the beloved second bishop of Lafayette, composed a prayer to be used during the hurricane season in 1957. This prayer has been reproduced on a card and is available in the vestibule of the church and near the side exits.

Pray for the following priest each day: Eternal Father, we lift up to You these and all the priests of the world. Sanctify them. Heal and guide them. Mold them into the likeness of Your Son, Jesus, the Eternal High Priest. May their lives be pleasing to You. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

- November 1, Pope Francis
- November 2, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI
- November 3, Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel
- November 4, Bishop Emeritus Michael Jarrell
- November 5, Rev. Stephen Pellessier
- November 6, Rev. Donald Pelous
- November 7, Rev. Neil Pettit

| DATE / TIME | READERS | EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION |
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| November 6, 4:00 p.m. | Janea Giroir | Brian Giroir |
| November 7, 7:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 6:30 p.m. | Susan Blanchard Cliff Journey Anne Theriot | Debra Parker Brian Theriot |