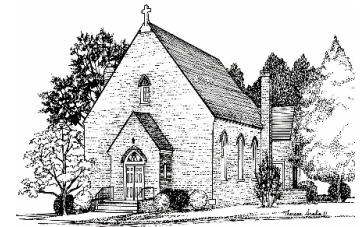




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## *All Saint's Day*

**November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020**

Dear friends:

My columns are for each of you to reflect. This week, it is addressed to the Blessed Virgin, our Mother.

*Dear Mother Mary,*

*Over the last year we have been hit with a social crisis that has affected everything. Now we are seeing not only the obvious, but also what has been hidden. Moods are deeply affected, relationships are being strained, finances are tightening for many, changes are coming from everywhere and we are not so adaptable at times. Plus there are forces bent on destroying our culture and our brotherly love.*

*Old wounds like drug and alcohol addictions, multiple forms of racism, and bad behaviors are resurfacing. The resulting violence is hard to see and experience. How disorienting it is when even leadership gives tacit acceptance to the violence. Mother help us to see in the wounds of your Son that violence will not heal the wounds in our culture.*

*In our streets we hear the slogan "no justice, no peace!" It is true that injustice steals our peace; please help us to love our neighbor by forgiving the injustices of the past, so that we can live in peace. Be a convincing teacher regarding the value of every human life. Remind us of the special protection that is due to the children in the womb who cannot defend or speak for themselves. Help us to repent.*

*From the lips of some people the cry "No justice, no peace," is meant to intimidate. It is a threat that if their demands are not met, they will inflict more violence. This is not your way; it is not the Way of Jesus. Teach us, Mother, to be people of reconciliation.*

*Holy Virgin, so much of our current predicament is the fruit of unchastity. Infidelity is destroying marriages and family. Violence in the home is causing such disorientation even to the point of gender confusion. Share with us your purity! Teach our women the value of modesty and our men to respect women and the powers of procreation. Obtain for us a profound sense of the sacredness of sexual activity which is proper only to marriage. Break the bondage of hedonism which grips our nation with your pure prayer!*

*Yes, your prayer is our hope as a nation.*

*Father, forgive us! Fr. Martin Flum*

## Mass for All Soul's Day

### *With the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy*

Come intercede for the souls of our beloved faithful departed through this special evening of prayer and reflection with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy (from the same order as St. Faustina!):

- **Confessions** from 6-7 PM
- **Mass at 7 PM**, with the  **blessing of the New Divine Mercy Image**
- **Talk by Sr. Donata Farbaniec** on the Divine Mercy Image
- **Exposition** of the Most Blessed Sacrament
- **Chaplet of Divine Mercy** (led by the Sisters)
- **Eucharistic Benediction** at 9 PM



Sr. Donata, OLM

**\*There will be an offertory collection taken up to support the needs of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.**

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday	10/31/20	5 PM	Robert John Grace +
Sunday	11/01/20	8 AM	Thomas & Amy Flamminio & Family
Sunday	11/01/20	10 AM	PARISHIONERS
Sunday	11/01/20	11:30 AM	Bink & Libby Mondorff
Monday	11/02/20	7 AM	Alene Martin +
Monday	11/02/20	8 PM	+ ALL SOULS +
Tuesday	11/03/20	8 AM	Pamela Leon Gonzalez Vu +
Wednesday	11/04/20	7 AM	Deacon Scott C. Stuart +
Thursday	11/05/20	8 AM	Rev. Charles Green +
Friday	11/06/20	7 AM	Audrey Latimer +
Friday	11/06/20	7:30 PM	Oliver & Flamminio-Castellanos
Saturday	11/07/20	8:00 AM	Msgr James Lockman +

### YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS – October 25, 2020

**St. Michael**                      Offertory Collection    \$ 3505.00  
**St. Dominic**                      Offertory Collection    \$ 1100.00

*May God reward your generosity!*

**FALL OYSTER FEST  
ON THE BANKS OF THE PATUXENT RIVER**

*Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020*

Saint Francis de Sales Catholic Church Hall  
7209 Benedict Avenue, Benedict, MD 12-3 PM

Outdoor seating and drive-through pickup available. Local oysters served at our outdoor raw bar, fried and scalded, shrimp, ham. Variety of home-made salads and side dishes. Cake and desserts table – Mini flea market-Variety of raffle items

\$25 per adult; Reserve a table for six and one person eats free; preorder for drive-thru pickup \$20 / \$5 per child / \$20 for more than four children in one family,

**Walking with MOMS in need**

**Monthly intention:** “*May mothers in need experience Christ’s loving care as we seek to live out His Gospel of Life.*”

**Pray:** *Our Father, 3 Hail Marys, Glory Be*

**Reflect:** Pope St. John Paul II wrote that the Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus’ saving message to the world (*Evangelium vitae* 1). Jesus calls each of us to “care for the other as a person for whom God has made us responsible” (*EV 87*). The Gospel of life is intrinsic to the whole Christian life and foundational to the decisions we make daily.

Let us reflect on how we personally live out the Gospel: *Do I help pregnant and parenting mothers in need? If a friend became pregnant in challenging circumstances, would she know she could come to me for loving support for her and her baby? Do I know of the places in my community where she could receive material help if she needed it?*



**A Guide for Catholic Voters**

“If a political candidate supported abortion, or any other moral evil, such as assisted suicide and euthanasia, for that matter, it would **not** be morally

permissible for you to vote for that person. This is because, in voting for such a person, you would become an accomplice in the moral evil at issue. **For this reason, moral evils such as abortion, euthanasia and assisted suicide are examples of a 'disqualifying issue.'** A disqualifying issue is one which is of such gravity and importance that it allows for no political maneuvering. It is an issue that strikes at the heart of the human person and is non-negotiable. **A disqualifying issue is one of such enormity that by itself renders a candidate for office unacceptable regardless of his position on other matters.**” - Excerpt from “*A Brief Catechism for Catholic Voters*” by Fr. Stephen F. Torraco, PhD

**Please PRAY for our SICK**

For those who suffer from chronic illness, especially Austin Aley, Joe Aviles, Christopher Becker, Arlene Bloom, Claude Boswell, Madison Brady, Ann Canter, Aldrin Castillo, Charlene Cardwell, Tom Cardwell, Jayne Cassella, Joyce Chambers, Thomas Chambers, Ann Clifford, Greg Connick, Mary Connick, Leah Danielson, Diane DiSandro, Leo Dixon, Marysa Dixon, David Dixon, Dorothy Dunston, Angela Farmer, Kathy Fisher, Patricia Gray, Mabel Hamilton, Barbara Harding, Florence Henderson, Amanda Hubbard, Crystal Johnson, Bernice Kirby, Marie Knobel, Wanda Langley, Betty Lindsay, Kenny Lindsay, Adam Lumpkins, Mr. Maida, John Martone II, Rita Miller, Michael Mohun, Claire Mason, Ralph and Regina Nasatka, Fannie Newman, Yvette Parker, Carolyn Parson, Joyce Pickeral, Rev. Robert Pittman, Betty Proctor, Garland Proctor, Gary Reinhardt, Marsha Reinhardt, Shawn Reinhardt, Traci Renner, Dawn Russo, Michelle Sawall, Frances N. Sewell, Dee Smith, Geraldine Stewart, Tom & Patricia Stuart, George Thomas, Marion Walzel, Shirley Watson, Ken Wilson, Skip Wilson, Terry Wilson, and Belinda Windsor. Lord Jesus, heal and console us!

**2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - RETIRED PRIESTS**

We have a 2nd Collection next weekend The Retired Priest of the Archdiocese of Washington **2nd Collection Is November 7 and 8** this year. Our priests touch our lives in many ways; they baptize our children, comfort us in the confessional, witness our marriage vows and hold our loved ones hands as our Lord home. Let us come together to help provide care and housing for our retired priests so they can live their retirement in dignity. There are four ways you can support the Retired Priests Collection:

**Text:** Text “Priest” to (301) 231-1816. A secure link will be sent back to you to complete your gift.

**Phone:** Call (301) 853-4575 to make a gift over the phone.

**At Mass:** Envelopes will be provided in the pews at Mass on November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> for you to enclose your support by cash, check or credit card.

**Online:** visit [adw.org/rpc](http://adw.org/rpc) to support the collection.

**National Vocation Awareness Week ~ November 1 to 8**

The focus of this important celebration is to raise awareness of God’s personal call to each soul. During this week, and throughout the year, please join the Church in praying for and encouraging religious vocations!

*Please Pray for  
the Souls of the Faithful Departed*

+ *Caroline M. Knestout*

+ *Felecia Johnson*

*Let Perpetual Light shine upon them;  
may they rest in Peace. Amen.*