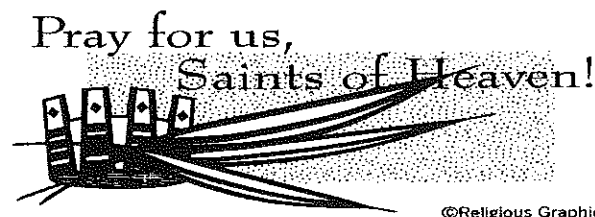


MEETINGS AND EVENTS THIS WEEK

Mon	11/2	NO 8 AM	Mass today 9:00 AM Why Catholic? - P 7:00 PM All Souls Day Mass & Reception - C, P
Tue	11/3	1:00 PM	Why Catholic? - P 7:00 PM Infancy Narratives Class - C
Wed	11/4	9:00 AM	Staff Meeting - P
Thu	11/5	7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - WS 7:00 PM Catechist Theology - P??
Sat	11/7	9:00 AM	Elem. Rel. Ed. - EW 9:00 AM Grade 2 Parent Meeting -RC 9:00 AM Festival Choir Rehearsal - C 10:30 AM Kids of the Cross - C 10:30 AM Altar Server Training - WS & Sacristy
Sun	11/8	10:00 AM	PreS/K Rel. Educ. - EW 11:15 AM MS Rel. Educ. - EW 11:30 AM Turkey Dinner - RC 3:00 PM Concert - WS 7:00 PM Baptism Class - P



FEAST OF ALL SOULS REMEMBRANCE MASS is 7:00 PM on Monday, November 2. All members of the Holy Cross community are invited to attend this liturgy to remember our parishioners, their family members, and friends who are now sharing in eternal life with our risen Lord. A reception will follow in the Parlor.

HOLY CROSS HOLIDAY TURKEY DINNER is next Sunday, Nov. 8, from 11:30-4:00 PM. Takeouts are available, as well as a Chinese auction and a 50/50 drawing.

HOLY CROSS YOUTH IN CONCERT: The parish's young musicians will be featured in the annual fall music ministry concert set for **Sunday, Nov. 8, at 3:00 PM.** Held in conjunction with the Turkey Dinner, this year's concert is entitled "Inspirations." Highlights include solo pieces from Holy Cross teens, songs by Kids of the Cross (our children's choir) and a new composition by young pianist Mady Mehler entitled "Inspirations." The concert is free and open to the public. Good will offering will benefit Hands of Christ.

Gannon University Fall Open House and Scholarship Contests will be held on Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009. Register online at www.gannon.edu/openhouse or call 871-7240 for more information.

Saint Vincent's Pastoral Care Team is presenting a free seminar, **Communicating with Compassion to the Sick**, on Tuesday, November 10, 10:00-11:30 AM at Saint Vincent McGarvey Learning Center. Tips and tools will be offered to help make a difference in the lives of the sick. Call 866-4817 to register.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK - All Saints

Theirs Is the Kingdom of Heaven

Adult: Who are the persons that have helped or inspired me to become a better Christian?

Child: Who is the saint or person that I admire the most and would like to imitate? What have I learned from him or her?

Natural Family Planning Program at St. George Parish. The program includes 3 classes on Tuesdays, Nov. 3, Dec. 1, and Jan. 5 from 7:00-9:00 PM. RSVP to Paul & Gretchen Lorei at 866-3008. For other classes or more info, visit www.ErieRCD.org/nfp.asp.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2009

	5:30 PM	8:00 AM	10:00 AM
PRESIDER:	Fr. Scott Detisch	Fr. Scott Detisch	Fr. Scott Detisch
LECTOR:	Sr. Linda Fusco and James Layne	Tim Wachter and Mary Breckenridge	Linda Leary and Tom George
CO-ORD:	Jan Agnello and Peg Mallin	Chuck Smith and Chris DeSantis	Rose Maas
EUCH. MINISTERS	John and Pat Timon, Judy Gido, Mary Agnello, Jennie Agnello, Ellen Schauerman, Shirley Loeslein	Linda and Rick Graziani, Raymond Smith, Michelann and Pat McGowan, Sylvia Smith, Dan and Opie Wuenschel	Don and Fran Buseck, Paul DiFuccia, Paul Duberow, Ken and LuAnn MacIsaac, Ann Moore, Joe Maas, Betty Healy, Suzanne Sitzler, Martha Wetick
SERVERS:	Lauren Petrella, Corbin Zitalone, Marah Zitalone	Melissa Schneider, Elizabeth Garrow, Ashley Gindy	Michael Sitzler, Megan Cooper, Anthony Cooper
MUSIC:	Cantor	Cantor	Crossroads
NURSERY:	<i>Nursery is available at the 10:00 a.m. mass only</i>		



Mass Intentions

S.M.A.R.T. FAITH

[Strengthening a Mature Appreciation of our Religious Tradition]

- Monday November 2, 2009
7:00 PM Holy Cross Deceased Members
- Tuesday November 3, 2009
8:00 AM Jerry Oakes
Req. by Rea Family
- Wednesday November 4, 2009
8:00 AM Ellen Condon
Req. by Family
- Thursday November 5, 2009
8:00 AM Communion Service
- Friday November 6, 2009
8:00 AM Alan Chulick
Req. by Mark and Kathy Chulick
- Saturday November 7, 2009
5:30 PM Allen Desko
Req. by Scott and Karen Stroupe
- Sunday November 8, 2009
8:00 AM Holy Cross Parish Family
10:00 AM John Alleruzzo
Req. by Betty and Tim Healy

Readings for the Week of November 1

- Sunday: Rv 7:2-4,9-14/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a
- Monday: Wis 3:1-9/Rom 5:5-11 or 6:3-9/Jn 6:37-40
- Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16a/Lk 14:15-24
- Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Lk 14:25-33
- Thursday: Rom 14:7-12/Lk 15:1-10
- Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Lk 16:1-8
- Saturday: Rom 16:3-9,16,22-27/Lk 16:9-15
- Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 17:10-16/Heb 9:24-28/Mk 12:38-44 or 12:41-44

Our sanctuary lamp will burn this week in memory of
FRANK KUJAN
 requested by Betty Kujan.
(If you wish to request that the candle burn in memory of a loved one or for some other shared intention, please call the office. Donation \$10.)

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

224/597 Adult Env. Received.....	Average \$28.96
21/257 Children Env. Received	Average \$1.23
Budgeted Average Weekly Expense.....	\$7,300.00
Actual Offertory Collection (\$ 224.00 Loose)	\$6488.85
Difference	-\$811.15
Year-To-Date Budget (17 weeks)	\$124,100.00
Actual Year-To-Date Collection	\$112,683.66
Year-To-Date Difference.....	-\$11,416.34

Catholic Services Appeal

# Responses.....	260
Total Amount Pledged	\$90,416.00
Payments or Pledges.....	\$72,559.50
Balance Due on 2009 Pledges by 1/31/10.....	\$17,856.50

Topic: Who Are the Saints?

The Feast of All Saints originated in the early church as a way of commemorating the many people who gave their lives as martyrs for Christ under Roman persecution. Because there were so many martyrs, some known and some unknown, the church began to remember them in a special way. Now many centuries later, we continue the practice of honoring all those women and men who dedicated themselves so wonderfully to Christ that their lives became magnificent examples of faith and discipleship.

Some of these saints were martyred young and some lived to old age. Some saints were priests, monks, and nuns and others were married persons single persons, and widowed persons. Some of these saints endured terrible hardship or adversity and others lived lives of great joy and contentment. The point is that we have saints who walked many different paths in their desire to follow Christ more fully.

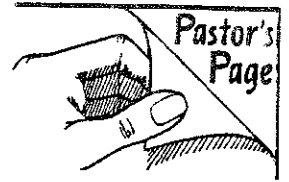
One of the values to honoring saints is that they can be models for us in our own walk of life. This is why the church has always had the practice of adopting a patron saint – someone whose life's journey has much to say to our own journey. And we have a patron saint for just about any different legitimate career or any specific situation in life.

You can look up your patron saint at www.catholic.org/saints.

It is important that as we cultivate our own devotion to saints or to a particular saint, we do not replace our focus on Christ. We pray **through** the saints in order to be led closer to Christ or to God. We pray **with** the saints in our desire to join them in eternal life with Christ. We pray **to** the saints by asking for their assistance in helping us to follow Christ more fully in our lives. When we include the saints in our prayer lives, we recognize that we never walk the path of discipleship alone – we are always surrounded by a multitude of magnificent persons who have gone before us but now walk the path with us.

Furthermore, when we learn about some of the details in the lives of saints, we recognize that they, like us, were very imperfect persons who struggled to be good followers of Christ. But at some point, they began to trust that the grace of God was very active in their lives and they eventually surrendered to the transforming power of God's grace. I am particularly heartened by the recent revelations that Mother Teresa suffered from many years of doubt, but she trusted that somehow God was working through her and in her. If Mother Teresa could have such doubts and difficulties, then certainly there is great potential for each of us to become saints as well.

HAPPY FEAST DAY, EVERYONE!



LITURGY ETIQUETTE

One of the most important duties that we have as members of a worshipping community is to do all that we can to maintain the proper spirit and reverence for liturgy. This allows everyone in the assembly to pray sincerely, meaningfully, and effectively.

Therefore, the following are some reminders for each of us to consider:

1. **Please arrive on time for liturgy.** This means coming early enough to place ourselves in a recollected spirit so that we can truly be receptive to what the prayers, the readings, the homily, the music and the silence are speaking to us. We all need some time for recollection before the liturgy begins. Hurried and late entrances do not allow this.
2. **Use the restrooms before or after liturgy.** The nature of our Worship Space does not allow for unseen exits from the church. Certainly, if there is an emergency or urgent need, then folks should go to the restrooms as needed. But far too many people, including adults, are constantly getting up and leaving liturgy to go to the restroom. *This is very distracting*, especially when it happens during the readings, homily, or Eucharistic Prayer.
3. **Turn off your cell phones!!!!** [Better yet, don't even bring them in with you.] We've survived entire lifetimes without them; we can certainly get through an hour without them.
4. **No gum.** There is nothing more off-putting than someone chewing gum during Mass and then coming up to communion. In the old days, those individuals were denied communion.
5. **We are required to fast for one hour before communion from all food and beverages except water and medicine.** This is to allow us to tangibly feel a hunger in our bodies for the bread and wine that become Christ's real presence and nourishment for our spirits.
6. **Don't forget to reverence the tabernacle on your way in and out of the Worship Space.** This church was designed so that everyone who enters the Worship Space must pass before the tabernacle. This reminds us that it is the ever-present Christ who gathers us together. And it reminds us that we gather around Christ. So please make a reverential bow or genuflect to the tabernacle before entering the Worship Space.
7. **Do not leave until after the Presider and servers have processed out of the Worship Space.** One of the great things about Holy Cross is that we hang around after Mass. We gather in our Gathering Space to be with each other and to savor the spirit of the celebration we just shared. Please don't ignore that wonderful element of our community's spirit by always dashing out the door to get out of here quickly.