

YOUTH NEWS

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The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit. — Pope St. John XXIII

The Catholic Church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this entire month we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved.

CHURCH TEACHING ON PURGATORY

The souls in purgatory died in the mercy of God, this is why they are called holy; however, because they still had attachment to sin at the time of their death, they must undergo a spiritual purification of their souls before they are able to fully love God with their whole heart, mind, and soul for all eternity.

The holy souls are “saved souls” — they will enjoy the reward of heaven — but during their lives they were not the perfect souls that Christ commanded them to be (Mat. 5:48), and for which he provided every grace and means for them to become (2 Pet. 1:3). We are meant to die after living as saints.

Those who die in the love of God but fall short of holiness due to habitual sinful clings must be pure before being admitted to the beatific vision, that is, the vision of God that the saints in heaven enjoy for all eternity.

Those in purgatory cannot pray for themselves, this is why they are also called “poor” souls. They can no longer merit anything for themselves (their opportunity for increasing in merit was during their earthly lives) and they must rely entirely on others to pray and make sacrifices on their behalf. As they are nevertheless part of the Communion of Saints, they depend upon us to help ease their suffering and quickly advance them through their purification so that they can join the saints in heaven. Prayers for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls that He loves. It is an act of charity that we can give for those we have known and loved, for our ancestors who gave us life, for those who were our benefactors, for those whose memory is lost, and for those who have no one else to pray for them.

The Living Rosary

It was neat to witness the PCCW and the Religious Ed students coming together to pray the Rosary at the Living Rosary that took place on October 10th. Light Refreshments and visiting took place afterwards in Reardon Hall.



November

- 11th ~ 2nd Grade Sacramental Prep Meeting 9:15am -9:45am
- 15th ~ NCYC Informational Meeting 7:15pm Reardon Hall
- 19th ~ Coffee Chat @ Denny's 3:30pm-5pm
- 21st ~ NO Religious Ed Classes
- 25th ~ YOUTH NIGHT 6-7:30pm

WHAT'S COMING UP:



December

- 1st ~ Advent Retreat for Parishioners 9am-Noon
- 5th ~ Vocation Dinner with the Bishop 5:30pm
- 9th ~ Donuts with Santa
- 17th ~ Coffee Chat 3:30pm-5pm
- 20th ~ Communal Penance Service 7pm

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Here are some ideas for praying for these suffering (and often neglected) souls, especially during the month of November dedicated to their memory:

1. Offer up your Holy Communions for the souls in purgatory.
 2. Have Masses said for your departed loved ones, especially on the anniversary of his or her death.
 3. Give alms: The giving of material assistance to the poor has always been considered a penance that can be offered for the Holy Souls. *"For almsgiving saves from death and purges away every sin"* (Tobit 12:9).
 4. Sprinkle holy water on the ground: St. John Macias, a great friend of those in purgatory, would often sprinkle holy water on the ground for the spiritual benefit of the suffering souls.
 5. When passing by a cemetery, pray the short Eternal Rest prayer. This prayer carries a partial indulgence applicable to the poor souls: "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. And let the perpetual light shine upon them. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."
 6. Practice the tradition of praying the Eternal Rest prayer (above) before and after your meals as an easy way to remember to pray for the holy souls every day. You can also pray the prayer between the decades of your daily rosary.
 7. Visit a cemetery: Pray over the graves of your departed loved ones, or visit a random graveyard and pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. Simply doing this gains a partial indulgence for those in purgatory. While you're there, sprinkle holy water on the graves.
 8. Eucharistic Adoration: visit the Blessed Sacrament to make acts of reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on behalf of those in purgatory.
- For the whole list plus more information please visit: www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/20-ways-to-pray-for-the-holy-souls-in-purgatory/



Youth Night / Paint Night!!

Are you in grades 7th through High School? If so please join us!! At our last Youth Night the group asked for a crafting night so we listened! On Sunday November 25th from 6pm-7:30pm we are going to have Tabitha from New 2 You Creations come and offer a Paint Night. The cost to you is only \$5!! You will leave with a 12X12 sign that could work as a beautiful Christmas gift! 😊

Please contact Mrs. Thayer at re@stpstricksmasuton.com or 608-847-6054 to get signed up. Please be sign by November 21st.

Service Hour Opportunity!!

- December 8th ~ Cookie Packaging for the Christmas Cookie Sale. Meet in Reardon Hall after the 9am Mass for the Holy Day of Obligation and help get the cookies ready for the sale.
- December 9th ~ I will need help during our Donuts with Santa. Looking for helpers between 9:30am and Noon.



Mass on Thanksgiving will be at 9am

What a great way to start off Thanksgiving by thanking God for the blessings that you have been given!



St. Margaret of Scotland

Feast day: November 16

Patron Saint of: Scotland, large families, widows, as well as of parents who have lost children.

She constantly worked to aid the poor Scotland. She encouraged people to live a devout life, grow in prayer, and grow in holiness. She helped to build churches, including the Abbey of Dunfermline, where a relic of the true Cross is kept. She was well-known for her deep life of prayer and piety. She set aside specific times for prayer and to read Scripture. She didn't eat often and slept very little so she would have more time for her devotions. She lived holiness of life as a wife, mother and lay woman; truly in love with Jesus Christ.

Scots Gaelic Blessing

"Peace between neighbors, Peace between kindred, Peace between person and person, Peace between wife and husband, Peace between woman and children, The peace of Christ above all peace."