



*A Time to Remember  
and Pray  
For Beloved Family  
& Friends*

A general commemoration of all the faithful departed was celebrated by the churches of the East on the Saturday before Lent. In the eighth century a similar commemoration was found in many monasteries of the Western Church. In 998 A.D., St. Odilo of Cluny established November 2<sup>nd</sup> as an annual commemoration of the dead in all the monasteries of the Cluniac federation. The celebration was spread by the new orders of the tenth and eleventh century Gregorian reform, and it was adopted in Rome in the Fourteenth century. (Source: *St. Andrew Bible Missal*)

Each year on November 1<sup>st</sup>, All Saints Day\*\*, we traditionally honor as a Church our brothers and sisters from centuries past and those of recent memory who lived exemplary Christian lives and now share in the fullness of the kingdom of heaven. \*\*(*All Saints Day is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, except when the solemnity falls on a Saturday or Monday of any given year, then the obligation to attend Mass is encouraged but not an obligation.*) The following day, November 2<sup>nd</sup> is the Church's commemoration of All Souls. This year this special commemoration falls on Sunday, hence, today's scriptures and prayers are drawn from the Masses of the Dead. On this day we pray for all of our brothers and sisters who have yet to completely attain the beatific vision of God, but through our prayers and works of mercy, it is our hope that, forgiven of their sins, they too will join all the saints and angels of heaven praising God for all eternity.

With our presence and prayers at this weekend's Holy Eucharist we endeavor to fulfill a great work of spiritual mercy...to pray for our beloved dead as well as those who have no one to pray for them and those whose faith is known only to God our Father in heaven. We celebrate our family and friends who look lovingly upon us from God's holy dwelling and continue to be vigilant in our prayerful remembrance of our family and friends who still need our prayers and assistance in gaining a place at the banquet table of the Lord for all eternity. As is our custom, we will offer a Mass each day of November for the Souls of our Faithful Departed. As your pastor and in union with our weekend assistant priests, we renew our commitment to you to pray daily for all of your family members and friends gone before us marked with the sign of faith. A selection of names submitted through the All Souls Day envelopes will be read aloud each Mass during November. We ask you to join us as we especially remember parishioners who have died since November of last year and the spouses and families who still mourn their loss. A candle representing each one of them will burn on the sanctuary wall surrounding the tabernacle throughout the month of November. May perpetual light shine upon them and may their souls and the souls of all of our faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!



**Stewardship Report:**



Revenue

October 26:	7,280.09
Faith Direct:	1,609.25
Total Offertory:	8,889.34
Last Year:	9,234.66
Poor Box:	148.00
Every Penny Counts Box:	60.35
Propagation of the Faith:	1,826.55

Number of Adult Envelopes: 276  
Number of Children's Envelopes: 17  
Number of Faith Direct donors: 36  
Number of Registered Households: 635

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**Building and Maintenance Fund:** Our second collection this weekend is for our regular **Building Fund**. This monthly collection enables us to make continuing repairs, upkeep and improvements to our parish and school buildings as well as our parish grounds. May we suggest a minimum of \$10 per household. As always, we thank you for your continuing generosity!

**New Offertory Envelope System:** In order to cut some of our Parish costs and preserve resources, we will be using a new offertory envelope system in 2009. Instead of quarterly mailings, parishioners will now be given the entire year in advance. While we do not have all of the details available yet, we wanted to make our parishioners aware of this important change coming for 2009. Please watch for further information in the near future.

**Every Penny Counts:** Donate your loose change to the "Every Penny Counts" Box which provides funding for the annual Father E. Albert Hughes Scholarship awards. These scholarship awards are given in the form of tuition assistance to deserving children and youth from our parish enrolled at St. Matthias School or a Catholic High School of the Archdiocese of Washington. Together our pennies, nickels, and dimes can make a difference by assisting someone in need with a Catholic education!



**Votive Lights**

**Sunday, November 2nd through Saturday, November 8th:**

*Shrine of the Sacred Heart*

**For the Special Intentions of:**

The Ferrara Family  
Ray & Barb Zanin on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary  
The Kin Family

*Shrine of the Madonna & Child:*

**For the Happy Repose of:**

Robert Hoke  
Jose Guevara

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**Please note that the Votive Lights will only be offered through the month of November and will resume in April of 2009.**

### Faith Formation Schedule:

- Monday, November 3rd: **Mandatory Confirmation Parent/Candidate Meeting** in Friendship Hall at 6:45pm
- Mondays November 3, 10, 17, 24: **Faith Formation** 6pm to 8:30pm
- Tuesdays, November 4, 11, 18, 25: **RCIA** (Faculty Lounge) and **RCIC** (Classrooms) from 7 to 8:30pm
- Wednesday, November 5: **Baptism Prep** class in the Library 7pm to 8pm

### Other Items of Note:

#### Catholic High School Open Houses:

- DeMatha Catholic High School: Sunday November 9th at 11am in the Wooten Gymnasium (contact 240-764-2202)
- Bishop McNamara High School: Sunday, November 16th from 12:30 to 4:00pm (contact 301-735-8401 ext 113 or 260)

**Tootsie Roll Campaign:** The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their annual fundraiser to assist the mentally and developmentally disabled on Sunday, October 26th and November 2nd. On these 2 Sundays, the KOC will give out tootsie roll candy to children after each Mass while asking parents to donate money to the program. The KOC has no business affiliation with the candy company, and the candy is free and not for sale. The candy is used to call the attention of the parents to the need to support to this worthy cause, and any individual may make a donation to the program. 100% of the money raised will go to Rehabilitation Opportunity, Inc in Lanham, MD. Please be generous and support this program to help the disabled members of our own community.

**New Eucharistic Ministers:** We are currently preparing a training session for members of the parish who are interested in serving as "Extraordinary Ministers of Communion" at Sunday Mass and in visits to the homebound and sick at Doctors Hospital. The training session is scheduled for the morning of Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school library. In order to serve as an Extraordinary Minister, you must be at least 21 years of age; a registered/practicing member of St. Matthias in good standing; if married, the marriage is recognized by the Church as a sacrament; and willing to commit to a term of three years of service. Don't consider yourself unworthy for we all are but instead hear the Lord say: "Whom shall I send?" And answer: "Send me!" Call Pat Makowski for more information. (h) 301.937.1443 or (cell) 301.312.8889

**Italian Family Dinner Night:** The Knights of Columbus will host an Italian Family Night on Saturday, November 15th from 6pm until 9pm in Friendship Hall. All the pasta, salad & bread you can eat for \$6 per person! Children 2-12 are \$3 each, and there is a \$15 maximum per family. Meal includes desert, coffee and tea. Soda, wine and beer will be available at additional cost. For reservations, please call John at 301-459-6452 or Serafin at 301-459-5730.

### Prayer for the Departed



O loving Father and Savior, please take your servant from this earth to the place of peace and eternal life.  
 Forgive any sins that have been committed and welcome this departed soul with the warm embrace of Your unending love.



### Mass Intentions for the Thirty First Week in Ordinary Time

**Monday, November 3: Martin de Porres, religious**

8:30 am All Souls

**Tuesday, November 4: Charles Borromeo, bishop**

8:30 am Marry Collard & All Souls

**Wednesday, November 5: Weekday**

8:30 am Khephren Andrews (lvg) and All Souls

**Thursday, November 6: Weekday**

8:30 am Jose C. Manlapaz & All Souls

**Friday, November 7: Weekday**

8:30 am All Souls

**Sat., Nov 8: Vigil- Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

3:30 pm to 4:30pm—Confessions

5:00 pm All Souls

**Sunday, Nov 9: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

8:00 am All Souls

9:30 am All Souls

11:30am All Souls

**Please Pray for: †The Sick and Homebound In Our Parish:**

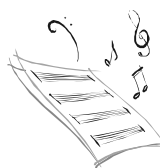
Phil Ates; Virgie Azarcon; Ann Benson; Barbara Brink; Audrey Brown; Fidel dela Cuesta; Eleanor DeMarco; Rosita Dietrich; Jerry Edwards; Lisa Farland; Don Falls; Karen Fisher; Francis Greenfield; Leslie Hand; Joseph Harrison; Charles Henry; Lena Jacobs; Anne Mbimi Ifouini; Charles Jones; Rev. Patrick Keeny; Paula Kelly; Robyn Kirby; Laura Elaine Kiessling; Ray Krok; Nancy Maimone; Joe Makowski; Albertine Mandzo; Luke Martellotti; Bob Martin; Willie (Bill) Moore; Bernadette Murphy; Larry Murphy; Rosemarie Nardozzi; David Obi; Peter O'Neill; Thomas Opalski; Joseph Otero; Alice Parker; Dawn Pearson; Evelyn Pierce; Jose Ocasio Rodriguez; Joe Sico; Walter Stewart; Judy Widdis; Margaret Zanin; Ryan Zawada  
**†For Our Military Serving in Afghanistan or Iraq:** Spc. Michael J. Chiddo  
**†For Our Deceased:** Lynda Bryans; Mary Elizabeth Wood  
 †Names will be placed on our prayer list for three weeks. To add a name or to request continuing prayers, call Tara Guevara at 301-459-4814 or email [tguevara@stmatthias.org](mailto:tguevara@stmatthias.org).

### St. Matthias Youth Group Presents: An Evening of Thanksgiving & Praise

Sunday November 23, 2008 beginning at 5:00pm  
 Sponsored by Willie (Bill) & Donna Stewart-Moore

Featuring Music & Dance

Performed by our talented Youth Group, Teens & Young Adults  
 As well as some very special guests



*If you have something to be thankful for,  
 Then join us for this special evening!*

