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October 24, 2021

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WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm

Sunday 8:15am,
10:30am & 12:30pm

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday—Friday 9:15am

SACRAMENTS

CONFESSION

Saturdays 10:00am—Noon

BAPTISMS

Contact the Faith Formation
Office: 495-1886, 423

MARRIAGE

Engaged couples are asked to
contact the Parish Office
prior to selecting a wedding date
& at least 6 months in advance



30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.

- Mk 10:51-52

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday

9:30am - 4:00pm

Friday 9:30am-1:00pm

Parish Secretary:

secretary@ascensionvb.org

Social Ministry Office:

495-1886, 414

Kuyumba Halumo (We Walk Together)



Good News From Father Daniel...Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Our second readings this month have been from the Letter to the Hebrews. They portray Jesus in his role as High Priest, offering sacrifices to God on behalf of the people. Jesus recalls to the Father that his life and death were for the sins of others. The resurrection was God's response.

Jesus reflected the love of the Father where ever he went. In the gospel, Bartimaeus, a blind man, keeps calling out to Jesus who then asks him what he wants. Lord, he says, *I want to see*. The scripture says, *Immediately, he received his sight*. Not later; Not after he made a statement of repentance; Not after he made a statement of faith. He received his sight immediately. This is important to remember. The love of Jesus is available to us without condition.

Jesus loves us no matter what. Even in our darkness, challenges and worries, whether we like him or not, Jesus loves us. It is never too late to experience God's mercy. I had a seminarian friend who left and became an atheist. He married, had children and worked for the government. When he was dying however, he called for a priest and told him that being without God had not worked for him. He had searched for answers that were not there. He wanted to return to the beliefs he once knew. He recited the creed and a week later, he died. God can make a difference in your life at any time. Continue to pray for others.

*The first form of witness is the very life of the missionary, of the Christian family
and of the ecclesial community, which reveal a new way of living.*

(From: Pope St John Paul II, *Redemptoriste Missio*, The Mission of the Redeemer, 1990, paragraph 42)

Prayer REQUESTS

Please inform the Parish Office of anyone who is sick or hospitalized. For ACUTE patients who are parishioners, and with the patient's permission, we announce their name at weekend Masses. 495-1886, ext. 410.

For those with chronic illness we keep in our prayers:

Tim, Thomas, Zelia Graham, Gerardo Quintos, Oliver Boyd, Jean Moorman, Lindy Moorman, Betty Reid, Paul Theirgardt, Cynthia Gray, Addison Poole, Gary Cunningham, Selma Stone, Nancy Tennien, Lucille Calvert, Virginia Stancil, Nate Hess, Rita Brawner, Thomas Renfro, Tim Freeman, Gaynell Willard, Jeanmarie & Samuel Delosky, Avery Hill, Susan Fouhy, Patty Merhej, Christine Data, Barbara Duesberry, Sue Dalton, Dee Catlin, Rudy Bojo, Armanda Roelle, Lita Sison, Tony Baniqued, Phyllis Hunt, Diane Esposito, Tim McGeein, Gene Hevey, Irene Agustin-Meyer, Pauline Dusek, Susan Roberts, Rachel Olcheski-Doboga, Karen Harmeyer, Bob Wiese, Bernadette Lenahan, Steve Pfeiffer

Keep in touch with Charlie and Graham after they return to Seminary.

Charlie Tamayo:

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(note that Graham's email begins with j, not g)



Both receive mail at this address:
Saint John Paul II Seminary
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FINANCIAL NEWS Week 16

	\$	21,650.00
Weekly Budget	\$	25,818.05
Actual Collection	\$	4,168.05
Over (under) Weekly Budget	\$	343,650.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted	\$	299,759.98
Year-to-Date Actual	\$	(43,890.02)
Over or (Under) Yearly Budget		
	\$	861.00
Capital improvement collection	\$	673.08
Capital Improvement wkly budget	\$	10,769.23
Year-to-Date Budgeted.....	\$	8,214.00
Year-to-Date Actual.....	\$	(2,555.23)

Liturgy & Formation



November 1 Solemnity of All Saints
All Saints falls on a Monday, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation,
therefore no Mass is offered.

November 2 Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed
9:15AM Mass

Names of parishioners who have died since November 2, 2020
will be said and a procession into the Columbarium following Mass.

October 26-31



Tues. 9:15am **Jose Joel Oliva †**

Sat. 5:30pm **Gary Voelker †**

Mike Bromley †

Sun. 8:15am **Kathleen Shearen †**

Sun. 10:30am **Tossie Shaw †**

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy is resuming
November 7 at the 8:15 am
and 10:30 am liturgies!
Children who are 4 years old
through 2nd grade are invited
up to be dismissed and hear the Liturgy of the
Word at their level. While we have enough
volunteers to resume this awesome ministry
we are operating at a bare minimum of helpers.
We could use more help!



Please contact:

Janet Jones jonesj@ascensionvb.org
or

757-495-1886 x423.



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Fall Offerings

Habits of Holiness:

Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress:

We are all called to holiness! However, the ideal of
holiness can seem impossible as we find ourselves
busier and more distracted in our increasingly
complicated world.

You are invited on this 9 week adventure as we
explore the topics in **Habits of Holiness:**

Small Steps for Making Big Spiritual Progress

by Father Mark-Mary Ames, CFR.

We will meet weekly via Zoom
starting October 25 at 7pm

*You do not need to read the book
to join in the discussion.*

To register contact: Bridgett Passauer,
passauerb@ascensionvb.org;
757-495-1886 Ext. 411

Mass is being live streamed for use on digital media accounts, including but not limited to Church of the Ascension website and social media platforms. Photography and/or screenshot images from the livestream may be used in The Catholic Virginian print edition. If you do not wish to be captured by live streaming, please refrain from attending streamed Masses. Photography and/or video captured at parish events and activities may be used for promotional purposes in print and digital media, including but not limited to the parish website, bulletin, social media, and email distribution. If you do not wish to be photographed, please inform the event coordinator prior to the event.

Church Events



ASCENSION PARISH CELEBRATES 50 YEARS!

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Join us over the next 8 months of events,
remembrance and Joy for being together.

Celebrating 50 Saints for All Saint's Day
Halloween is on a Sunday this year. What better way to
celebrate the Solemnity of Saints by having a
special Mass on the "eve" of a "hallow" Feast Day?



The 10:30am Mass on Sunday, October 31st will be a Children's Mass. All children, teens (and even adults!) are invited to dress up as their favorite Saint. There will be a brief celebration directly after Mass in the Picnic Pavilion with fun activities and candy for the kids and their families. More information including costume ideas can be found on the church's website 50th Anniversary page.



Church of the Ascension Christmas Bazaar:

November 6 & 7

Saturday, 9:00am—3:00pm;

Sunday, 9:00am—2:00pm



After taking a year break, thanks to the courtesy of the pandemic Ascension's Christmas Bazaar is back - although it will be slightly different.

There will be fewer crafters for more distancing and NO Bake Sale or Toys and Treasures section this year. We have 35 Crafters/Vendors and our Rainbows are selling wonderful products. The kitchen will be open selling hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches and Chicken Satay. Please come and support this event and find the perfect gift for that special someone for Christmas!

LOCAL NEWS—

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BAZAAR, sponsored by the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, will be on Saturday, Nov. 20, from 9 am – 2 pm in the St. Gregory the Great School gym. Depending on the status of COVID at that time, we may have to limit the number of crafters due to spacing/social distancing. For more info or to rent a table, contact Sue at the Church Office at 497-8330 or Sue@StGregorysVA.org



Social Ministry Outreach

Food Pantry: Open Monday — Friday, 10am — Noon

Enter through the sliding doors under the blue awning IN THE BACK PARKING LOT OF THE CHURCH GROUNDS.



Ascension is an equal opportunity provider

October has been a busy month for the food pantry and our shelves are in need of several items. Thank you all for your generosity in helping us to continue to feed the hungry.

The food pantry needs this week include: CEREAL, DRIED POTATOES, PASTA and SPAGHETTI SAUCE.

The food pantry is always in need of BROWN GROCERY BAGS and PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS. They are used daily in the Food Pantry and also a large quantity is needed for the Holiday Foods and Beach Bags programs. Please place your clean, dry bags in the shopping carts in the Commons or drop them off at Social Ministry. Thank you!

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING: DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

The theme for October is Respect Life.

This year during Respect Life month we focus on St. Joseph, defender of life. His unhesitating adherence to God's will as he faithfully and lovingly protected the Christ Child and the Blessed Mother bears witness to our own call as Christians.

We pray that during this Respect Life month our resolve will be strengthened to cherish and protect the gift of every human life.



SOCIAL MINISTRY OUTREACH:

PIN (People in Need) Ministry is located near the oceanfront to serve the homeless of Virginia Beach. Ascension has a relationship with PIN through the annual Winter Shelter program.

PIN exists to provide food, clothing, shelter, and free medical care for people who are either homeless or extremely poor. The ultimate focus of the ministry is to help the homeless of Hampton Roads transform their lives by meeting them where they are and sharing a God that loves them and wants relationship with them.

PIN has established Four Pillars for People in Need to help lift up and support those in our community. The pillars ultimately stand on a solid Christ Foundation. These pillars are Medical Outreach, Recovery Support, Job Training and Housing. If interested in learning more about this worthwhile organization or to get involved.

Visit [https:// www.pinministry.org/](https://www.pinministry.org/)

A Note of Thanks from NORFOLK CATHOLIC WORKER

*Dear friends at Ascension Social Ministry,
Thank you and the parish so much for your kind gift to the Norfolk Catholic Worker. During the pandemic, our hospitality house has been home to four people with no place else to live, and our soup line has continued serving people living on the street or earning enough money to afford a place to live but not food to eat. We've also been helping to feed people the city of Norfolk has put up in hotels, meeting asylum seekers at the bus station with food, and bringing ice cold Gatorade and snacks to people outside during the 100-degree days. Thank you for helping us welcome the stranger, feed the hungry, and be a voice for justice and peace for God's people.*

*Ascension's Sandwich Ministry supports
Norfolk Catholic Worker.*

SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

I will gather them from the ends of the world,
with the blind and the lame in their midst. (Jer 31:8)

PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled
with joy. (Ps 126)

SECOND READING:

No one takes this honor upon himself
but only when called by God,
just as Aaron was. (Heb 5:4)

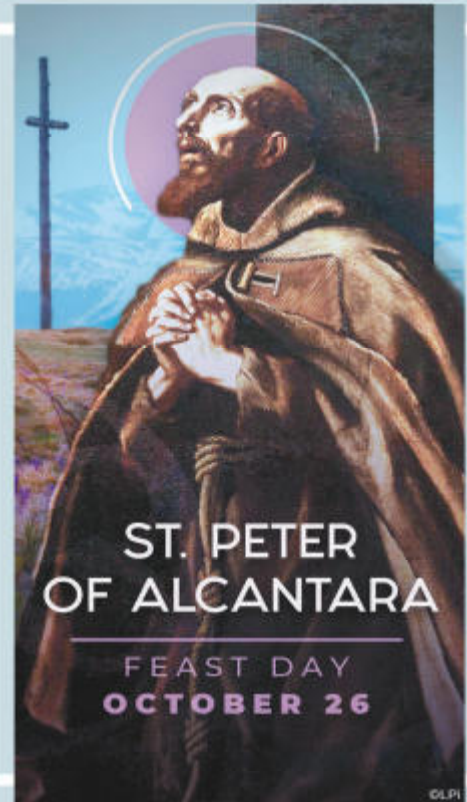
GOSPEL:

The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see."
Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you."
(Mk 10:46-52)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 24, 2021

Sunday: 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Mission Sunday
Thursday: Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time; Priesthood Sunday;
All Hallows' Eve



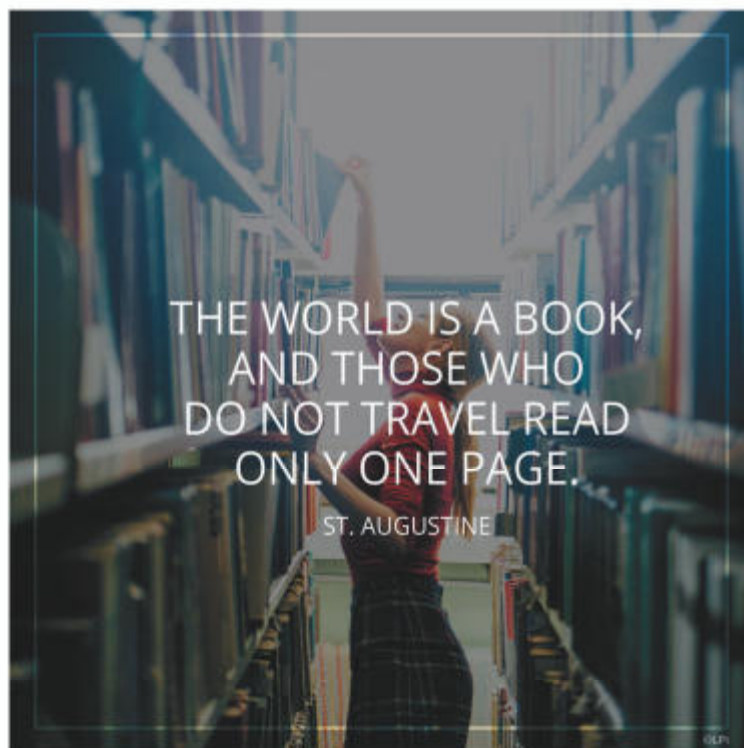
Saint of the Week

St. Peter of Alcantara was born in Alcantara, Spain in 1499. His father was the Governor of the province and his mother came from a noble family. He was privately tutored and attended the University of Salamanca. After he returned home from university, he was accepted as a Franciscan Friar of the Stricter Observance in 1515. He was ordained as a priest in 1524 and in 1525 he became Guardian of the friary of St. Mary of the Angels.

Throughout his life, St. Peter of Alcantara took up his spiritual cross and preached with great success to the poor, but also spend much of his time in solitude. From 1553 to early 1555, he spent this time alone in meditation and prayer. Soon following, St. Peter made a pilgrimage to Rome, barefoot the entire way. While in Rome he obtained permission from Pope Julius III to establish friaries.

St. Peter was known for frequently experiencing ecstasy, a state where he was entirely consumed with the warmth and light of the Holy Spirit. These euphoric moments were common during his prayer and meditation.

When he was near death, St. Peter took to his knees and prayed. When he was offered water, he refused it, saying, "Even my Lord Jesus Christ thirsted on the Cross." He died while in prayer on October 18, 1562. On April 18, 1622, he was declared blessed by Pope Gregory XV and later canonized by Pope Clement IX on April 28, 1669.



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New Evangelization

Ascension Men's Group Start Up

November 6 at 7:00am

Rise and Shine Men of Ascension! Ascension will offer a weekly meeting for men, over the age of 18, hosted by Deacon Jim, 353-7328. The gathering will open and close with prayer for the purpose of talking about faith and life. There will be no specific agenda and discussion will be driven by those who are present. We meet in the Conference Room at 7:00 a.m. and end promptly at 8:00 a.m.

The New Evangelization Team (NET) is looking for new membership. The purpose of the NET is to "advocate for evangelization at all levels of parish activity." We are presently considering how our evangelization efforts will work within the parish renewal for Missionary Discipleship. If evangelization is a topic that interests you and you would like to help, please "come and see" what we do or contact Deacon Jim: 757-353-7328. The team meets at 7:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Next meeting November 3 at 7pm in Mary's Corner.

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