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MASS INTENTIONS

Nov 13
8:00 am Caroline Nwoye +
5:30 pm Ronnie Crawford +

Nov 14
8:00 am Reese Weber +
11:00 am Timothy McCarthy +
5:00 pm Christian Cozens+

Nov 15
8:00 am Stephanie Gemmell +

Nov 16
8:00 am Marguerite Hock+

Nov 17
8:00 am Monsignor Muench

Nov 18
8:00 am Special Intention

Nov 19
8:00 am Byrd Farmer+

Nov 20
8:00 am Mary Browne +
5:30 pm Don Byrne +

Nov 21
8:00 am The People of the Parish
11:00 am Nella & Jim Dischinger+
5:00 pm Noelle & Phillip Loving +

PRAYER LIST

Names in bold are new to the list. Those with the + are deceased.
To add a name to the list email parishmail@saintbridgetchurch.org

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FEAST DAYS

Nov 15 - Saint Albert the Great A German Dominican, he wrote a compendium of all knowledge: natural science, logic, rhetoric, mathematics, astronomy, ethics, economics, politics, and metaphysics. He is a patron of philosophers and scientists.

Nov 16 - Saint Margaret of Scotland Freedom to love God and serve others, she met King Malcolm and helped him to become a virtuous king. During times of Lent, she was always surrounded by beggars in public and never refused them. It is recorded that she never sat down to eat without first feeding nine orphans and 24 adults.

Nov 17 - Saint Elizabeth of Hungary She manifested such great love for the poor and suffering that she became the patroness of Catholic charities and of the Secular Franciscan Order. In 1228, Elizabeth joined the Secular Franciscan Order, spending the remaining few years of her life caring for the poor in a hospital which she founded in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi.

Nov 18 - Dedication of Churches of Saint Peter and Paul St. Peter's is probably the most famous church in Christendom. Massive in scale and a veritable museum of art and architecture, it began on a much humbler scale. Vatican Hill was a simple cemetery where believers gathered at Saint Peter's tomb to pray. St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls stands near the Abaazia delle Tre Fontane, where Saint Paul is believed to have been beheaded. The largest church in Rome until St. Peter's was rebuilt, the basilica also rises over the traditional site of its namesake's grave.

Nov 19 - Saint Agnes of Assisi devotion to prayer and willingness to endure the strict penance, established Italian monasteries.

Nov. 21 - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mary's presentation was celebrated in Jerusalem in the sixth century. Though it cannot be proven historically, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK *by Dan Harms*

This week I caught up with a member of our Divine Mercy prayer group who had just returned from a walk through the cemetery.

With a Mother Teresa-like joy, she told me how the group prayed their way through Mount Calvary, visiting the graves of family and friends and praying for all the people buried there. What a beautiful ministry in this month of intercession for souls!

Why pray for souls? Purgatory is the spiritual "place" where we our spiritual flaws are cleansed so (as we hear in Revelation) we can enter into heaven in a state of perfection. Just as we pray for the living, we pray for those in purgatory awaiting heaven.

Our challenge this week is to joyfully pray for the souls in purgatory.

While we mourn the loss of our family and friends, we rejoice because we are confident in God's love and the eternal joy of being with the Father in heaven. Purgatory is temporary, heaven is eternal!

Our Divine Mercy prayer group meets Friday mornings if you'd like to join them!

MASS READINGS & SYNOPSIS

First Reading
Daniel 12:1-3
Daniel prophesies about the judgment of the last days.

Responsorial Psalm
Psalm 16:5,8,9-10,11
God protects us and shows us the path of life.

Second Reading
Hebrews 10:11-14,18
Jesus' offering for sin has made all to be consecrated perfect forever.

Gospel Reading
Mark 13:24-32

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday	1 Mc 1: 10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-23
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31, Lk 19: 1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7: 1, 20-31, Lk 19: 11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2: 15-22, Lk 19: 41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4: 36-37, 52-59, Lk 19: 45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6: 1-13, Lk 20: 27-40

Background on the Gospel Reading

This is the second to last Sunday of our liturgical year. As we approach the end of the Church year, our Gospel invites us to consider Jesus' predictions and teaching about the end of the world. In the context of Mark's Gospel, Jesus' words about this are spoken to his disciples as he prepares them for his passion and death.

Before we consider Jesus' words, it is important to note the political backdrop against which many think Mark's Gospel was written. Most scholars concur that Mark wrote his Gospel for Christians living in or near Rome about 30 to 40 years after the death of Jesus. This was a time of political turmoil in Rome. Some Christians experienced persecution by the Romans during the reign of the emperor Nero (about 64 A.D.). Jewish revolutionaries rebelled against the Romans, which led the Romans to destroy the Temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D. In this time of political turmoil and persecution, many in Mark's community might have wondered if the end times predicted by Jesus were in fact quite near.

Last Sunday we heard Jesus' observation about the contributions being made to the temple treasury and the example of sacrificial giving that he saw in the poor widow's offering. If we had been reading Mark's Gospel continuously, we would have heard Jesus predict the destruction of the Temple, his teaching about the costs of discipleship, and the woes that will accompany the end times. Finally, we would have heard Jesus instruct his disciples about the need for watchfulness so that they will not be caught unprepared for this final day of judgment.

In today's Gospel, Jesus continues this teaching by offering his disciples signs to look for that will indicate that the coming of the Son of Man is near. His words and images draw upon Old Testament imagery, especially images found in the Book of Daniel. Next, Jesus offers the lesson of the fig tree, a parable that teaches that if one knows how to read the signs, one can be prepared for the end times. Jesus also teaches, however, that no one knows when the end time will come, except the Father. In the verses that follow this reading in Mark's Gospel, Jesus continues to warn his disciples to be on watch for this end time.

Jesus' words are not spoken to frighten his disciples, nor should they frighten us. Rather, they are offered to prepare us for the changes we will experience during our lifetimes and at the end times. Our consolation and hope is found in the lasting nature of Jesus' words and God's never-ending love for us.

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PARISH NEWS

Our New Mass Schedule goes into effect November 28th with Sunday Mornings at 7:30, 9, and 11. See the website for times and full details/masking information.

Adoration & Confession Extension
Tuesday Adoration and Confession will be extended by 30 minutes starting the first Tuesday of Advent. Adoration and Confessions will now be available from 5:30 to 7pm.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

November
14th: Saint Francis Home
21st: Saint Vincent de Paul

December
5th: For the Needy of the Area
8th: Immaculate Conception
11th: Haiti Ministries
25th: Catholic Charities Appeal

Community Events & Service

Saints & Sinners November 17th at Noon. Our Seniors are invited to enjoy a "Priests and Pies" lunch and presentation from Fr. Ken! $5 donation requested.

Blood Drive in MPH
November 14th in the Morning. See our website to make an appointment.

Men's Study: Into the Breach
Meeting November 18th at 7p.m. over Zoom. See the website for details on this hour long video discussion by the KofC.

Christmas Sharing
Adoptions begin this week! To buy gifts for a person or family in need visit saintbridgetchurch.org Drop off day is Dec. 18th. Get involved, Adopt, or Donate now at saintbrdigetchurch.org.

Santa Pancake Breakfast
Dec. 4th 8:30-11:30am free breakfast in Cafeteria with Santa, advent crafts and family activities.

Ornament & Card Sales available online and in the Commons after Masses this weekend through Knights of Columbus.

Mom's Ministry Social Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. Supporting the vocation of motherhood at all stages - kids, teens, an empty nest, godchildren, grandbabies, step-children, beloved students, or any other!

Tour the Holy Land Video Nov 18, 9 a.m. presentation by Christians who live there. More info online.

St. Vincent - Donut Fundraiser After Masses Nov 20/21 your purchase will help us serve those in need.

SCHOOL NEWS

Admissions Portal is Open
Now Open. Preferred admissions status will be given to parishioners, so if you are considering applying, don't delay! Contact Allyson McTaggart, amctaggart@saintbridget.org.

Giving Tuesday - Nov. 30th
Saint Bridget Catholic School will be participating in the #IGiveCatholic campaign. Be a part of the celebration by giving to your favorite nonprofit, Saint Bridget School! Early giving begins on November 15. Visit saintbridget.org Thank you for your support!

Passing the Baton: Fr. Shuping reads the Gospel at the Mass installing him as Pastor, Monsignor Carr looks on.

Join us for Our Parish Advent Mission

Rejoice! Finding Your Place in the Advent Story

Nov 21st Kick Off

Looking to be transformed this Advent season? Connect to your family and your faith in a whole new way as you prepare for the coming of our Savior this Christmas. Join our whole parish family on a journey through Advent with the Holy Family as we prepare our hearts and minds in a profound way for the birth of Jesus.

Parish Pot Luck

November 21st

The Potluck Dinner will be held after the 5:00PM mass on Sunday, November 21st. This kicks off the Advent Mission, but people can attend the dinner even if they can't do the study.

Advent Study

Nov 21st - Christmas

Weekly Videos and Daily Journals, the Advent Study includes a beautiful Journal at no cost thanks to the generous donation of one of our parish community members.

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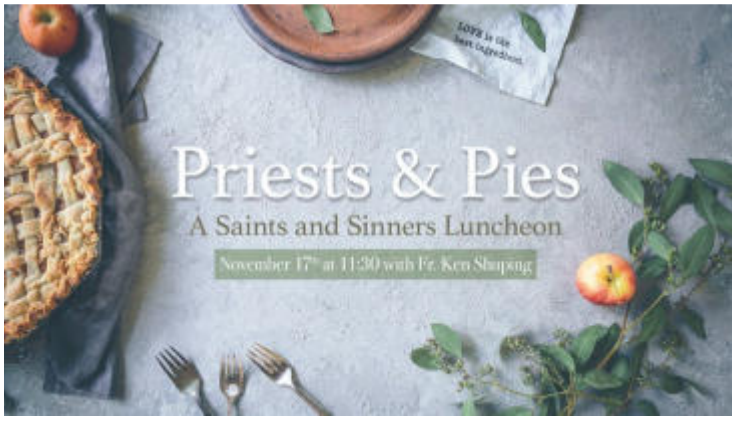

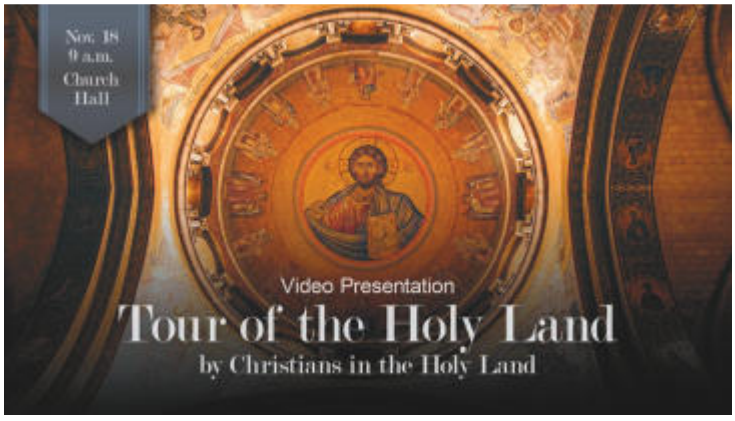

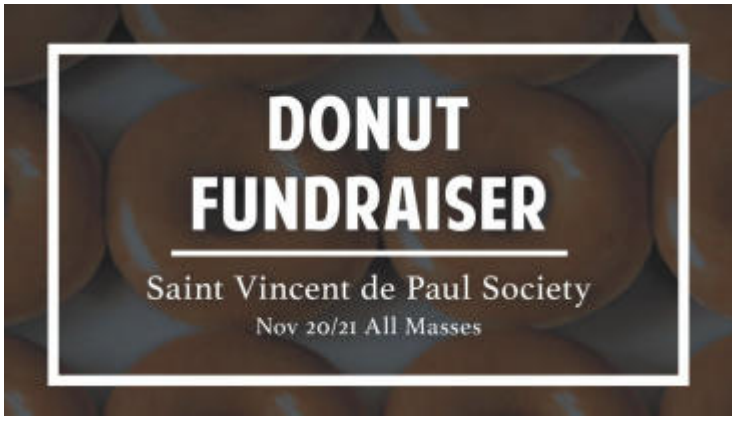

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RCIA AND SACRAMENTS FOR ADULTS

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Catholic faith inquiries and those seeking to join the Catholic Church are welcome! Contact Mary Rebecca Pugsley, mpugsley@saintbridgetchurch.org

INFANT BAPTISM

Parents attend a preparation session prior to scheduling a baptism. Contact Julie Koury, Pastoral Assistant, jkoury@saintbridgetchurch.org (804) 525-7890.

MARRIAGE

Couples should contact Vicki Gazzola, (804) 282-9511, at least six months prior to scheduling a wedding.

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"She Saved My Life"

Glen Allen resident Joan S. had been suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy. "My feet and legs were so painful and my doctor told me there was nothing they could do. That I would have to take Gabapentin for the rest of my life." Then she met Richmond's very own Vicky Lee, L.Ac.

Peripheral Neuropathy is the pain, discomfort and numbness caused by nerve damage of the peripheral nervous system. Joan explained that daily tasks like opening doors and using the bathroom were overwhelmingly painful. "How can you live for the next 20 years when you don't even want to get out of bed to do simple things?"

She was experiencing the burning, numbness, tingling and sharp pains that those suffering with neuropathy often describe. "The way that I would describe it, it's equivalent to walking on glass." Joan hadn't worn socks in five years and was wearing shoes two sizes too big so that nothing would 'touch' her feet.

Unfortunately Joan's story is all too familiar for the over 3 million people in the U.S. suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy

If you're unfortunate enough to be facing the same disheartening prognosis you're not sleeping at night because of the burning in your feet. You have difficulty walking, shopping or doing any activity for more than 30 minutes because of the pain. You're struggling with balance and living in fear that you might fall. Your doctor told you to "just live with the pain" and you're taking medications that aren't working or have uncomfortable side effects.

Fortunately, six months ago Joan heard about Ms. Lee and the work she was doing to treat those suffering from Peripheral Neuropathy – without invasive surgeries or medications

Vicky Lee, L.Ac., founder of RVA Acupuncture, is using the time tested science of Acupuncture and a technology originally developed by NASA that assists in increasing blood flow and expediting recovery and healing to treat this debilitating disease.

"Now when I go to bed at night I don't have those shooting pains. I don't have that burning sensation." Joan enthusiastically describes life after receiving Ms. Lee's treatments, "I'm wearing socks and real shoes again! I'm back to walking 3, 4 miles!"

"It's life changing. As far as I'm concerned Dr. Lee saved my life!"

Ms. Lee has been helping the senior community for over 7 years using cutting edge, innovative integrative medicine. Specializing in chronic pain cases, specifically those that have been deemed "hopeless" or "untreatable", she consistently generates unparalleled results.

Acupuncturist Vicky is only accepting 15 new neuropathy patients until the end of the year (limited for everyone's safety). To determine whether or not you are a good candidate for her personalized and comprehensive treatments an initial consultation is required. Call (804) 200-4054 today to schedule yours!

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