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October 27, 2019

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Mon – Thurs, Sat: 9:00 am

Communion Svc:

Fri: 9:00 am

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Sat: 3:00 pm – 4:15 pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Mon. – Fri. 9:45 am – 12 noon

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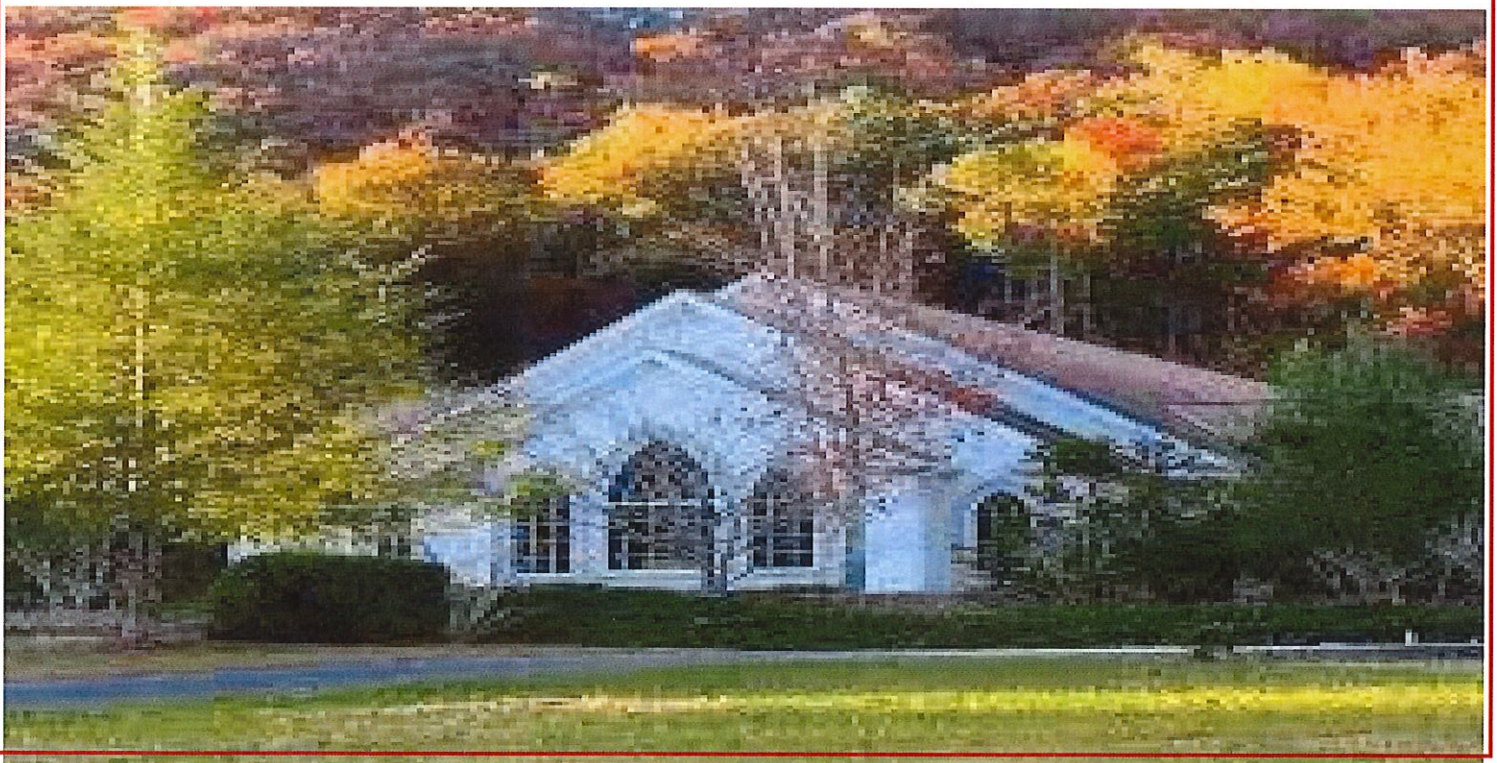
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PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our priests to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your Kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

WEEKLY CALENDAR Oct 27th – Nov 2nd

Sunday

9:45 am	Catechism	Lwr Marian Hall
9:45 am	Bible Chat	Room 11
5:00 pm	Youth Group	Marion Hall

Monday

10:00 am	Ephesians Bible Study	Conference Rm
7:00 pm	Ephesians Bible Study	Conference Rm

Tuesday

No Activities

Wednesday

10:00 am	Prayer Group	Room 11
4:00 pm	Choir	Church
5:00 pm	All Saints Party	Marian Hall
6:00 pm	Young Adults	Room 6
7:00 pm	Spanish Prayer Grp.	Church

Thursday

10:00 am	Divine Mercy Cenacle	Room 6
2:00 pm	Koffee Klatch	Room 11
6:00 pm	English Mass	Church *
7:30 pm	Spanish Mass	Church *

Friday

9:00 am	Mass – Holy Day of Obligation *	
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Saturday

9:00 am	Life in the Spirit	Conference Rm
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* - Subject to change. See future Flocknote for schedule

Offertory October 19th – October 20th

First Collection	\$ 6,652.00
Online Giving:	\$ 2,480.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,062.00 - World Missions

Readings: The Week of Oct 27– Nov 2nd

Sunday

SIR 35:12-14, 16-18 2TM:6-8, 16-18 LK 18:9-14

Monday - Sts. Simon & Jude

EPH 2:19-22 LK 6:12-16

Tuesday

ROM 8:18-25 LK 13:18-21

Wednesday

ROM 8:26-30 LK 13:22-30

Thursday

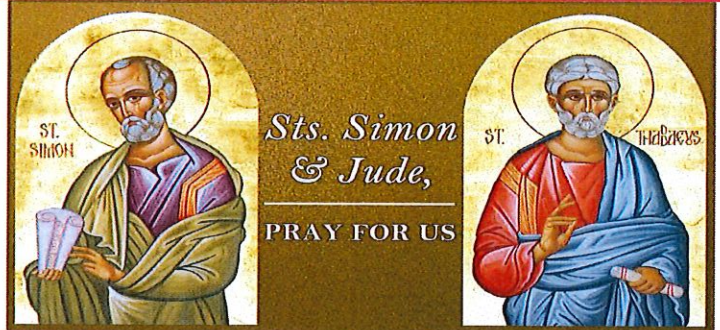
ROM 8:31B - 39 LK 13:31-35

Friday – All Saints

RV 7:2-4,9-14 MT 5:1-12A

Saturday – All Souls Day

WIS 3:1-9 JN 6:37-40



Prayer Requests

Ralph Conti	Mary Pierson
David Drake	Fr. Gary Burkhart
Chris Seager	Barbara Lewis
Bruce & Stephanie Miller	Elizabeth Smith
Ken Voss	Jeanine Visage
Madilyne Kooper	Jean Hiler, ofs
Pat Smith	Roseanne Denchy
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Buddy Mawyer	William McConnell
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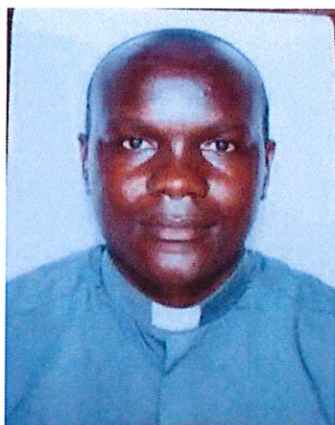
Prayer for Healing

Almighty and merciful Father, by the power of your command, drive away from them all forms of sickness and disease. Restore strength to their bodies and joy to their spirit, so that in their renewed health, they may bless and serve you, now and forevermore.

Fr. John Kennedy Kinsambwe

Visiting Priest from Uganda

Nov. 19-Nov. 30, 2019



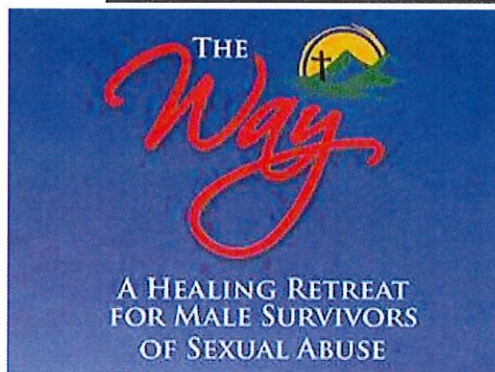
Fr. John Kennedy Kinsambwe, pastor of Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church, Narozali, Uganda will be priest in residence at St. Francis of Assisi Church from Nov. 19, 2019-Nov. 30, 2019.

Fr. Kennedy has worked with parishioner, Stephen Smith, in Uganda with TO

THE NATIONS ministry. A priest friend of Fr. Martin who visited St. Francis in June, Fr. Kennedy will be offering weekend and daily Masses, offering the sacrament of Reconciliation and participating in the parish life of St. Francis of Assisi.

In addition, Fr. Kennedy and Stephen Smith, founder of TO THE NATIONS will be giving a two-night Parish Mission on Nov. 21-22. The theme is "Mission," with the first night entitled "Laborers in the Vineyard" and the second night "Practice What You Preach."

THE WAY FOR MEN



The Way for Men is a 3-day retreat for adult male survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim

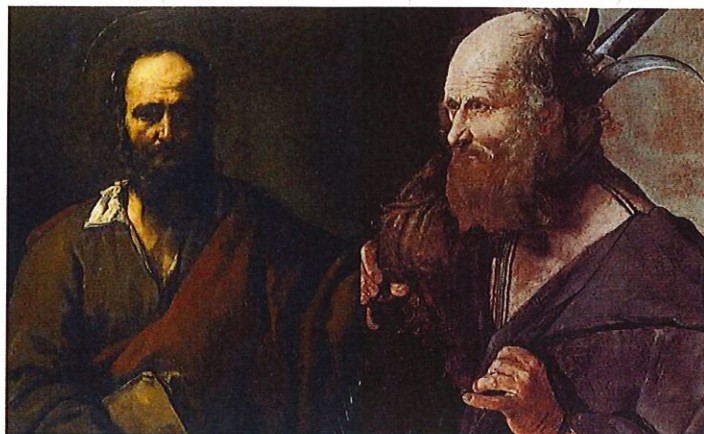
Assistance Program. It will be November 22-24, 2019 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hochston, GA. **The registration deadline is November 12, 2019.** Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7550 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.

PLEASE NOTE..

At this time, the 9 am Saturday morning Mass and/or Communion Service will be suspended until

further notice.

Sts. Simon and Jude – Oct. 28



However meagre in details is the history of these glorious apostles, we learn from their brief legend how amply they contributed to this great work of generating sons of God.

Without any repose, and even to the shedding of their blood, they "edified the body of Christ"; and the grateful Church thus prays to our Lord: "O God, through the work of the apostles you have spoken your Word of love, your Son, into our world's deafness. Open our ears to hear; open our hearts to heed; open our will to obey, that we may proclaim the good news with our lives."

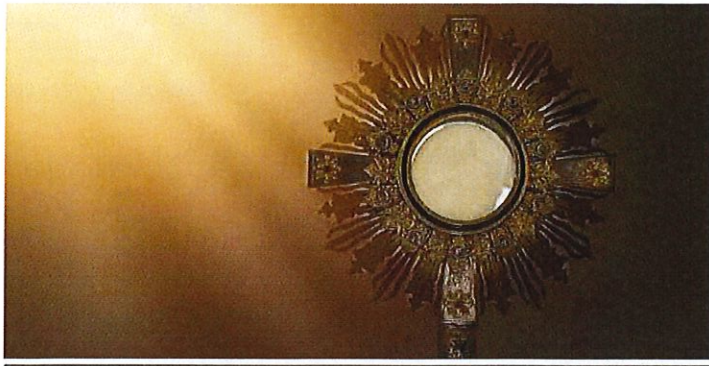
St. Simon is represented in art with a saw, the instrument of his martyrdom.

St. Jude's square points him out as an architect of the house of God. St. Paul called himself by this name; and St. Jude, by his Catholic Epistle, has also a special right to be reckoned among our Lord's principal workmen. But our apostle had another nobility, far surpassing all earthly titles: being nephew, by his father Cleophas or Alpheus, to St. Joseph, and legal cousin to the Man-God, Jude was one of those called by their compatriots as brother to Jesus. We may gather from St. John's Gospel another precious detail concerning him. In the admirable discourse at the close of the last Supper, our Lord said: "He that loveth Me, shall be loved of My Father: and I will love him and will manifest Myself to him." Then Jude asked Him: "Lord, how is it, that Thou wilt manifest Thyself to us, and not to the world?" And he received from Jesus this reply: "If any one love Me, he will keep My word, and My Father will love him, and We will come to him, and will make Our abode with him. He that loveth Me not keepeth not My word. And the word which you have heard is not Mine, but the Father's who sent Me."

St. Jude is the Patron of: Desperate situations; forgotten causes; hospital workers; hospitals; impossible causes; lost causes; diocese of Saint Petersburg, Florida.

St. Simon is the Patron of: Curriers; sawmen; sawyers; tanners.

Eucharistic Adoration



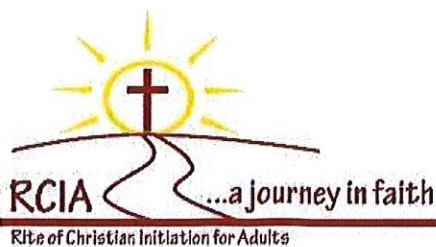
At this time of transition in our parish, as people wonder "What can I do?" perhaps the best answer is to spend an hour in prayer before The Blessed Sacrament, praying for Fr. Jaime, for all priests, and especially for the next priest who will become our shepherd, to lead the sheep of St. Francis of Assisi.

***Eucharistic Adoration
Daily, from 9:30 am- 12 Noon***

The Annual Memorial Mass



..... to pray for deceased bishops, priests and deacons who once served in our archdiocese will be celebrated by Bishop Joel M. Konzen, S.M. at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, November 4, at Arlington Memorial Park (201 Mount Vernon Highway, Atlanta, Georgia 30328). Please consider attending and praying for the souls of our deceased clergy.



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Vocations to the Priesthood


As Pope John Paul II said, "The responsibility for the seminary belongs to the entire Christian community". We are blessed in this Archdiocese with over 46 men who are responding to a call for priestly service to the people of God in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Though this generous gift of God is a blessing for this Archdiocese, it does pose a challenge to us. These men need both our financial support and our prayers. Please provide a sound future for the seminarians here in the Archdiocese of Atlanta by giving generously to the Archdiocesan Seminarians' Collection next weekend.

November 2-3, 2019
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Please be Generous!
Discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life?
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ALLHALLOWTIDE

The three days of All Hallows' Eve, All Hallows' Day, and All Souls' Day are collectively referred to as Allhallowtide and are a time for honouring the saints and praying for all recently departed souls.

The term hallow means "holy" – you may recall reciting it in the Lord's Prayer, "Our Father who art in heaven, **hallowed** be thy name" (Mt 6:9).

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No Favorites: Scott Hahn Reflects on the Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: [Sirach 35:12–18](#), [Psalm 34:2–3, 17–19](#), [23](#)
[2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18](#) [Luke 18:9–14](#)

Jesus draws a blunt picture in today's Gospel. The Pharisee's prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms (see for example Psalms 30, 118). Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail.

The tax collector stands at a distance, too ashamed even to raise his eyes to God (see [Ezra 9:6](#)). He prays with a humble and contrite heart (see [Psalm 51:19](#)). He knows that before God no one is righteous, no one has cause to boast (see [Roman 3:10; 4:2](#)).

We see in the Liturgy today one of Scripture's abiding themes—that God "knows no favorites," as today's First Reading tells us (see [2 Chronicles 19:7](#); [Acts 10:34–35](#); [Romans 2:11](#)).

God cannot be bribed (see [Deuteronomy 10:17](#)). We cannot curry favor with Him or impress Him—even with our good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting.

If we try to exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low (see [Luke 1:52](#)).

This should be a warning to us not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we're better than others, that we're "not like the rest of sinful humanity."

If we clothe ourselves with humility (see [1 Peter 5:5–6](#))—recognize that all of us are sinners in need of His mercy—we will be exalted (see [Proverbs 29:33](#)).

The prayer of the lowly, the humble, pierces the clouds. Paul testifies to this in today's Epistle, as he thanks the Lord for giving him strength during his imprisonment.

Paul tells us what the Psalmist sings today—that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants. We too must serve Him willingly. And He will hear us in our distress, deliver us from evil, and bring us safely to His heavenly kingdom.

MEDITACION



Jesús dibuja una imagen contundente en el Evangelio de hoy. La oración del fariseo es casi una parodia de los salmos de acción de gracias (ver, por ejemplo, Salmos 30, 118). En lugar de alabar a Dios por sus poderosas obras, el

fariseo se felicita por sus propios actos, que presenta a Dios con cierto detalle.

El recaudador de impuestos se encuentra a cierta distancia, demasiado avergonzado como para levantar los ojos hacia Dios (ver [Esdras 9: 6](#)). Ora con un corazón humilde y contrito (ver [Salmo 51:19](#)). Él sabe que ante Dios nadie es justo, nadie tiene motivos para jactarse (véase [Romanos 3:10; 4: 2](#)).

Vemos hoy en la Liturgia uno de los temas permanentes de las Escrituras: que Dios "no conoce favoritos", como nos dice la primera lectura de hoy (ver [2 Crónicas 19: 7](#); [Hechos 10: 34–35](#); [Romanos 2:11](#)). Dios no puede ser sobornado (ver [Deuteronomio 10:17](#)). No podemos congraciarse con Él ni impresionarlo, incluso con nuestras buenas obras o nuestra fiel observancia de los deberes religiosos como el diezmo y el ayuno.

Si tratamos de exaltarnos ante el Señor, como lo hace el fariseo, seremos humillados (ver [Lucas 1:52](#)). Esto debería ser una advertencia para no sentirnos orgullosos de nuestra piedad, no caer en la justicia propia de pensar que somos mejores que otros, que "no somos como el resto de la humanidad pecadora".

Si nos vestimos de humildad (véase [1 Pedro 5: 5–6](#))—reconocemos que todos somos pecadores que necesitamos Su misericordia— seremos exaltados (véase [Proverbios 29:33](#)).

La oración de los humildes, los humildes, atraviesa las nubes. Pablo testifica de esto en la Epístola de hoy, ya que agradece al Señor por darle fuerza durante su encarcelamiento.

Pablo nos dice lo que el salmista canta hoy: que el Señor redime la vida de sus humildes siervos. Nosotros también debemos servirle de buena gana. Y nos escuchará en nuestra angustia, nos librárá del mal y nos llevará a salvo a su reino celestial.

NOVEMBER 1st



All Saints Day is a solemn holy day of the Catholic Church celebrated annually on November 1. The day is dedicated to the saints of the Church, that is, all those who have attained heaven. It should not be confused with All Souls' Day, which is observed on November 2, and is dedicated to those who have died and not yet reached heaven.

Although millions, or even billions of people may already be saints, All Saints' Day observances tend to focus on known saints --that is those recognized in the canon of the saints by the Catholic Church.

All Saints' Day is also commemorated by members of the Eastern Orthodox Church as well as some protestant churches, such as Lutheran and Anglican churches.

Generally, All Saints' Day is a Catholic Holy Day of Obligation, meaning all Catholics are required to attend Mass on that day, unless they have an excellent excuse, such as serious illness.

All Saints' Day was formally started by Pope Boniface IV, who consecrated the Pantheon at Rome to the Virgin Mary and all the Martyrs on May 13 in 609 AD. Boniface IV also established All Souls' Day, which follows All Saints.

The choice of the day may have been intended to co-opt the pagan holiday "Feast of the Lamures," a day which pagans used to placate the restless spirits of the dead.

The holy day was eventually established on November 1 by Pope Gregory III in the mid-eighth century as a day dedicated to the saints and their relics. The May 13 celebration was subsequently abandoned.

NOVEMBER 2nd

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



All Souls Day is a holy day set aside for honoring the dead. The day is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, but it is also celebrated in the Eastern Orthodox Church and a few other denominations of Christianity. The Anglican church is the largest protestant church to celebrate the holy day.


According to Catholic belief, the soul of a person who dies can go to one of three places. The first is heaven, where a person who dies in a state of perfect grace and communion with God goes. The second is hell, where those who die in a state of mortal sin are naturally condemned by their choice. The intermediate option is purgatory, which is thought to be where most people, free of mortal sin, but still in a state of lesser (venial) sin, must go. Purgatory is necessary so that souls can be cleansed and perfected before they enter into heaven.

There is scriptural basis for this belief. The primary reference is in 2 Maccabees, 12:26 and 12:32. "Turning to supplication, they prayed that the sinful deed might be fully blotted out... Thus made atonement for the dead that they might be free from sin."

Additional references are found in Zechariah, Sirach, and the Gospel of Matthew. Jewish tradition also reinforces this belief as well as the tradition and teaching of the Church, which has been affirmed throughout history. Consistent with these teachings and traditions, Catholics believe that through the prayers of the faithful on Earth, the dead are cleansed of their sins so they may enter into heaven.

All Souls Day is celebrated in much of the western world on November 2. Other rites have their own celebrations. The Eastern Orthodox Church has several such days throughout the year, mostly on Saturdays. All Souls Day is not a holy day of obligation. It should not be confused with All Saints' Day, which is a holy day of obligation celebrated on November 1st.

November 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 9:45 Catechism 9:45 Bible Chat 5:00 Youth Group 8:00 Sp. Catechesis	4 10: Ephesians Study	5 10:00 DMJ 10:00 Book Club 10:00 Mom's Group 12:30 DMJ 2:00 Liturgy Comm'n	6 10 Prayer Group 6:00 Dinner Circles 6:00 Young Adult Dinner/Catechism 6:00 R.C.I.A. 7:00 Sp. Prayer Gp. & Adoration	7 2:00 Koffee Klatch 4:00 Choir 6:30 Men's Group	8 10:00 Sisters in Faith	9 8:00-1:00 SFO Vocations Weekend Adopt-A-Seminarian
10 Knights Breakfast 9:45 Catechism 9:45 Bible Chat 5:00 Youth Group 8:00 Sp. Catechesis	11 10: Ephesians Study	12 9:50 Weight on Lord	13 9 Dec'd Knights Mass 10:00 Prayer Group 6:00 R.C.I.A. 6:00 Young Adults 7:00 Sp. Prayer & Catechism.	14 10 SVdP Meeting 2:00 Koffee Klatch 4:00 Choir 6:00 Knights Meeting	15	16
17 9:45 Catechism 9:45 Bible Chat 5:00 Youth Group 8:00 Sp. Catechesis	18 10: Ephesians Study	19 10:00 Mom's Group 2:00 Women's Guild	20 10: Prayer Group 3:15 Singalong 6:00 R.C.I.A. 6-8 Suicide Depression 6:00 Young Adults 7:00 Sp. Prayer & Catechism.	21 9: Funeral Zorne Family 10 Holy Land Study 2:00 Koffee Klatch 4:00 Choir	22	23
24 9:45 Catechism 9:45 Bible Chat 5:00 Youth Group 8:00 Sp. Catechesis	25 10: Ephesians Study	26 9:50 Weight on Lord	27 10:00 Prayer Group 7:00 Sp. Prayer & Catechism	28 THANKSGIVING 	29	30



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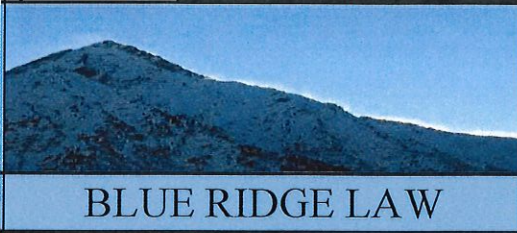
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