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Fr. John's Journal

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Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them!

Once again in earnest, we respond to the plaintive cries of our brothers and sisters detained in Purgatory in this month of November . We bring to them the greatest consolation of earth: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, the Rosary , and the Stations of the Cross. Every meditation on the Passion of Our Lord, and every act we offer in the Divine Will and fused to the Holy Cross of Jesus (His Sacrifice), brings healing, consolation and remission of punishment due to sin in the next life.

I cannot appeal to your charity enough on behalf of the Holy Souls! Blessed John Paul II calls this prayer the greatest charity on earth because we assist those who can no longer help themselves. The "poor souls" are members with us in the Mystical Body of Christ, the Church. They are the "Church Suffering" and most worthy of our prayers and sacrifices. They are also the most neglected members of the Church because they are out of sight. Their

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Ladies night!
Come pray with us!

3rd Thursday of the month!
7:30 P.M.



We gather and pray for all those in our families, those that come to the Fatima Chapel and those in the Confraternity of St. Michael.

The St. Michael Chaplet
The Rosary
The Divine Mercy Chaplet

November 17th, 7:30 P.M.
December 15th, 7:30 P.M.



" The chief plenary indulgence, which is within reach of everybody, and can be gained without the ordinary conditions, is that of charity--which 'covers a multitude of sins.' "
~ St. Therese of Lisieux ~



"Pray unceasingly. We must empty Purgatory." ~ St. Padre Pio ~



President's Corner
By: Leonard St. Pierre

I'm in a thankful mood as I write this article. Like many of you, I attempt to thank God daily for all the blessings he has given me. Come to think of it, if I really dedicated myself to being grateful I could literally spend my entire day in prayer saying THANK YOU.

As we approach Thanksgiving and Christmas my desire to thank God grows stronger and stronger. I'm hopeful that I'll be able to spend this season with an appreciative heart, one filled with awe for all He has done for me.

Come to Our Lady of Fatima Chapel in November and December and thank God with me. The chapel will have First Friday Mass at 7pm, and then all night adoration followed by 8am First Saturday Mass. There is no better way to thank God then to celebrate Mass with Father John Hedges. Now that's a true Thanksgiving meal!

I'm personally inviting those of you who have not been to the chapel in quite some time to come visit. A frequent guest at the chapel told me "I look at the Masses here at the chapel as my monthly pilgrimage and spiritual retreat." What better way to get ready of the birth of our Lord Jesus then to spend time with him. I'm praying I see some old familiar faces soon that I haven't seen in a while.....that would make me thankful!

Looking for a way to say thank you



to family, friends, co-workers and those you love? The St. Joseph bookstore is stocked with many beautiful gifts for you to purchase during this time of giving. Books, rosaries, statues, music, jewelry, movies and more. Don't see what you like? Ask Jane Lenart, our volunteer bookstore manager, (whom I'm so thankful for!) and she'll attempt to order it for you. All

proceeds go directly back to supporting the mission of The World Apostolate of Fatima right here at our chapel. Ladies, tell your husbands that Our Lady needs you to shop to support her mission!

I conclude by saying I'm thankful for all of you. Your prayers and support over the years have made an impact on my life. May God bless you and keep you. I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas!

As this newsletter was being put together, we tried to find something with the saints and about giving thanks or thanksgiving. Here are the search results:

"Saints to play Thanksgiving at Dallas"

"NFL needs to reimburse New Orleans Saints with thanksgiving"

"Dallas Cowboys vs. New Orleans-Thanksgiving game"

"Patron Saint of Thanksgiving?" Moses?

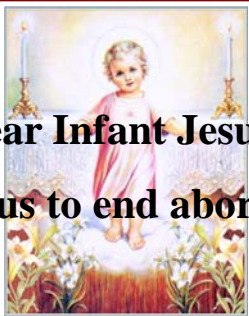
(He is not officially named but the Pilgrims looked to the story of Moses as they fled for freedom)

"The patron saint of football?" (St. Sebastian-athletes)

"Forecast: Saints on Thanksgiving"

Did God allow football to be developed so people will pray? Pray for "their" teams? Have you recited: "Glory be and the Saints be Praised!" during a game? Or asked Moses for a touchdown? How did the "Hail Mary" play come about? Football has always contributed to prayer. Just be careful that it's not for the money or the show, but use prayer to help you get home (to heaven!)

**Dear Infant Jesus,
Help us to end abortion!**



"Death and dying have always been a disturbing challenge to human beings. In founding the Pious Union of St. Joseph for the dying, Blessed Louis Guanella has inspired continuous prayers to help all people on the point of crossing the threshold of eternal life."

John Paul II, October 30, 2004



"O Good St. Joseph, foster father of Jesus Christ and true spouse of the Virgin Mary, pray for us and for the suffering and dying of today."

sufferings are not visible to us. We won't see them on the news or in the newspapers. We know of them through Divine Revelation and personal communications of the Lord and His Blessed Mother. At Fatima, Our Lady mentions their situation, and even speaks of a young girl, Amelia, who will be in Purgatory until the end of the world! Our Lady of Fatima also taught the three children the remedy for their suffering and captivity: prayer and sacrifice. She taught this power and efficacy of the holy rosary prayer every day with devotion to her Immaculate Heart. She also taught them to make sacrifices each day which they did by foregoing their midday meals and not slaking their thirst right away on hot days. They offered these sacrifices to Jesus through Mary with much love. They also offered that pleasing sacrifice called their daily duties in expiation for sin.

May the month of the Holy Souls be an occasion to render many acts of

charity and love for those being purified. Your charity in November will bring you to the Advent and Christmas Season with a greater capacity for divine love. December is the month of the Divine Infant Jesus Who came into this world to save us from our sins. He came as an infant to teach us the way of littleness, poverty and simplicity. Our Lady holds out for us her infant Son so that we may advance in holiness and grow in love; not a human love, but a divine love which is a pure gift from God! May the Infant Jesus and His Immaculate Mother bless you in the Christmas Season.

Fr. John



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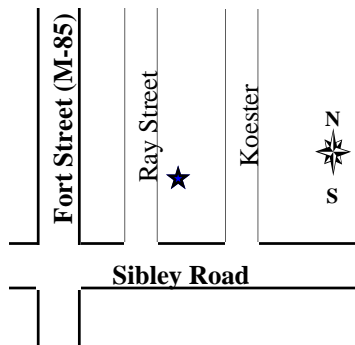
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Mass Schedule

November

November 4th, First Friday Mass 7:00 P.M.

followed by all-night Adoration

November 5th, First Saturday, 8:00 A.M.

December

December 2nd, First Friday, 7:00 P.M.

followed by all-night Adoration

December 3rd, First Saturday, 8:00 A.M.

Rosary and confessions begin 1/2 hour before Masses

St. Joseph Bookstore hours

Before and after all Masses

Wednesdays 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Saturdays 11:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.

Our bookstore is staffed by volunteers so feel free to call in advance to be sure someone is there to assist you. (734)281-1445. If you would like to help at the bookstore please call Jane Lenart at (734) 753-4718.

First Wednesday Devotion to St. Joseph

MOVING TO: St. Mary's, Rockwood

6:00 p.m. followed by Mass

Wednesday, November 2nd, 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday, December 7th, 6:00 P.M.

Our Lady's Rosary Makers

Wednesday, November 2nd and December 7th, 11:30-2:30

Virtus Men's Prayer Group

Virtus Men's Prayer Group has regular meetings:

9:00 AM-10:30 in the Chapel on 2nd and 4th Saturdays.

November 12th & 26th, December 10th (no meeting on the 24th)

St. Michael the Archangel Ladies night of prayer:

November 17th and December 15th, 7:30 P.M.

Fatima Family Apostolate

Final Sunday of each month 2:30-5p.m.

Rosary begins promptly at 3:00

Followed by a potluck (bring a dish to share!)

November 27th only! (no gathering on Christmas Day!)

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Pray the Rosary · Wear the Scapular

