

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
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CALENDAR ~ October 31-November 8, 2020

Sat 10/31	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Charles Hill, Sr. by Chuck & Janet Hill
Sun 11/1	9:00am	Mass for ROS Anil & Francis Athougies by Amideus & Monica Athougies
	11:30am	Mass for ROS the Quade Family by Nickolas Quade
	3:00pm	Mass for the Parish
	7:30pm	AA Meeting, call 289-6336 for information
Mon 2	9:00am	ALL SOULS MASS
Wed 4	7:00pm 10:30am	Thanksgiving Class of MES 79 by Glenda Quade Prayer Group, Parish Hall
Thurs 5	12:10pm 1:00pm 7:00pm	Mass for ROS Alfred Urban by Gabriel Lugo Eucharistic Adoration, Chapel Rosary and Benediction, Chapel
Fri 6	12:10pm 7:00am	Mass for ROS Dr. Robin Pendleton by Dianna Pendleton Men's Prayer Group
Sat 7	5:00pm	Mass for ROS Mike & Pauline Skinto by Chris & Mickie Bouzon
Sun 8	9:00am	Mass for ROS Tony Johnson by Kate Johnson
	11:30am	Mass for Thanksgiving Nickolas Quade by Glenda Quade
	3:00pm	Mass for the Parish
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From the Holy Fathers

*"When they hear the words of God on our lips, unbelievers are amazed at their beauty and power, but when they see that those words have no effect in our lives, their admiration turns to scorn and they dismiss such words as myths and fairy tales."
~ 2nd Century Author ~*

Wisdom of the Saints

*"We must keep ourselves in the presence of God as much as possible and have no other view or end in all our actions but the divine honor."
~ Saint Charles Borromeo, Secular Franciscan ~
Feast November 4*



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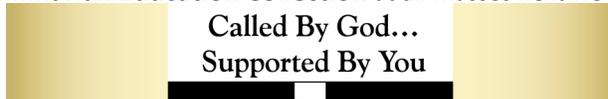


National Vocation Awareness Week will be celebrated in our country November 1-7, 2020. Please ask Our Lord for more dedicated, holy priests, deacons, and consecrated men and women. May they be inspired by Jesus Christ, supported by our faith community, and respond generously to God's gift of vocation

LAST DAY FOR Registration for Faith Formation ~ November 1st. Please be sure to register. We will be ordering books and making classroom assignments to ensure proper distancing, so we need an accurate count before the first day of class, which is November 8th at 10:15am. Thanks!

November 7-8

Seminarian Education Collection at all Masses next weekend.



HOSPICE of Rutherford Next week is Hospice Sunday. Our item to donate is Ensure, any flavor.

The **Knights of Columbus 50/50 Raffle** to support seminarians in our diocese. Only 30 tickets will be sold at \$100 each, **AND THEY ARE ALMOST ALL SOLD!** The winners share would be as much as \$1,500 if all tickets are sold. Odds of winning are 1 in 30. Families or friends can combine their funds to buy a ticket. Please contact your favorite Knight for a ticket or contact Dennis Puntel (937)478-9282.

The **Knights of Columbus** are currently signing families up who are in need of a food basket for Christmas; there will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Please provide a name and contact number. If you were on last year's list you still need to sign up for a basket this year. Call Tom with any questions@ 864-621-6792.

Don't forget the Knights' **Blanket collection.** Please bring new or gently used blankets and place them in the box provided in the Narthex. **DEADLINE: December 15th**

St Vincent DePaul Society Annual Coat Drive for the upcoming Christmas coat give-away program that partners with the Knights of Columbus Annual Christmas Food Basket/Gift program. If you have used coats that are in good condition, and your kids or yourself have outgrown, donate them this year. The focus is on children, but adult coats are also welcome. Drop coats off in the Narthex or in the hall in between masses on Sunday morning. Monetary donations can be made for the coat program or to be used in caring for families in need year round.

Collection Information:

Regular Offering:

Submit information for the bulletin to Penny Watkins, at pjwlmg@gmail.com; Deadline: 12:30pm, Wednesday before the bulletin comes out.

**Prayer for the United States Government
by Archbishop John Carroll
First Bishop of the United States (1791)**

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the President of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress, and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance.

To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Catholicism in Colonial America

In recent months, vandalism in our Catholic churches has sadly been on the rise. Right in Boone, NC several weeks ago a tabernacle was stolen from the church, and within it was the Blessed Sacrament.

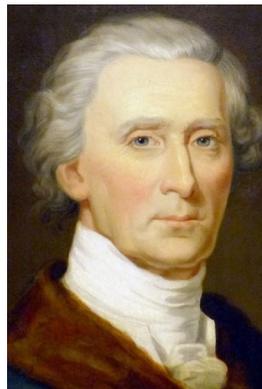
In his work *The Catholic Church Through the Ages*, Father John Vidmar, OP writes: "Anti-Catholicism is probably the greatest prejudice exhibited over time in the United States." Historian Phillip Jenkins brings the concept further when he writes that prejudice against Catholicism in the colonies was present before there were any slaves, and has continued long after slavery was abolished. He calls anti-Catholicism the "Last Acceptable Prejudice." This prejudice isn't new.

Prior to the Revolutionary War, all English colonies were opposed to Catholicism. Even Maryland, which was founded on toleration, when taken over by English rule, declared Catholicism illegal. The lead objection to Catholics was the unfounded belief that a Catholic could not be faithful to two sovereign— the King of England and the Pope.

Samuel Adams wrote "I did verily believe, and still do, that much more is to be dreaded from the growth of popery in America, than from the Stamp Act or any other act destructive of civil rights. In a letter to Thomas Jefferson, John Adams wrote: "Can a free government possible exist with the Catholic religion?"

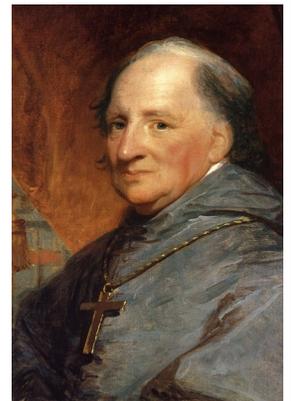
At the time of the Revolution, every colony but Pennsylvania had laws prohibiting Catholics from voting, running for and holding office, and attending Catholic religious services. Massachusetts even had a law prohibiting the Irish and priests from entering their colony. New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland, however, did have a considerable number of Catholics in spite of all the laws against them. In fact, one out of ten people in Maryland were Catholic.

By the end of the Revolution, 7 states (Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Connecticut, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia) still held that all office-holders must be Protestant.



Charles Carroll of Carrollton

In spite of the prejudice against Catholics politically, there were several who were financially successful, among them the Carroll family from Maryland. Charles Carroll of Carrollton was the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence. He was also one of the wealthiest men in the colonies, perhaps even wealthier than George Washington. His cousin, John Carroll was appointed the first bishop in the United States. He was also the only bishop who upon the permission of Rome, was selected by his peers to be our first bishop.



Archbishop John Carroll

Anti-Catholic sentiment continued, violent attacks continued, but so did the Catholic Church in the United States. Things started to look up a little after the Civil War, but that is a discussion for another day. Words from President Abraham Lincoln will give an idea about the anti-Catholic sentiment in the 1860s: "As a nation, we began by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal, except negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read 'all men are created equal, except negroes, and foreigners, and Catholics.' When it comes to this I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty – to Russia, for instance, where despotism can be taken pure, and without the base alloy of hypocrisy."

Everything has not changed, but today we can attend Mass openly, vote, and even hold public office. God Bless America!