

### Pilgrimage with Fr. Joseph to Poland

We have two slots available for our parishioners to go to World Youth Day from July 19 to August 3. Please call Fr. Joseph if interested: 970-557-4020.

### Saturday Evening Masses begin again at St. Bernard on Nov 14 at 7:30 p.m. and go through Mar 31

### Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

#### Holy Day of Obligation

#### **Tuesday, December 8**

- St. Bernard, 8:30 a.m.
- St. Anne, 5 p.m.
- Our Lady of the Snow, 6:45 p.m.
- St. Ignatius, 4:30 p.m.
- St. Peter, 7:30 p.m.

### Christmas (Solemnity of the Nativity of Our Lord)

#### **Thursday, December 24** (Christmas Eve)

- Winter Park Ski Lodge (West Portal), 6 p.m.
- St. Ignatius, 4 p.m.
- St. Anne, 7:30 p.m.

#### **Friday, December 25**

- St. Bernard, 7 a.m.
- Our Lady of the Snow, 9:30 a.m.
- St. Peter, 10 a.m.

### Quick Apologetics (Defending Your Faith)—The Communion of Saints

Some people think Catholic Christians are cultish or weird because we ask the saints to pray for us and with us. They, first, think we are worshipping creatures by calling for their assistance. Second, they say, “Why are you praying to St. Joseph? He is dead. He cannot hear you.”

To the first objection, we know that we worship God alone. When we call upon the saints for prayers, we are not worshipping them. We do pray for each other on this earth. Recall in 1 Timothy 2:1, God says through St. Paul, “First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions and thanksgivings be offered for everyone....” So, God is asking us to pray for one another. God is humble. He wants to use the whole team. So we can ask anyone to pray for us, those here on earth and those in heaven (or in purgatory).

As far as the second objection...are those who have died unable to hear us? No. Through a special grace, God let’s them hear us. In Mark 12:18-23, the Sadducees try to deny the resurrection by testing Jesus. Jesus replies to them immediately, “Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God? When the dead rise, they will neither marry nor be given in marriage; they will be like the angels in heaven. Now about the dead rising—have you not read in the Book of Moses, in the account of the burning bush, how God said to him, ‘I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.’ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living. You are badly mistaken!” (Mark 12:24-27).

Even in Hebrews 12:1, it says, “...we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses....” Many times we go by ourselves to God for help or to praise Him. Sometimes we ask for the saints in heaven to join us and intercede or praise God. It would be abnormal if we did not ask others to pray for us—either those living on earth or in heaven.

### Second Collection for Christmas Families

Tentatively, we will take a second collection on Thanksgiving weekend in order to sponsor 4 or 5 poor local families for Christmas. In all previous years, you have been so generous that we have been able to buy everything on the wish lists of these families. Thank you.

**St. Anne Renovation Payoff Countdown: \$27,612**

**St. Peter Renovation Collection: \$37,380**

### Calendar of Events

- Nov 8 (Sun).** Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.
- Dec 12 (Sat).** Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass in Spanish at Our Lady of the Snow at 10 a.m.
- Dec 13 (Sun).** Spanish Mass at Our Lady at 1 p.m.

#### **Mass Collections, Oct 31 – Nov 1**

St. Anne	\$ 1057
St. Bernard	981
Our Lady of the Snow	1276
St. Peter	949
St. Ignatius	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 4393</b>

#### **Vocations Prayer Calendar; November**

*Please pray for our seminarians every day.*

- Sat**--Connor Lyle & Cristian Rivera
- Sun**--Daniel Silva & Daniel Wolbach
- Mon**--Joseph Goodwin & Justin Doerr
- Tue**--Nicolas Nunez & Patricio Chuquimarca
- Wed**--Phuoc (Joe) Bui & Red Braz
- Thu**--Adam Bradshaw & Adrian Hernandez
- Fri**--Increase in vocations to priesthood/religious life

#### **Mass Intentions and Schedule for StA, StB, and OLS**

**KEY:** StA = St. Anne; StB = St. Bernard;

OLS = Our Lady of the Snow

- Sat, Nov 7, StA, 5 p.m., Parishioners and visitors
- Sun, Nov 8, StB, 7 a.m., Repose of Holy Souls
- Sun, Nov 8, OLS, 9:30 a.m., +Fr. John Gibbons

Weekday Masses (see extra Masses listed in bold)

- Mon, Nov 9, StA, 8:30 a.m., Dale and Becky Redeker
- Tue, Nov 10, OLS, 7:30 a.m., Dan and Diane Bielski
- Wed, Nov 11, StB, 8:30 a.m., Repose of Holy Souls
- Thu, Nov 12, OLS, 5:15 p.m., Margaret Ledezma**

#### **Mass Intentions and Schedule for StI and StP**

**KEY:** StI = St. Ignatius (Walden); StP = St. Peter

- Sat, Nov 7, StI, 4 p.m., Parishioners and visitors
- Sun, Nov 8, StP, 10 a.m., James and Linda Mahon