



I'm writing this week's column from the Emerald Isle, where I am enjoying my last two days of my "summer vacation". As the dollar is still low compared to the Euro, air fare and hotel rates are a bit lower in the fall - just being economical. The "people traffic" is also much lower. Trying to pastor an ever growing parish (now nearing 5,000 families) I find my time away gravitating more to the quiet. Is that wisdom, overload, or simply getting older - note "older" not "old".

Arriving in Galway I asked the hotel clerk about the weather to which his answer amused me: "In Ireland the weather is, it rained yesterday, is raining today, or going to rain tomorrow". Actually it rained only two of the days away and showered on others before the sun came out. But it is precisely because of the rain that when the sun does shine the pastoral landscapes are filled with so many hues of green.

While my time in Ireland was just what I needed, I'm certain that it would not be everyone's "cup of tea"- especially the young. Walking through the green countryside, sitting atop cliffs overlooking a churning ocean below, conversations with friends in front of a fire at the local pubs, was my excitement for the week, plus catching up on a couple of books that I began months ago.

The two Sunday Masses that I attended were quite different - except for one commonality. Both Masses ended in thirty minutes. In Galway's Saint Nicholas Cathedral there was no music from the magnificent organ for the ten o'clock Mass and in Lahinch on the following Sunday eight ladies made up the choir and not a hymnal to be found for the congregation. When I asked why there was no music especially at the Cathedral Church I was told: "It's too early to sing". Both congregations were sparsely attended, and the homilies would never be engaging to those under 30. As we all know, the Church in Ireland is going through some turmoil resulting from the numerous sexual abuse cases.

Young people in Ireland, as well as those in the states, are questioning the Church today. While many of us from past generations simply accepted any and all, the internet, IPOD, Google and WI-Fi generation want more definitive answers.

Thoughts of my Dad often came to mind especially in County Roscommon, where his great grandfather emigrated from. I have often regretted that Dad never got the opportunity to travel to Ireland. Too busy supporting his family on a mailman's salary, the opportunity never presented itself. However strange it may sound, when eating fish and chips in Roscommon, a man sat to my left looking exactly like my dad. A sign, I wonder?

One of our parishioners periodically reminds me: "Don't forget to take a fire break, Father". Sometimes I succeed, but many times I don't. The deskwork always takes priority. There is no one to blame except the writer. Even now, with two days left of my "fire break", I wonder what awaits me at my desk; how many emails I will have to respond to, and how high the regular mail will be. As I said to my traveling friend - I wish I could just bottle up some of this peace and tranquility and take it home with me. If I tried harder, perhaps I could.

Have a nice week!



**HOW ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY CAME TO BE.**

This week we celebrate these two special days in our Church. While their story has been told before, it might be of interest to tell it again. The early Christians would gather on the anniversary of a martyr's death to remember that person with "the breaking of the bread." Soon this grew to include martyrs whose names were unknown. By mid-fourth century a feast of "All Martyrs" began to be celebrated, which included non-martyr "witnesses", in other words, Christians whose lives were "the gospel in action" or saints. Until the ninth century the popular feast of All Saints (Martyrs) was celebrated by the Church on May 13<sup>th</sup>, during the season of joy following the Resurrection. It was in 835 AD that the date was changed to Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>, to Christianize the existing pagan time for remembering the dead, in other words to bring light to the darkness and hope to the most basic of human fears, the fear of death. And now we come to the Feast of All Souls. By the time of Christ the Jewish people had a well developed belief in the resurrection of the dead, which included trust that the prayer of the living could benefit the dead. So people who were not so saintly were also being remembered after death, usually on the anniversary of their death. By the seventh century, monasteries were celebrating an annual Mass for all the deceased of their order, an idea which soon spread to include the laity. About 1048, an influential abbot chose November 2<sup>nd</sup> to commemorate All Souls because it was an obvious companion date and extension of the Feast of All Saints.



**Monday, November 1**

Neal Miller.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

**Tuesday, November 2**

All Souls Day Novena .....7:30am - Fr. Martin

**Wednesday, November 3**

Legion of Mary, Deceased Members.....7:30am - Fr. Martin

**Thursday, November 4**

Dorothy Peraino.....7:30am - Fr. Korpi

**Friday, November 5**

Mary Wilhelm.....7:30am - Fr. Korpi

**Saturday, November 6**

David Toner.....9:00am - Fr. Korpi

Special Intentions for

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hay.....5:00pm - Fr. Korpi

Spanish Mass.....7:00pm - Fr. Wilson

**Sunday, November 7**

Parishioners.....7:30pm - Fr. Martin

Joan Perry.....9:00am - Fr. Wilson

John Patrick Welch.....11:00am - Fr. Martin

Mr. & Mrs. John B. Martin.....12:45pm - Fr. Korpi



**Sunday, October 31:** Session 1 (2:00-3:15) and Session 2 (4:00-5:15) religious education classes will be held as usual. Only session 3 (6:00-7:15) classes are cancelled.

**Religious education classes will be held as usual on Monday, November 1, and Tuesday, November 2.**

**Open House** for Religious Education classes — parents and guardians are invited to take this opportunity to visit their children's classes during sessions on Sunday, November 7; Monday, November 8; and Tuesday, November 9.

**Teachers, assistants, and all other volunteers of the Religious Education Program,** mark your calendar to attend the Fall Workshop on Sunday, November 7, at 7:30pm in Nativity's Parish Hall.

**Teachers and assistants for seventh grade** should attend an important information meeting on Sunday, November 14, at 7:30pm in Room 9.

**Altar Flowers for October 31st**



In Loving Memory of Eduardo & Blanca Barrios  
From The Yelcie Family  
And

In Loving Memory of Ernie Weeks  
From Zulma Weeks & Kids  
And

In Loving Memory of  
Cdr. Keith E. Crawford, USN  
From

Capt. Mary Perri Crawford, USN, Ret. And Sons

**In Memoriam**

Novena Masses will be said on the following days:  
November 2 at 7:30 am      November 22 at 7:30 am  
November 8 at 7:30 am      November 24 at 7:30 am  
November 11 at 7:30 am      November 26 at 7:30 am  
November 16 at 7:30 am      November 30 at 7:30 am  
November 18 at 7:30 am

All names to be added to the Novena of Masses should be in today, Oct. 31st.

**A Memorial Mass at St. Bernadette on Tuesday, Nov. 2nd at 7:00pm, remembering faculty, staff & students who have died.**



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place on Friday, November 5th after the 7:30 am Mass. Exposition closing will be at 11:15am. Come and spend some quiet time with Our Lord.

**PRAY THE ROSARY FOR PEACE**



It's once again time to turn our clocks back to Eastern Standard Time. This takes place at **2:00am Sunday, November 7th.**



**Dresses for Haiti**

**Help sew dresses for Haiti!** These dresses are very easy and fun to make – even for the novice sewer like me. Let your creativity flow by turning an everyday pillowcase into a cute dress that a beautiful little girl in Haiti will cherish. No meetings required. You'll sew on your own at your own pace. If you'd like to participate, please contact me. I'll gladly get you the pattern and instructions (pillowcase and regular fabric versions). The dresses will be distributed in one of our villages. I know they will be sincerely loved and worn with a big smile.

You can also help by donating new or like-new pillowcases – any size in solid colors or prints (no flannel please). Pillowcases can be dropped off in the church office in a box marked **“Dresses for Haiti.”**

Thanks for your help!

Cynde Mausolf (703-343-3713; [cgmausolf@yahoo.com](mailto:cgmausolf@yahoo.com))

*Thought for the Week...*

He who shall have suffered and fought for his God will shine like a beautiful sun. St. John Mary Vianney

**PRO-LIFE CORNER**

On **Tuesday, November 2, 2010, Election Day**

will occur for United States congressional candidates in Virginia and across the country. Call 703-222-0776 (recorded message) for voting info in Fairfax County or visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov). Elections have consequences. Vote Pro-Life!



The Fairfax 40 Days for Life campaign continues through today, October 31, 2010. 40 Days for Life is a focused Pro-Life effort that consists of 40 days of prayer and fasting, 40 days of peaceful vigil, 40 days of community outreach. See full details at [www.40daysforlife.com/fairfax](http://www.40daysforlife.com/fairfax). Sign up at <http://www.vigilcalendar.com/fairfax/schedule>, become a "Prayer Warrior" and Stand Up For Life!

The **GABRIEL PROJECT** supports women who are facing a crisis pregnancy and need help. Contact 1-866-444-3553 or [gabrielproject@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:gabrielproject@arlingtondiocese.org). You are not alone! (Gabriel Project is a crisis pregnancy program open to all and sponsored by the Catholic Diocese of Arlington.)

**Pro-Life Rosary** - A prayerful, peaceful and public gathering of friends and neighbors who pray the rosary for one hour takes place on Saturdays at 10:00 AM on Rolling Road across from Kings Park SC Giant Food. Please call Jane Hamilton, 703-646-5051, for more info.

**Pregnancy Resource Centers Phone Numbers:**

- Catholic Charities National: 1-800-CARE-002
- Catholic Charities Local: 703-425-0100
- A Woman's Choice: 703-538-4305
- Gabriel Project 1-866-444-3553

***“I came for the cookies, but I found love and Jesus.”***

Be a part of the flame that draws souls to Christ. Bake cookies for the men's **KAIROS** prison retreat scheduled for this Fall at Buckingham Men's Prison beginning 11/04/2010. This gift of love requires a lot of cookies – about 4,000 dozen. Each team member is responsible for bringing 100 dozen home made cookies for the weekend.



Please place your cookies in the kitchen opposite the church office or give them to a staff member. Please: **Bake, Pray over,** and **Bring** cookies to the parish office **by noon Nov. 2nd for Buckingham.** Put **cold cookies** in Quart-sized Zip-Lock bags – 12 to a bag.

For recipes and more information visit the **KAIROS** Buckingham website: <http://kairos-bkcc.org/sites/default/files/documents/KairosCookiesBrochure35.pdf> or call Jim or Diane Bayne-703-763-7230 or Rick Gammache 703-727-3782.

**ECHO COLLECTION**

Next Sunday, November 7th.



The pantry at **ECHO** is running dry. They are in need of many products. Listed below is a list of the products that are needed: Mac & Cheese, boxed potato & stuffing mix, canned meats, baked beans, cooking oil, 6oz. tomato paste, canned tomatoes (14.5oz.), dry milk, canned pasta, sugar, bagged rice/beans, jello/pudding mix, tea bags. Personal items needed are: adult & child toothbrushes, toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, shampoo, paper towels & napkins, toilet tissue, over the counter pain meds. Thank you for helping the less fortunate.

Our Lady of Knock Society, would like you to join us for our **14th Annual Card Party for Charity on Saturday, November 20th, 2010**



in the Parish Hall. We ask for a donation of \$15.00. Over \$1,000 worth of prizes have been donated to this event. Reservations must be made by November 16th. Last year we had 175 players attend the event. Get your tickets early, because the Parish Hall has limited seating. Tickets will be on sale the next three weeks after all Masses. You may call Cathy Durham at 703- 866-3646.

**Is your marriage in trouble? Retrouville can help, please call 703 - 351- 7211 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)**



The **Nativity Girl Scouts** would like to **congratulate Janetlee Hurley and Becky Chaves** on being recognized by the Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCOS) for their contributions to scouting in the Catholic community. They received their awards at the annual dinner celebrating adult involvement with Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Campfire at the diocesan level with Bishop Loverde on Sunday, October 24th.



**Flag Retirement Ceremony  
Veteran's Reception**

The Knights of Columbus and our local Boy and Girl Scout Troops invite you to attend a ceremony celebrating the service of our Military Veterans on Tuesday, November 9, 2010 at 7:30pm. We will retire a number of US Flags in a solemn ceremony, sing patriotic songs with the West Point Alumni Choir/ Nativity Choir, and conclude with cake and refreshments. Please plan on joining us, if you have any questions please contact Eric Wojtkun at [ecwojo@gmail.com](mailto:ecwojo@gmail.com). **The Knights will collect any flags you need to be properly retired after all Masses on Oct. 30/31 or Nov. 6/7.**



**Religious Emblems for Scouts**

The Catholic Committee on Scouting (CCOS) encourages all Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, or Boy Scouts to work towards a religious emblem or medal this year. Earning a religious emblem or medal can enhance a scout's growth in the faith. There are programs for every level of scouting. Younger Scout leaders (Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts grades K – 5) can contact Becky Chaves at (703) 425-4965 for more information or to purchase booklets. Older scout leaders should visit the Arlington Diocese website at [www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org](http://www.arlingtondiocesescouting.org) for more information as the programs for older scouts involves working with a trained coordinator. Completed booklets will be due to the parish in late spring. The annual recognition mass for scouts who have earned religious medals this year will be celebrated in June 2011.

**Thursday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, Nativity will host a free community seminar at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** The seminar, **Stop Bullying**, will feature Jodee Blanco, a nationally known anti-bullying activist and author of the *New York Times* best-selling memoir *Please Stop Laughing at Me...* and the newly released sequel *Please Stop Laughing At Us...One Survivor's Extraordinary Quest to Prevent School Bullying*.

**THE WEEK AHEAD  
IN OUR PARISH**

- Sunday, October 31 PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**  
2:00, 4:00 pm.....CCD (S)
- Monday, November 1 ALL SAINTS DAY**  
**Not a Holy Day of Obligation**  
4:00, 7:00 pm.....CCD (S)  
8:00 pm.....AA Meeting (APR)
- Tuesday, November 2 ALL SOULS DAY**  
9:30 am.....Morning Bible Study (APR)  
4:30, 7:00 pm.....CCD (S)  
7:00 pm.....Knights of Columbus (PH)  
7:30 pm.....Legion of Mary (APR)
- Wednesday, November 3**  
10:00 am.....Mom & Me (APR)  
7:00 pm.....Hispanic Prayer Group (SC)  
7:00 pm.....ESL (Room 5)  
7:00 pm.....JustFaith (GR)  
7:00 pm.....RCIA (PH)  
7:00 pm.....RCIC (Room 4, 6)  
7:30 pm.....Youth Choir (CH)  
7:30 pm.....Hispanic Baptism (Room 8)
- Thursday, November 4**  
9:30 am.....Craft Group (APR)  
7:00 pm.....Bullying Speaker (CH/GR)  
7:00 pm.....ESL (Room 5)  
7:00 pm.....Spanish Class (Room 2)  
7:30 pm.....Grief Support (S)  
7:30 pm.....Prayer Group (APR)  
7:30 pm.....Adult Choir (SC)
- Friday, November 5**  
8:00 am.....Exposition of Blessed Sacrament (CH)  
11:15 am.....Exposition Closing (CH)
- Saturday, November 6**  
9:30 am.....First Saturday Devotion (CH)  
10:00 am.....Dog Obedience (PL)  
10:00 am.....ESL (Room 5, 6, 7, 8)  
5:00 pm.....Hispanic CYO (Room 4)  
5:00 pm.....Hispanic CCD (S)

**viBE** Nativity CYO basketball teams are now forming! We are currently accepting registration forms for all 4th- 8th grade boys and girls teams. Please pick up a form in the parish office, youth office, or CCD office. **We are also in need of coaches**, please contact Meghan O'Connor at 703-455-2400 if you are interested.

**High School Vibe:** On November 7th from 7:00-8:30pm we will be having a game night! Bring your favorite game to play with the group. If the weather is nice we will play manhunt outside! See you on Sunday. :)

**WORKCAMP 2011:** If you are interested in participating in Workcamp this summer or if you want to find out more information, please contact Meghan O'Connor at 703-455-2400. This year Workcamp will be for anyone who is entering the 8th grade in the fall of 2011 through high school seniors.

**SHARING HOPE**, a support group for men and women going through separation and divorce, will meet this Friday, November 6th, at St. Mary of Sorrows Historic Church Hall, off Rte 123. **The topic will be "In-Laws/Out-Laws -- Rejection"**. Newcomers are warmly welcomed and there is no fee. For further information, directions or encouragement, please call Maureen at 703-978-6318 or Barbara at 703-425-5467.

**SECCIÓN en ESPAÑOL**

Actividades de la Comunidad Hispana  
Iglesia de la Natividad 6400 Nativity Lane-Burke, VA 22015  
Teléfono 703-455-2400 Rev. Cedric Wilson

**SANTA MISA EN ESPAÑOL:** Todos los sábados a las 7:00pm

**CONFESIONES:** Los sábados antes de la Santa Misa de 6:15pm a 6:55pm

**Catequesis Para niños y Jóvenes:** Sábados de 5:00pm a 6:45pm Informes: 703-455-2400, ext 116 o Sr. Ponciano 202-262-6659

**Catequesis Para niños y Jóvenes:** Inscripciones para el año escolar septiembre 2010 a mayo 2011 están abiertas.

**Catequesis para adultos:** Bautismo, Comunión, y Confirmación, Sábados de 5:15pm a 6:15pm Contacto: Tito Pinto 703-912-9220

**Charla para el Bautismo:** Primer Miércoles del mes 7:30pm, aula 8

**Sacramento del Bautismo:** Tercer Sábado del mes. 1:30pm Contacto: Deacon Pardo 703-455-2400

**Grupo de Oración:** Miércoles 7:00pm a 9:00pm. Están todos invitados. Marco Camacho 703-968-5585

**Grupo de Liderazgo Juvenil reuniones:** Domingo 11:00am-1:00pm aula 5 Contacto: Nelson Pineda 571-234-3664

**Reunión del Grupo de los Jóvenes Sábados:** a partir de las 5:00pm aula 4. contacto: Juan Carlos Chávez 703-473-6941

**Solidaridad Cristiana:** Mayor información Llamar Mirian Ponciano 703-913-5494.

**Para mas información:** María Guevara 703-444-5716

**Anuncios para el boletín:** debe ser presentado por escrito el viernes a las 9 de la mañana (10 días antes de su publicación).

**Pueden enviar entradas por correo electrónico a [nativitybulletin@aol.com](mailto:nativitybulletin@aol.com)**

**Charlas de Convalidación** para recibir el Sacramento del Matrimonio: cada otro domingo del mes 9:00am – 10:45am aula 4. Contacto: Antonio y Maritza Di Paola 703-493-8719

**Reunión de Matrimonios:** domingo 9:00am – 11:00am aula 5. Contacto: Segundo y María Guevara 703-444-5716

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**PENSAMIENTO PARA EL DÍA**

**Porque tú amas a todos los seres, tú no detestas nada de lo que has hecho.** Sabiduría 11:24

UNA VEZ dirigí un taller de composición en una escuela primaria. Para enseñar los elementos de la ficción, elegí el tema de “los bravucones”. Cuando los niños creaban personajes que serían las víctimas en sus relatos, describían a los compañeros más débiles y vulnerables, los que no encajaban. Por contraste, los “bravucones” eran sin duda los muchachos populares que dominaban a la escuela y decidían quién era “cool” y quién no, a quién intimidar y a quién no. Nuestro cuento de terror fue cobrando vigor a medida que los niños explicaban tímidamente lo que tenían que soportar a diario. Algunos eran victimizados hasta por usar gafas o tener sobrepeso.

Hay un cartel que dice: “Dios no hace basura”. La discriminación de cualquier tipo, la que padecen los niños en manos de los compañeros abusadores o la que padeció Zaqueo, el publicano, degrada a la gente a la condición de basura. Dios nos recibe a todos, aun a los pecadores. En el monte santo de Dios hay lugar para todos.

*Amas a todos porque son tus hijos, oh Dios.*

Elizabeth-Anne Stewart



**COLECCIÓN DE ECO**

**Después el domingo, 7 de noviembre**

La despensa en ECHO está ejecutando seca. Se encuentran en necesidad de muchos productos. Enumerados a continuación con una lista de los productos que se necesitan: queso & Macaroni, patata en caja & relleno de pan, carnes enlatadas, frijoles enlatadas, aceite de cocina, pasta de tomate de 6 onzas, conservas de tomates (14.5 onzas), leche en polvo, fideos enlatado, azúcar, bolsa de arroz y frijoles enlatados, mezcla de gelatina/budín, bolsas de té.

Elementos personales necesarios son: adulto y niños de cepillos de dientes, pasta de dientes, crema de afeitar, máquinas de afeitar, productos femeninos, champú, papel toallas y servilletas, papel higiénico, medicamentos para el dolor. Gracias por ayudar a los menos afortunados.

**SINTONIZA NUESTRO PROGRAMA DE RADIO  
CATOLICA 1160AM (WMET)  
GUADALUPE NETWORK  
TODOS LOS DOMINGOS DE 11:00AM-1:00PM**

**Reflexiones Bíblicas, Música, Entrevistas y Valores**

**Escúchanos todos los domingos de 11AM a 1PM! Si deseas comunicarte en vivo y en directo, llama a teléfono 703-778-9131 o por internet: [gronline.info](http://gronline.info)  
Director de programación Padre José Eugenio Hoyos  
¡Evangelizando a través de las ondas radiales, Tu voz Católica!**

**¡REZA EL ROSARIO POR LA PAZ!**