### The Sacraments

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Confessions are heard each week on Saturday at the Church (SR #46) from 3:45 pm to 4:45 pm or by calling the parish office to make an appointment with a priest. Learn more about this beautiful sacrament by visiting our website: www.allsouls Sanford.org/reconciliation

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Call the parish office to learn the necessary requirements and make an appointment with Fr. Kenneth Metz to have your child baptized. Ask us about the requirements for Godparents.

**The Sacrament of Marriage:** Getting married? We wish you much happiness! The process of being married in the Catholic Church could take between 6 months to a year to complete. Please contact Ann Cammarata at the parish office as soon as possible after your engagement if you would like to be married at All Souls Catholic Church.

**Anointing of the Sick:** Please call the parish office. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. Did you know that the Sacrament may be repeated if the person becomes sick again? A person should be anointed before surgery when a dangerous illness is the reason for the intervention.

**Eucharistic Ministry to the Sick and Homebound:** If you are unable to attend Mass, please call the parish office so we may assist you in having a visit from one of our ministers or one of our priests.

**Catholic Funeral and Burial:** Please call the parish office or have the funeral home director contact us to arrange the Funeral Mass and for more information about burial at All Souls Catholic Cemetery.

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### Christmas thoughts from your Pastor

My Dear Parishioners,

It has been my prayer this Advent season that each of you has found opportunities to reflect on your faith and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ and His Church. Whatever it is that our hearts and souls desire, whether we realize it or not, our ultimate desire is Jesus Himself. Let us be filled with joy and consolation and the realization that at Christmas all that we hoped for has been fulfilled in the person of the Christ Child.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to all of you for your ongoing support—not only to myself, but to all our clergy and staff at the parish. Thank you for making this such an outstanding year. I look forward to 2017 with great excitement for all we will accomplish in our parish. Together, may we grow in strength and grace to know and celebrate together God’s presence in our lives and His dominion over all things of this world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, bless you, your families and loved ones at this blessed time of hope and grace. May Mary, the Mother of the Child Jesus and our Mother, watch over you and our beloved All Souls Catholic Church always.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

*Father Gilbert Medina, Pastor*
Make All Souls your parish home, today!

Often people attend Mass at All Souls for several years, but never register. Registering here is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life of All Souls Church. Being a registered parishioner makes the process much easier when it is time for infant baptism, school or religious education registration, weddings, when asked to be a baptismal or confirmation sponsor, and even funerals. A registered parishioner receives all parish mailings, too.

Church law advises that territories or boundaries no longer limit parish registration. All Souls accepts anyone who wants to share in the life of the parish regardless of where they live. In order to register, you need to complete a registration card. These may be found in the narthex of the church or chapel, the parish office during the week or online at our parish website: www.allsoulssanford.org. Why not sign up today? We Love New Members!

A special All Souls welcome to:

- Nelly Martinez
- Eric Ryes & Valeria Cuadra
- German, Monica, Joshua & Yanchel Taveras
- Inez & Lauren Rodriguez, Tamara Irigonyen
- Mark Morgan
- Haydee Gomez
- Alfredo Colon
- Artuno, Lissette & Bryan Rodriguez
- Alexis & Patrick Ketessim, Kiliyadema Agroundosye & Ahigal Bossou
- Richard F. Hayden

Please complete and return the white registration card found in the Narthex of the Church to ensure your official registration at All Souls Catholic Church!

Recent Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass

I am very grateful for the valuable contribution and participation of everyone who was involved in our recent celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe. I appreciate your valuable and unconditional support! Our faith community continues to grow and prosper both spiritually and financially because of you. We had over 900 people attend this beautiful Mass and celebration! Once again, sincere thanks for your generosity. You are in the prayers of all our priests, especially during this blessed time of the year. Father Medina

Stewardship

Offertory Collection Weekend of 12/11/16 $23,884*
Society of St. Vincent de Paul Collection 357
Church Mortgage Principle Bal. 09/30/16 $1,905,108
Debt Reduction Collection 12/11/16 1,279

Did you forget your envelopes? Register for online giving today! www.allsoulssanford.org

* includes a yearly donation

Attendance: 12/11/16
5:30 pm 241
8:00 am 113
9:30 am 355
11:00 am 360
12:30 pm 402
2:00 pm 90
Total 1,561

Our Council of Catholic Women

Dear Sisters in Christ, “Today is born our Savior, Christ the Lord.” Ps 96. We are so blessed to celebrate "Emanuel". My hope for all of you is the most Blessed Christmas and New Year we have ever known.

Lead with your heart....

Eleanor Tolley, President
407.637.2236
etolley16@gmail.com

The Knights of Columbus

If you’ve got what it takes to go round after round, then you’ll enjoy BINGO with the Knights of Columbus Council 5357. We offer three game packages plus extras, a snack bar and full meals, intermissions, and a guaranteed payout. Located in the Columbus Club of Sanford, 2509 Myrtle Ave, Sunday & Thursday night, 5:30 pm. State law requires that all persons playing Bingo must be at least 18 years of age. For more information call 407.324.3699.

All are welcome here... If you are alienated or upset, we welcome you lovingly. If you are in need of forgiveness, Jesus forgives you completely—with unconditional love. If you have been hurt by the Church, we are truly sorry. If you are angry, Jesus offers you peace. If life has become burdensome, we are here to support you. We are happy you are here and want you to stay. We would like to share our lives with you. Come join us each week so we can worship God together.
All Souls Catholic School

December 25, 2016

United States Department of Education
National Blue Ribbon School Excellence in Catholic Education
810 S. Oak Avenue, Sanford, FL 32771

All Souls Catholic School is currently registering students for the 2016-2017 school year. If you are considering enrolling your child in All Souls Catholic School please contact the school office for more information.

Dr. Kathleen Kiley, Principal
Mrs. Mary Moran, Asst. Principal
Phone: 407.322.7090 ~ FAX: 407.321.7255
Visit our website: www.allsoulscatholicschool.org

Faith Formation News...

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Yet, we know that it the Christmas season and we celebrate! We celebrate our Savior’s birth. No matter what part of the country we are from we have that in common.

When it comes to our Catholic faith, we also pray in different ways. Each way might be just slightly different yet the One to whom we pray is the same. May that SAME ONE unite us and bring us together in His Sacred Heart. It is there that we are strengthened, and made whole. May Jesus’ prayer to the Father be ours particularly during this time, "Father may they be ONE, as we are ONE. Merry Christmas to all of you!"

Jenny Mansingh
Director, Faith Formation

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Michelle Murphy, Youth Ministry Director

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Save these dates!

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Jog4Jenni 5K – February 11, 2017

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Night: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Day: Is 52:7-10; Jn 1:1-8 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Friday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
Next Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Observances for the Week of December 25, 2016
Sunday: Nativity of the Lord
Monday: St. Stephen, the First Martyr
Tuesday: St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
Wednesday: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Thursday: St. Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr
Friday: Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Saturday: St. Saint Sylvester I, Pope
Next Sunday: Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Octave of Christmas; New Year’s Day

The Nativity of the Lord

“She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” Today we celebrate that the prophetic dream of St. Joseph was fulfilled! Jesus is born! A Savior has come to deliver us—Emmanuel, “God is with us.” Christmas is a feast of fulfillment, a holiday of deep and enduring happiness not only because God became man and was born of a woman, but because along with his Incarnation, God brought us freedom. Jesus is the long-awaited Messiah who sets us free from the misery of our own sins. This is the ultimate gift of Christmas Day.

We exchange gifts today as a sign of our love for one another to be sure, but also as a concrete, visible way to celebrate the gift that we have first received from God. We are free people! We are not slaves but rather the children of God whose priceless inheritance is to dwell in his kingdom for all eternity. On this most festive day of the year, we are invited to exult in this fact and spare little effort or expense to show our gratitude and joy.

We only must be careful not to reduce our celebrating today to something less glorious, something less meaningful, or less profound. This is no mere secular holiday. This is not just a ritual of family gatherings, elaborate evergreen trees and sumptuous meals. Christmas is a holy day and as Christians it is our day in a most definite and undeniable way. The treats and trimmings are all signs that remind us of what lies ahead for those who accept the real gift of Jesus Christ: an unending banquet of eternal delights and divine gifts that will never fail to satisfy. Yes, Christmas is a little taste of heaven, the perfect gift that lies in wait for those who love the Lord.

Mass Intentions...

Saturday, December 24
No 8:30 am Mass at Historic Chapel today

Monday, December 26
8:30 am Church by the family

Tuesday, December 27
8:30 am Church by the family

Wednesday, December 28
8:30 am Church by the family

Thursday, December 29
8:30 am Church by the family

Friday, December 30
8:30 am Church by her children

Saturday, December 31
8:30 am Church by Diana Conte

Sunday, January 1
8:00 am Church by the Parishioners of All Souls

Week Day Readings...

This week at the Church, our Sanctuary Light burns in loving memory of Lucienne Rioux Poitras, as requested by Georgiana Rioux Cammarata and her children. May she rest in peace.

This week at the Historic Chapel, our Sanctuary Light burns in loving memory of Jeanne d’Arc Salvail, as requested by Paul & Norma Salvail. May she rest in peace.
Merry Christmas from all of your friends with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

Food Pantry Needs of the Week: Shampoo. Thanks!

Make a Year-Ending Donation Please: We ask you please be generous in your support of St. Vincent de Paul as the fiscal year comes to a conclusion. Your donations remain in our area as we help individuals and families in need every day. We’re happy to provide a tax receipt for your donation. God Bless You!

It’s the Season of Giving! St. Vincent de Paul needs your support now more than ever. Donate your vehicle to support our non-profit and receive a tax deduction. The process is simple; the pick-up is free. Contact us for more information: 800.322.8284 or visit svdporlando.org

Your Large Item Donation Helps us Help Others: St. Vincent de Paul Orlando turns donated furniture and appliances into items we provide to families in need through our Voucher Program. We pick up large items for FREE. Scheduled your pick up today at 888.986.4483 or via our Web site at: svdporlando.org

Vincentian Reflection: Today we celebrate the feast of Christmas and hear how the shepherds found Mary and Joseph and the infant lying in the manger. Then they left glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. Your gifts to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul helped those who are poor and suffering to find Emmanuel and they also came to know that “God is with us.”

SVDP Assistance Hotline call: 407.330.4400
SVDP for Pick up of donations: 1.888.986.4483
Thrift Store Location: 216 N. Hwy 17-92,
Suite #150 – Big Lots Plaza, Longwood, 32750,
Hours: Mon. to Fri.: 10 am to 7 pm; Sat. 9 am to 6 pm
*Closed Sunday*

Help us help others! Join St. Vincent de Paul Orlando for the 2nd Annual Friends of the Poor Gala on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at the Rosen Plaza Orlando. Proceeds from an enjoyable evening of dancing, great food, fun and fellowship will help us help our brothers and sisters struggling in poverty. Tickets are $100 per person for a Caribbean themed night featuring a silent auction, great treasures and plenty of treats. More information: Please call Sheila Rhea at 407.880.3126 or via e-mail at: sheila@svdporlando.org

Catholic Moms Ministry

Please join the Catholic Moms Ministry in celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on Sunday, January 1, 2017. We will be meeting at the IHOP at SR-46 and I-4 immediately following the 11:00 am Mass. This event is for the whole family -- dads & kids included. RSVP is required by December 30th to ensure sufficient seating at the IHOP. Contact Polly DeLucia at 407.324.2684 or pdelucia@cfl.rr.com to RSVP.

Parish Calendars

“...Lord...you created all time and set the stars in motion, and yet not one second of our life goes by without your care...Bless then our time-keepers—our calendar...Help us not to fill them so much that we miss your presence here and now....Amen.” from the Book of Blessings: Ritual Edition (Roman Ritual)

Our calendar features Saints of the Americas and is Bilingual—English & Spanish.

This year, the calendar is being sponsored by Mr. Todd DeGusipe of DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory—to whom we extend sincere thanks and appreciation.

LET’S STAY CONNECTED!

Like and post to us on our Facebook Pages:
All Souls Catholic Community
All Souls Catholic Cemetery

Sign-up to receive parish emails or text messages through our Flocknote service. We regularly send updates about parish activities, events, and announcements. You can sign up to receive our email and free* text alerts by texting Allsouls to: 84576 (*Standard messaging rates may apply from your cell phone provider)

Follow us on Twitter: @AllSoulsSanford

Watch: Parish Media Ministry for our priest’s Weekly Homily online at our parish website: https://www.allsoussanford.org

This week in the parish

CH - New Church on SR 46; CP - Historic Chapel on Oak Ave.;
SH - Social Hall; WH - White House (9th/Myrtle);
SL - Science Lab; CR - Parish Conference Room; Suite C - Parish Office Suite C,
upstairs; TRC - Technical Research Center;
CGR - Church Gathering Room; R - Rectory, PRF – Parish Office Upstairs

Sat., Dec. 26 | Parish Office Closed