Attention: Parents and Students in our Faith Formation Program—classes resume on Tuesday, January 9th and Wednesday, January 10th. We wish you all a very Happy New Year.

The Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary
December 31, 2017
The Feast of the Holy Family

"When they had fulfilled all the prescriptions of the law of the Lord, they returned ... to their own town of Nazareth." Mary and Joseph were faithful Jews who followed the norms of their religion. Today's Gospel describes the event we call "The Presentation." Jesus' parents, like every Jewish family, presented their infant son to the Lord in a formal ceremony at the temple in Jerusalem. Having done what their religious rites required (and having heard the prophetic words of Simeon and Anna), Mary and Joseph returned home. It was back in their native region of Galilee, amidst the daily routine of domestic life, that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom."

As Christians, we too consecrate our children to the Lord when we have them baptized in the Church. Seeing our children receive this sacrament of initiation is always a moment of great joy and hope as we anticipate the life that lies ahead for them, both on earth and in eternity. But the baptism of a baby is only the beginning of this journey towards heaven. In truth, the little daily details, the simple living of family life in our own home paves the way for our children to reach their eternal home. And so it was with the Holy Family. Jesus' childhood, his formation and development took place not primarily amidst the public drama of the temple, but in the quiet privacy of his home.

The Sacraments

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Confessions are heard each week on Saturday at the Church (SR #46) from 3:45pm to 4:45pm Learn more about this beautiful sacrament by visiting our website: www.allsoulssanford.org/reconciliation

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

The Sacrament of Marriage: Getting married? Congratulations! 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.

Our Online Homilies: If you missed Mass over the weekend you may view the homily by visiting: www.allsoulssanford.org

Everyday Stewardship

I have heard people say, "You don't get to choose your family!" I believe that to be only partially true. I did not choose my father and mother, but my family is greater than my family tree of ancestors. My family includes those who have been there when both my father and mother passed away. My family includes those who came to see my newborn children in the hospital. My family includes those who celebrated with me my greatest triumphs and consoled me in my greatest times of trial. Each and every one of them I have chosen to be a part of my family.

Most of the time we talk about stewardship in terms of time, talent, and treasure. We quantify the size of our gifts, seeing them as things that have a finite value. However, true stewardship has no limits. What we are called to give is everything. When we fully empty ourselves into another and into the reality of God we find ourselves transformed. We truly grow into our own as the creations we became at baptism.

It is in that transformation that we find ourselves connected to others in a profound way. Those who were not connected to us by blood are now connected to us by spirit. Our family, the body of Christ, grows and becomes stronger. In this family, a man can be father to a Son not of his flesh and a woman mother to a Son of a divine origin. In this family, we find our hope and our home. And we must never make the mistake of thinking that is not a choice.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS (Master of Theological Studies)LPI, Inc.
The Feast of the Holy Family

Make All Souls your parish home!

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 accepts anyone who wants to share in the life of the parish regardless of where they live. Please register as an affirmation of your wish to share in the community life of All Souls. Registration cards 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:
Maria, Arturo, Arturo, Jr. & Paula Torres
Alexandra, Brandon & Liam Morel

Stewardship of Treasure

Due to advanced bulletin deadlines for the Christmas and New Year holidays our offertory amounts and attendance numbers were unavailable at the time of publication. We will post these collections next week. Thank you for your understanding.

Did you forget your envelope today? Register for online giving today! Lost or forgotten envelope? Why not set up automatic donations? It’s easy to give online with our secure site: WeShare.

Call the parish office for set up assistance or visit: allsoulssanford.weshareonline.org and sign up today!
Visitor offertory envelopes may be found in pew or at the welcome desk in the Narthex of the Church and may be used should you forget your envelope.

Our Council of Catholic Women

Dear Sisters in Christ, Peace be with you! Happy New Year! Tuesday, January 2, 2018 the Ladies of CCW will be meeting at 7:00 pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Many plans have been scheduled but that is just the beginning. Ongoing plans for Bunco need to be discussed, as well as all the other events that will take place in January. Please keep the date open and if any other ladies of the Parish wish to attend you are always welcome. Don’t forget to be selling your Fashion Show tickets. Thank you ladies I know I can always count on you.

Lead with your heart...
Eleanor Tolley, President
etolley16@gmail.com

Knights of Columbus

If you’ve got what it takes to go round after round, then you’ll enjoy BINGO in our topnotch BINGO Hall. We offer three game packages plus extras, a snack bar and full meals, intermissions, and a guaranteed payout. Located at 2509 Myrtle Ave, Sanford, 407.324.3699.

State law requires that all persons playing BINGO must be at least 18 years of age. Meetings 1st (Social) and 3rd (Business) Tuesdays at 7pm, 2504 S Oak Ave, Sanford. kofc5357.org

Inspiration for the week...

Families face many challenges. All of the demands of work, school, and society can easily put a strain on even the best intentioned of families. Hurt, anger, and bitterness can grow in our families especially when conflicts are not properly resolved or relationships nurtured. Human beings require time, patience, love, and nurturing. We need to take time to celebrate the gift of family and not allow other demands to rob us of the time we need to spend together. Life is short. The Holy Family stands before us today showing us that love, commitment, and perseverance can see us through any difficulty or challenge life can bring. May we learn from their example!

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Faith Formation News

A very special Thank You from D.A.W.G. to everyone who sent in gifts, bags, tape & tags for the “Santa’s Workshop” and a special Thank You to all those who came out for “Breakfast with Santa!” You are all a blessing to our Youth Ministry.

Parents of Faith Formation Students: our classes will resume on Tuesday and Wednesday—January 9th and 10th. We look forward to seeing you and wish you a very Happy New Year!

Requests for Baptism, First Holy Communion or Confirmation Certificates; requests for Certificates of Eligibility to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, or requests for records of attendance in our parish Faith Formation or RCIA programs—we now have a request form which we ask be filled out and submitted to the parish office when requesting any of these documents. This form and instructions may be found on the parish website Faith Formation page here: https://www.allsoulsanford.org/faith-formation

Live the Liturgy

MARY HOLY MOTHER of God

We seek the same faith and courage that Mary possessed as she accepted the tremendous responsibility of being the Mother of God. Life often requires great and heroic things of us and we often wonder how and if we are able to meet those challenges. Mary did not doubt that God was with her, giving her everything needed to complete the task before her. Because of her Son's special relationship with his Father, we too can cry out “Abba, Father” and draw strength from the infinite and generous love God bestows upon us.

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Adult Faith Formation Programs

Women’s Holy Hour: Next meeting will be Thursday, January 4th at 7:00 pm Historic Chapel. All women of the parish and their daughters are invited to attend.

Mothers & Fathers Praying (Spanish) Monthly, (1st Saturday) at 6:30 pm in the Historic Chapel

Adult Bible Study: Each Monday at 9:30am and at 6:30pm in Suite C of the Parish Office

R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) with Fr. Ken Metz, each Tuesday at 7:00 pm. Call the parish office to register: 407.322.3795

Spanish Prayer Group: Each Monday 7:15 pm, Historic Chapel, unless otherwise noted.

Prayer & Life Workshops or Los Talleres de Oracion y Vida: Spanish and English Sessions. Information and Registration: call Jose Angel for the Spanish sessions at 787.368.7843; call Dulce Rodriguez for English morning sessions at 407.312.4693, or Valerie Barbosa at 407.409.5393 for the English evening sessions.

Men’s Holy League: Meets the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm, (6:30 pm Rosary) in Historic Chapel.
**Week Day Readings**

**Readings for the Week of December 31, 2017**

- **Sunday, Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40**
- **Monday, Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21**
- **Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28**
- **Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6; Jn 1:29-34**
- **Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Jn 1:35-42**
- **Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Jn 1:43-51**
- **Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Mk 1:7-11**

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

**“We cannot see Christ and remain as we are.”**

- Père Jacques

**Spend New Year’s Eve with Fr. Ed McCarthy**

Why spend the last moments of 2017 waiting for a crystal ball to drop? How about taking time for reflection and prayer in the presence of our Lord? Father Ed McCarthy invites you to come to our Eucharistic Holy Hour on the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God (New Year’s Eve) at the Historic Chapel at 800 S. Oak Ave., Sanford. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:30 pm, followed by a Communal Anointing of the Sick with a Benediction will begin at 11:30 pm. Please join us for a time to reflect with thanksgiving for the graces of the past year and greet the coming year with renewed trust in the Lord’s loving mercy.

**Saint of the Week**

**Basil the Great—Memorial—January 2 329-379**

Born in Caesarea, capital of Cappadocia (central Turkey), Basil studied rhetoric there and in Constantinople and Athens. He was baptized with his friend, St. Gregory Nazianzen, about 358 and ordained around 365. After being chosen bishop of Caesarea in 370, he championed the faith defined at the Council of Nicaea and refuted the Arian heresy. Many of his homilies and treatises are extant, and the monastic Rule of St. Basil is still observed in the Eastern Church. He is revered as a Doctor of the Church. On his feast day, remember St. Basil said, “Do everything possible to make yourself worthy of the Kingdom. Do not disdain the invitation you have received” (St. Basil the Great, Exhortation to Baptism, 7-8, as quoted in Advent and Christmas with the Church Fathers [2010], 33). “St. Basil, in a much-quoted homily, once declared that the bread we clutch in our hands belongs to the starving, the cloak we keep locked in our closet belongs to the naked, the shoes we are not using belong to the barefooted. In these ways in the post-biblical age Christians strove to keep a religious perspective on their use of material things.” —Msgr. Charles Murphy, “The Good Life from a Catholic Perspective: The Challenge of Consumption” on USCCB.org

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, December 30**

- **8:30 am** Chapel by Leah, Joe & Karen Dual
- **5:00 pm** Church by her children

**Sunday, December 31**

- **8:00 am** Chapel by the Slaughter Family
- **9:30 am** The People of the Parish Church by the Parishioners of All Souls
- **11:00 am** The People of the Parish Church by the Hobeck Family
- **12:30 pm** Bill ‘Porky’ Hobeck Church (Spanish) by the Martinez Family
- **2:00 pm** Jesse Martinez Chapel (Latin) by Tim Gergely

**Monday, January 1**

- **8:30 am** Bill Heneghan, Jr. Chapel by his family
- **8:30 am** Dolores Ell Chapel by Suzanne Lagering
- **8:30 am** Mark Dettmer Chapel by Donna Dettmer
- **8:30 am** Grace Garbade Chapel by her friends
- **8:30 am** Elmer & Alice Pacella Chapel by Linda & Jack Holt
- **8:30 am** Pam Callier Huth Chapel by her mother

**Tuesday, January 2**

- **8:00 am** People of the Parish Chapel by the Parishioners of All Souls
- **12:00 noon** Brother John Stephen Peralto Chapel by Linda & Jack Holt

**Wednesday, January 3**

- **8:30 am** Gloria Bonet-Carrero Church by Mary & Don Sparks
- **9:30 am** Jimmy Tolley Church by Eleanor & Joe Tolley
- **11:00 am** Theresa Pasquarello Church by Thomas Pasco

**Thursday, January 4**

- **8:30 am** People of the Parish Chapel (Spanish) by the Parishioners of All Souls
- **12:30 pm** People of the Parish Chapel (Latin) by Hieu & Tino Terrigno

**Friday, January 5**

- **8:30 am** People of the Parish Chapel by the Parishioners of All Souls
- **12:00 noon** Brother John Stephen Peralto Chapel by Linda & Jack Holt

**Saturday, January 6**

- **8:30 am** People of the Parish Chapel by the Parishioners of All Souls
- **12:00 noon** Brother John Stephen Peralto Chapel by Linda & Jack Holt

**Sunday, January 7**

- **8:00 am** Gloria Bonet-Carrero Chapel by Mary & Don Sparks
- **9:30 am** Jimmy Tolley Church by Eleanor & Joe Tolley
- **11:00 am** Theresa Pasquarello Church by Thomas Pasco
- **12:30 pm** People of the Parish Church (Spanish) by the Parishioners of All Souls
- **2:00 pm** People of the Parish Chapel (Latin) by Hieu & Tino Terrigno

**New Year’s Blessings**

Our Sanctuary Light in our Chapel burns this week for the repose of the soul of Ann Antonio, as requested by her daughter. May she rest in peace.
Happy New Year from all of your friends with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul!

Did you know ... the Knights of Columbus holds quarterly Food Drives by distributing brown grocery bags with items needed to help re-stock the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry? Thanks Knights and thank you for picking up and filling a bag!

How You Help Us Help Others: We personally thank all the parishioners at All Souls who so beautifully support us during the year. Without your caring support we would not be able to do the work we do each day! You are all in our prayers in a special way at this time of the year!

Year-End Giving: The Society is a 501© (3) and we’re happy to provide a tax receipt for your year-end giving. We thank you for your generosity!

Food Pantry Need of the Week: Shampoo. Thank you!

This Week’s Vincentian Reflection: Today is the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. During our New Year may our families “grow in wisdom and have the favor of God upon them.” Thank you for all your support – always!

DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE? PLEASE CALL 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*

Stitches from the Heart Prayer Shawl Ministry—There are so many people that need prayer and support who are lonely and hurting. Give them a gift of comfort and prayer with a Stitches from the Heart prayer shawl. Listen to those around you that may need some comfort. For a shawl you can contact the parish office or Stephanie Fuoco at sfuoco@cfl.rr.com or 407.491.2991. If you would like to join our knitting group please call Stephanie.

Let’s Stay Connected!

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

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.allsoulsanford.org

Help for a hurting marriage...

Sometimes things can go very wrong in a marriage. Retrouvaille (a French word meaning to find each other again) is a program to help heal and support married couples experiencing difficulties, couples broken, lonely and hurting. It’s also for couples who have separated or divorced and want to try again. Our next program begins January 26, 2018. For more information and registration, call 352.274.4614. All calls and names held in strictest confidence. We invite you to visit our website at Retrouvaille.org

Inspiracion de la semana

Las familias se enfrentan a muchos retos. Todas las obligaciones del trabajo, la escuela, la sociedad pueden poner una presión excesiva en las medidas de las familias. Puede haber en nuestras familias: heridas, enojos, amarguras que pueden crecer especialmente cuando los conflictos no se resuelven. Las personas humanas necesitan tiempo, paciencia, amor y alimento. Necesitamos tiempo para celebrar el don de la familia y no permitir que otras obligaciones nos roben el tiempo: la vida es corta. La Sagrada Familia es un ejemplo que nos muestra el amor, la entrega y la perseverancia ante cualquier dificultad o reto que la vida nos pueda traer. ¡Ojalá que aprendamos de su ejemplo!

Grupos de Oración Spanish

Nuestro Grupo de Oración Jesús María y José cordialmente te invita a su reunión tradicional en Capilla Histórica, en Oak Avenue cada lunes a las 7:15 pm, comenzando con el rezo del rosario, oraciones y la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento.

Todos están invitados a asistir. Por favor únanse a Padres y Madres Oración el primer sábado del mes las 6:30 pm en la Capilla Histórica y permanezca después para la confraternidad en el Salón Social. Nuestro grupo se reúne el primer sábado de cada mes. Se proporciona cuidado de niños.

This week in the parish

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