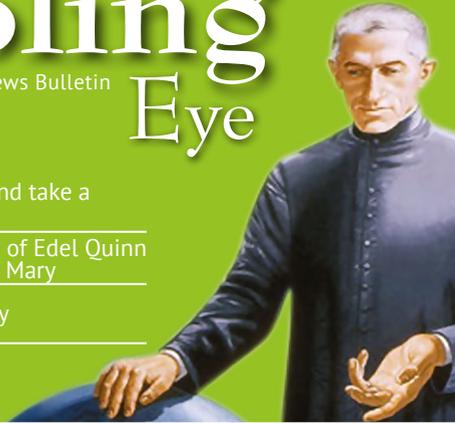
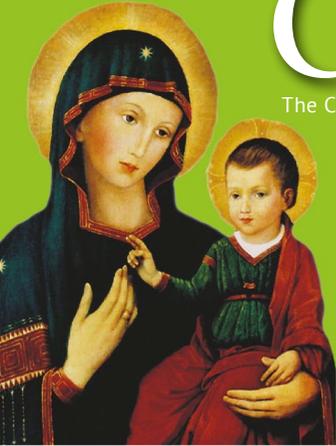


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## PRAYER FOR THE DECEASED

Remember, Lord, those who have died and have gone before us marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now pray. May these, and all who sleep in Christ, find in Your presence light, happiness and peace. Through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

<https://www.facebook.com/littleprayers1>



# Light a Prayer Candle and take a Flower

Dear Parishioners, Peace of Christ be with you. I welcome you to the new month of November, which also registers a new face on this desk. Thank you for being faithful readers of the Consoling Eye. Once again we have enriching stories and articles from all our contributors. Through the Consoling Eye, together we reflect on the activities of the parish and the church as a whole.



**Fr. Joseph Caesar**

Shrine what she is. Your contributions to the parish activities and projects cannot be undermined and now more so the Allamano Center. Trust me; the words 'Thank You' cannot fully express the feelings of gratitude in our hearts for all of you and your families. May the ever-loving God look deep into your hearts and award you more by answering your prayers and petitions.

May His blessings be upon you.

From this desk, mine is only to express my gratitude to you all for everything you are doing for the mother Church, the country and the whole world. Allow me to use this same platform to thank you for making the

Well, November has knocked on our doors, a month the Church dedicates in a special way to the memory of her sons and daughters who have finished with the struggles of this world and are peacefully sleeping in the Lord.

## Pope's Prayers Intentions for November 2017

### Christians in Asia:

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.



November is mainly known in our liturgical calendar as the month of the *holy souls!*

This precious month helps us to reflect on our destiny after our earthly pilgrimage. It begins with all saints Day to show us that we are in communion with the great men and women who were seen worthy of God's love, and were assumed to the high level of dignity that belongs to all those who do good here on earth. This encourages us to strive more as Christ wants us to, in order for all of us to be part of the heavenly choirs side by side with the Seraphim and Cherubim. This month urges us to commune in prayer, especially through the most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass and alms for the souls of our dear ones who have gone before us to the Father. In this we are continually reminded that in death, 'life is changed, but not ended.' Therefore, we cherish their memory while celebrating God's love; the love that never fails.

Praying for our resting brothers and sisters throughout the year, especially on the anniversary of their death is our Christian obligation, but in this month of the holy souls, we are called upon to devote some time every day to pray for all the dead. Those with an opportunity can light a prayer candle at their graves, take a flower and say a prayer. This indeed is an act of mercy. We definitely know that those holy souls for whom we pray will pray for us too and our acts of charity especially in this month towards them will ensure that they remember us before the sovereignty of God when we are most in need of prayers.

Something very special to remember is that the prayers we offer in this month not only benefit the dead but they also gain for us

indulgences that are obtained by devoutly visiting the cemetery and praying for the faithful departed. Here at the Shrine, during this month we will offer our daily Masses for the holy souls. As Christ commanded that the mass be offered for all time so that the meaning of His death would never be forgotten, so we offer Mass for our brothers and sisters in the sure and certain hope that, because of Christ's death, they will have eternal life. I therefore kindly request you to forward the names of your dear departed ones using the November cards. Their names will be put on the alter at every mass.

We welcome all our children who have come back home for their holidays. May this time be a time of relaxation and reflection on what they learnt at school throughout this year. We acknowledge the great sacrifice of their parents and guardians in helping them to have the best education, may you all be rewarded back for that sacrifice. We pray for the candidates who are preparing to sit the national exams, we recognize that this is an important part of their lives and so we accord them favorable atmosphere for them to realize their dreams. We remember them in our daily prayers asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten them.

I wish all of you a happy new month and a wonderful time as you prepare for Christmas and the New Year. May Our Lady Consolata intercede for you and may Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament bless you. **CE**

**Fr. Joseph Caesar**  
**Assistant Parish Priest**

## THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS OR THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT - NOVEMBER FIRST

The feast of all Saints will be celebrated on Wednesday the first of November.

The first of November commemorates the solemnity of All Saints, the feast is also known as the feast of the Church Triumphant. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), this feast day we celebrate all God's holy ones, known or unknown, from the first martyrs to the newly canonized, and every one in between. This feast day spans 2000 glorious years of the Church history.

### History of the Feast Day

The solemnity originally began in the 4<sup>th</sup> century to commemorate all the Christian Martyrs during those centuries of brutal persecution before Christianity was legalized.

There were so many martyrs that a separate feast day could not be given to each one individually, yet, the Church did not want to leave any martyr without proper veneration. A common feast day developed and was usually celebrated in the Easter Season.

In the 9<sup>th</sup> century, Pope Gregory 11<sup>th</sup>, consecrated a chapel in St. Peter's Basilica to all the Saints and moved the feast day to November the first. His successor, Pope Gregory 1<sup>st</sup>, extended the feast to the Universal Church.

### The Experience of the Saints in Heaven

What are the Saints in heaven experiencing, as we celebrate their feast? All the Saints presently in heaven are enjoying something, beholding God face to face, also known as the 'beatific' Vision. The blissful union with God is our final and our true happiness. It is the ineffable joy that comes from perfect union with the Holy Trinity. It is what we were made for. Beatific means, 'exalted joy' 'holy bliss' blissfully happy; 'our making happy.'

St John the Evangelist captures the happy scene the Saints enjoy in heaven in a Vision he relates in Revelations 7: 9-12.

### One Church, Three Places

Christ Church, although one through him, exists in three places. The Church triumphant are the Saints in heaven ; the Church Militant are those of us still on earth, struggling to love God, and the devil ; the Church suffering are the dead in Christ who must pass through purgatory before entry into heaven.

Those who have died in God's favor, but have not yet attained the beatific vision wait in purgatory until their final purification is complete before entering God's presence.

We remember these souls on All Souls' feast day, second of November.

So between the two side by side feast days on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, All saints' (Holy Day of obligation), and All Souls', we remember all the dead in Christ together. On the first, we ask for the intercession of the saints in heaven to pray for us: and on the second one we ourselves pray for the Holy Souls in purgatory. Through the communion of Saints each part of the Mystical Body of Christ helps every other. All saints' solemnity is a very special time of the year indeed, and a reminder of the true purpose of every human life to live for God, and to love Him with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. On this day, we pray the litany of the saints, the oldest litany of the Church still in use; a partial indulgence is granted to those who piously recite the Litany of Saints, which can then be applied to the Holy souls in Purgatory. **CE**

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## THE FEAST OF ALL SOULS - NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>

The feast of all souls will be celebrated on Thursday the second of November.

All Soul' day is a Solemnity celebration in the Roman Catholic Church, during this Solemnity, the Church, remembers those who have died, prays for their release from the dreadful purgatory, being cleansed of their venial sins and the temporal punishments for the mortal sins that they had confessed, and being made pure before entering into the presence of God in heaven.

### History of All Souls Day

The importance of All Souls Day was made clear by Pope Benedict XV (1914-22) when he granted all priests the privilege of celebrating three masses on All Souls Day. One of the faithful departed, one for the priests' intentions, and one for the intentions of the Holy Father.

The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit (Pope St. John XX111). The church dedicates the entire month of November to the Holy Souls in Purgatory. During this month, we pray for the faithful departed, especially those whom we have known and loved.

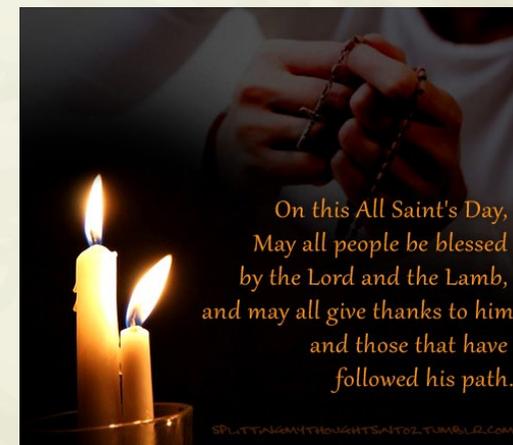
Those in purgatory died in the mercy of God, however, because of their attachments to sin at the time of their death, they must undergo the spiritual purification of their souls before they are able to fully love God with their whole heart, mind and soul for all eternity.

Those in purgatory cannot pray for

themselves this is why they are called "poor" souls. They can no longer merit anything for themselves and rely entirely on others to pray and make sacrifices on their behalf, as they are nevertheless part of communion of saints, they depend upon us to help ease their suffering and quickly advance them through their purification so that they can join the saints in heaven.

Prayers for the faithful departed pleases God, who makes use of our prayers to help purify these souls that He loves. It is an act of charity that we can give for those we have known and loved, for our ancestors who gave us life, for those who have no one else to pray for them. Here are some ideas for praying for these suffering (and often neglected) souls, especially during the month of November dedicated to their memory. **CE**

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*On this All Saint's Day,  
May all people be blessed  
by the Lord and the Lamb,  
and may all give thanks to him  
and those that have  
followed his path.*

# The Role of Communications Committee in Our Shrine

Every church has its attempts to optimize on its audience appeal. At Consolata Shrine the communications is unveiled through many forms. Bulletins, Screen shows, digital and social media and even a print magazine-The Consoling Eye are used regularly.

The core purpose of all these are to plug the congregation to God's provision, his miracles and works amongst us. Our relationships are built through these modes of communion with the Utmost. That is why the communications team at Consolata Shrine endeavors to shine a light on these tools today.

We want our readers to know that we care what we say and a lot of effort goes to putting together the words and deeds that we receive each week. By doing less talking and more listening when it comes to knowing the best way to communicate, we welcome members of the parish to join us grow in this ministry.

The church councils and budget committees have invested in good communication (technology, staff, printing, etc.) but that is not enough to reach everyone in the church. We are always looking for ways to grow.

Here are some reasons why we need you:

- It's a harsh world out there with loads of heavy duty temptations. On steroids. A lot of our regular members don't attend mass consistently, so they miss out on our events without intending to. To keep them connected, we use the social media platforms and SMS to widen our message spread.
- We believe that all the work that goes to sermons each week should be documented for posterity and given a longer shelf life online. We welcome growth in this area.
- We need feedback on efforts being put by the communications committee to reach our

congregants. Your input will help us grow in outreach.

- A percentage of people love to watch and listen to sermons online. If those people can't find sermons on our website, they might move to other more exciting churches, no?

### Why it Matters to Consolata Shrine that we grow as a Communications Group.

Our platforms engage outsiders and encourage insiders. They attempt to be a light to The Gentiles and open the eyes of the blind so as to see all of God's beauty and splendor. They are an attempt to release from the dungeons those that sit in darkness as commanded of us in Isaiah 42:79.

As a result you may have seen us do the following to crystallize the heart, mind and purpose of the congregants:

1. **Streaming Video.** We occasionally stream a video feeds. This way users can watch Sunday mass as they occur from any corner of the church.
2. **Record Videos.** By recording "high" events we are able to post them to our website or offer for sale to those that may want their children's Confirmation event (for example) stored for posterity.
3. **Audio Recording.** Not all parishioners have perfect hearing. This mode of communication can widen the reach to the somewhat -deaf besides being a method via which we can engage ourselves as we drive in Nairobi's legendary traffic.

### The truth of the world we live in today:

The world is moving towards rejecting printed communications. Yes. Look at the falling newspaper circulation if not the vanishing timely-story-relevance. Many church communicators are shoving print communication into our member's hands and requiring them to use them. You may have witnessed some *believers* share magazines that almost no one

wants out there. What congregants want is a glossy message with humor, fun, lightheadedness and some spiritual depth to carry home. We think we are right at Consoling Eye as we attempt to do this for all family members. We sometimes fail but we lift ourselves and can do more with your support!



Consolata Shrine reaches out to the parishioners through Bulk SMS services in sending out words of faith, bible verses, announcements, etc.

### Investment in technology is also a key in our communications.

You may have seen the rectangular boxes in and around the church streaming live mass. They call them screens. These need the attention of a dedicated member of the parish. They need updating and typing and graphics and video editing. We invite you to share comments and serve us all.

### Mobile App



Consolata Shrine is in the process of developing a custom made Mobile App – **Consoshrine App**, which will host Daily prayers, rosary, Novena, Way of Cross, Hymns, announcements, online payment services, etc.

At Deep Sea we occasionally host movie shows. We want to know whether these are useful. Please tell us if you like them, or what we can do to widen their appeal.

For our Shrines grand project we all know or have heard of the ALLAMANO Project online payment plan. Are you familiar with this? Then please work with us to lift a few more bricks off the ground for Fr. Daniel and team.

Digital communication is growing too.

The world has advanced to sound bites, facebook, tweets and texts; blogs and Instagram. We, as church are not necessarily shoved into the arena of pop and culture but we must keep an eye on trends that could lose us our bonding with youth. We actually encourage all parishioners to join our Facebook and twitter pages to build our online communication. Young minds can also join us to boost its dynamisms.

What are we as we continue to communicate with the church?

1. **We are the salt and light.** Jesus might not have said a lot on the subject of politics, but he gave us a guideline for operating in the world. He says, "You are the salt of the earth. [...] You are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13-4). Salt preserves and prevents decay. Light illuminates. Our role as Christians and church communicators is to shine the light and prevent societal decay. That means we must engage culture, not abandon, attack, or assimilate to it.
2. **We try to find sanctity and fulfillment in the Word** not just church communication strategies and plans. All our work should be covered in Scripture and prayer, even something as potentially dull as a social media policy. If we get our heads and hearts right, we write the right things.

Finally, the excellence of our faith and actions does not come from our own understanding. "Our sufficiency is from God himself. Not of the letter of the Holy book- for the letter kills- but from the spirit which gives life." (2 Corinthians 5-6). Do you wish to experience this in our committee? Please come along, join us today!

For further information, kindly visit our media platforms at;

**Twitter:** @consoshrine  
**Facebook:** Consolata Shrine  
**Website:** [www.consolatashrine.org](http://www.consolatashrine.org)

**Dennis Maina, Communications Committee, Consolata Shrine**

## The Beatification Cause of Edel Quinn procession by Legion of Mary

On Sunday 22nd October 2017 as had been planned by the Legion of Mary of the Central Deanery, members at the Shrine joined the Rosary Pilgrimage for two Intentions;

1. The Beatification Cause of Edel Quinn (who introduced the Legion of Mary in Kenya) and
2. For Peace during and after presidential elections.

The Legionary of Holy Family Basilica joined us at the Shrine at 1:00pm having walked from their parish. Together we proceeded towards Raphta Road praying the Rosary and singing hymns to Our Lady. Fr Evans of Consolata Shrine organized for an ambulance for the faithful pilgrims for the entire duration of the event. We arrived at St Mary's School playground at around 2:00pm and had a short break before we joined the Legionary of St Austin's parish upon completion of their marathon rosary within the compound.

At St Austin, we were joined by members from other deaneries, including those from Outering, Makadara, Eastern, Kikuyu and Western, making an approximate of around three hundred pilgrims. We assembled at the Big Cross in front of St Austin's church, we prayed the joyful mysteries, followed by a formation talk from the Central Deanery Chaplain of Legion of Mary, Fr Boniface Kariuki. This was based on "The Angelus." Fr.



Procession at St Austin Catholic parish



The pilgrims reciting rosary



During prayer session at the graveside

Kariuki reminded us that we should emulate the Fiat of Our Lady, being always ready to do God's will and also pray the Angelus at least 3 times every day.

Thereafter we had a procession that led us to the St Austin's cemetery while praying the sorrowful mysteries and then around Edel's grave we prayed the glorious mysteries.

The Magnificat was prayed followed by a short talk on Edel's Cause thus far. She died on 12th May 1944 and was buried two days later and her cause was introduced by Bishop JJ McCarthy in 1956 and officially opened in 1963. On 15th December 1994 the Congregation for the Causes of Saints in the presence of Pope St. John Paul II, 17



Fr Kariuki addressing the pilgrims

persons were declared Venerable. Of those, one was a laywoman of the Legion of Mary. The rest were Bishops, Priests and Religious. The church thus declared that Edel practiced Heroic Virtues. One miracle attributed to her intercession will further the cause of her beatification.

All of us were urged to introduce her to especially those who are sick, seeking her intercession for any favour. Edel had tuberculosis, which at that time had no cure.

We ended the session by a closing word of prayer and Blessings from Fr. Kariuki and left for homes fulfilled. **CE**

**By Josephine Khatunyi  
Legion of Mary - Consolata Shrine**

Pictures courtesy of Eric Fernandes



Celebrating Mission Sunday - 21 Oct 2017



CWA taking part in competitive bonding sports session during a retreat held during the month of October.



The Consolata Prayer Garden, is continually undergoing improvements to allow us to have a spiritual retreat journey when we spend time in the garden, the newest addition in the grotto is dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes, it is almost nearing the process of completion.



Ongoing progress of the Allmano Centre is going on well, we still humbly request your prayers and support to complete this project.

# CONSOLATA SHRINE DISPENSARY

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## FREE MEDICAL CAMP



**At Consolata Shrine Dispensary, Deep-Sea**  
**On 18<sup>th</sup> November 2017**  
**From 8.00am to 4.00pm**

### SERVICES TO BE OFFERED

- Eye Screening
- Free Blood Sugar Check
- Free BMI Check
- Free Consultation
- Free HIV Testing
- Free Nutritional Advice
- Free Pharmacy

### REQUIRED:- VOLUNTEERS

**DOCTORS, NURSES, PHARMACISTS, COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS**  
**DONATIONS OF MEDICINE AND CASH**

**THIS IS A CHARITY EVENT, THERE ARE NO CHARGES,**  
**BUT ENTRY WILL BE ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVE BASIS**

**All medicines will be dispensed **FREE** of charge**  
**to the patients**

# GIRLS ALTERNATIVE RITE OF PASSAGE 2017

### VENUE

Subiaco Retreat Centre/Karen

### DATE

13th Nov - 18th Nov

### FACILITATION TEAM

Jeniffer Wairimu – *Counselling Psychologist*  
Sr. Ann Waithera – *Youth Animator*  
Mary Kamaliza – *Founder Culture Of Truth*  
Assisted by other counsellors

### BOOKING CHARGES

Hurry!! Limited Spaces Available.  
**Booking 2,000/=**  
**Charges 25,000/=**

**Charges:**  
**Kshs**  
**25,000**

Christian Girls Alternative Camp is an Annual program designed to offer young Ladies a facilitated passage from childhood through to adulthood through mentored alternative rite of passage

The program combines the rich African culture that we have with Christianity; it's designed to transform your girl into a mature Christian African lady. This program focuses on personalized mentorship. The program shall involve a lot of practical learning experiences, fun and games designed for a young lady eager to grow.



**Contact: Consolata Shrine Parish Office - 0720 983733**

**Enquiries & booking: 0708 885595 (Denis Maina)**

# CHRISTIAN BOYS INITIATION CAMP 2017

## VENUE

Holy Family Retreat Centre/Karen

## DATE

26th Nov – 02 Dec  
KCPE Students

10th Dec – 16 Dec  
IGCE Students

## FACILITATION TEAM

Denis Maina – *Life Coach*  
Br. Paul Wandaka – *Spiritual Counsellor*  
Fr. Waweru Wakaba – *Capuchin TV*  
Assisted by other counsellors

## BOOKING CHARGES

Hurry!! 30 Spaces Available.  
Booking 3,000/=  
Charges 30,000/=

Christian Boys Initiation Camp is an Annual program designed to offer young men a facilitated passage from childhood through to adulthood through mentored initiation.

The program combines the rich African culture that we have with Christianity; it's designed to transform your boy into a mature Christian African man. This program focuses on personalized mentorship. The program shall involve a lot of practical learning experiences, fun and games designed for a young mind eager to grow.



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## The Pope and the family

As we come towards the end of our parish Year of the Family, let us study what the Holy Father has said about the family. His Holiness has a unique insight regarding the challenges facing families today. We can learn from his wise observations.

THE WISE AND LOVING WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS:

**You cannot have a family without a dream.**

"I am very fond of dreams in families. For nine months, every mother and father dream about what kind of child he or she will be... You can't have a family without dreams. Once a family loses the ability to dream, children do not grow, life shrivels up and dies. So I can ask you each evening, when you make your examination of conscience, to also ask yourselves this question: 'Today did I dream about the love of my husband, my wife? Did I dream about my parents and grandparents who have gone before me?'" (January 16 2015)

### Orphan dad

"When I confess young married people and they tell me about their children, I always ask this question: 'Do you have time to play with your children?' And so often I hear from Dad: 'But Father, when I go to work in the morning, they are sleeping and when I come back in the evening, they are in bed sleeping.' This is not life. It is not human. When I have



more opportunities than I do today to speak with kids and young people, I realised that they are suffering from 'orphan dad', that '" (June 16 2014)

### On Contraception

"I think of Blessed Paul VI. At a time when the problem of population growth was being raised, he had the courage to defend openness to life in families. He knew the difficulties that are there in every family, and so in Encyclical, he was very merciful towards particular cases, and he asked confessors to be very merciful and understanding in dealing with particular cases. But, he also had a broader vision; he looked at the peoples of the Earth, and he saw this threat of families being destroyed for lack of children. Paul VI was courageous; he was a good pastor and he warned his flock of the wolves who were coming. From his place in Heaven, may he bless this evening." (Meeting with families, June 16 2015)

## What makes families strong?

“What makes the family strong is Prayer. And we need simplicity to pray as a family: Simplicity is necessary! Praying the one Our Father together is not something extraordinary: its easy. And praying the Rosary together, as a family, is very beautiful and a source of great strength! And also praying for one another! A husband for his wife, the wife for her husband, both together for their children, the children for their grandparents...praying for each other. This is what it means to pray in the family and it is what makes the family strong: Prayer.” (October 27 2013)

These are indeed challenging times for families. We must also remember that families are changing. We have more families than ever headed by one adult and an increasing number headed by elder siblings. More than ever, we must lean on each other as the Parish Family. We must support and love each other as members of One Family with One Father.

Mary, Our Mother of All Consolation, Pray for us, your children. **CE**

**Christian Education Committee.**

## PMC ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY 28TH NOVEMBER - FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER.**

- PREPARATION FOR NATIVITY PLAY.
- BIBLE STUDY (INCLUDING ARTS/CRAFTS) AND
- GAMES

**SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER**

- ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY ☒

**WEDNESDAY 27TH - FRIDAY 29TH DECEMBER**

- PREPARATION FOR CANDIDATES TO BE ENROLLED INTO PMC ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY.

**JUNIOR YOUTH (13 - 18 YRS )**

**NOVEMBER**

- CONCLUSION OF THE ALPHA COURSE.

**TUESDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 10TH NOVEMBER.**

- PARTICIPATION IN THE CLEAN UP OF THE CHURCH WITH JUSTICE AND PEACE COMMITTEE.

**SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

- YOUTH MASS

**SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER @ 9AM**

- ALPHA DINNER FOR CONCLUSION OF ALPHA COURSE.

**FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER**

- IS CHASTITY RELEVANT TODAY? SEMINAR.

**TUESDAY 21ST - FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**

**DECEMBER**

- ANNUAL YOUTH CAMP

**TUESDAY 12TH - FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER**

- ANIMATION OF THANKSGIVING MASS FOR 2017

**SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER @ 530PM**

## WHY SHOULD WE PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Some Christian traditions believe that once a person has died, there is nothing that can be done for them. However, we believe that we can offer prayers for the dead. We believe that only the pure souls may enter into God's presence. These are holy saints, who lived and died purely for God. However, what happens to those who die with unconfessed sin? They cannot be condemned to hell. They did not reject God. They loved God and had faith in the Lord Jesus as their Saviour.

God is Merciful, but He is also Just. The Lord will not reject them but cleanse them from their sin before they enter His Holy Presence. This cleansing or purging the Church calls PURGATORY. The souls in Purgatory make up the Suffering Church. They are the third part of the Communion of Saints in combination with the Church Triumphant in Heaven and the Militant (Pilgrim) Church on Earth.

The souls in purgatory rely on our prayers. They cannot pray for themselves. We plead for God on their behalf. We want their time absent from God to be shortened. We ask for Mercy. This is why we pray for the dead.

This belief is seen in the Holy Bible. We see it in the story of the great warrior Judas Maccabeus. After one of the battles Judas and his men were preparing the dead for burial when they discovered idols hidden under their clothing. This was a serious sin: 'But when they found on each of the dead men, under their tunics, objects dedicated to the idols of Jamnia, which the Law forbids all Jews to do, it became clear to everyone that this was why these men had lost their lives.

They all of them blessed the ways of the Lord, the Upright Judge, who brings hidden things to light, and gave themselves to prayers, begging that the sin committed might be completely forgiven.

Next, the valiant Judas urged the soldiers to keep themselves free from all sin, having seen with their own eyes the effects of the sin of those who had died. After this, he took a collection from them individually, amounting to nearly two thousand drachmas, and sent it to Jerusalem to have a sacrifice for sin offered: an action altogether fine and noble; prompted by his belief in the resurrection.

It would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead if he did not believe that they would rise again. But he had in view the splendid reward reserved for those who make a pious end (who die close to God). Hence it was a holy and pious thought to offer a sacrifice for the dead, that they may be released from their sin." (2Macc 12:40 -45)

Judas and his soldiers understood the great sin committed by their fellow soldiers. They also knew that they had not repented of this grave sin. Hence, they offered a sacrifice and prayers on their behalf.

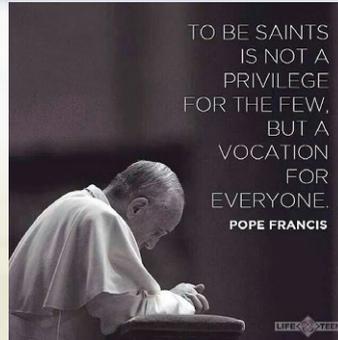
During this month, we remember all the dead. The Communion of Saints in prayer. Let us pray for our dead relatives and friends. But let us also remember those who have no one to pray for them.

Eternal grant us unto them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



# MY SAINT

On the first day of November we remember all the saints of the Church. The saints are also known as the Triumphant Church. They are the pure souls in Heaven. Since they are in the presence of the Holy Trinity, we can ask them to pray with us and for us.



When we were baptized all of us were given the name of a saint. For this month's puzzle, you are invited to write a short report on your saint. Use one side of white A4 paper so that the report can be laminated. Paper is available at the PMC office. Include a small picture of your saint. Use the following format.

My saint is \_\_\_\_\_. He/she was born in \_\_\_\_\_

(country) on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). My saint is well known because of \_\_\_\_\_

Pope \_\_\_\_\_ declared \_\_\_\_\_ a saint in \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The

feast day is on \_\_\_\_\_.

My saint is the patron saint of \_\_\_\_\_.

I love my saint because \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_.

Contact \_\_\_\_\_.

Christian Education Committee.

## Baptisms in October

1. Adrian Karanja of Loice Nyanjugu and Felix Mbugua
2. Bridgette Zuri Mire of Garnete Nawande and Gad Dev Wanga
3. Joseph Maina of Lydia Njeri and Francis Muchema
4. Collins Adero of Mariana Mueni and Dickson Oruko
5. James Muthami of Jane Mugure and Elijah Karonji
6. Gabriel Ndungu of Jane Njoki and Samuel Mwangi
7. Faith Arabella Itumbe of Elizabeth Wanjiku and Paul Mumo
8. Nathaniel Mwangi of Elizabeth Wanjiku and Joseph Wagathu
9. Markdaniel Wairiuko of Elizabeth Wanjiku and Joseph Wagathu
10. Ray Marcus Ochieng of Mildred Veronicah and Oska Onyango
11. Daniel Daison Kipkoeh of Carolyne Jebet and Dainycious Kipkemboi
12. Tahaka Sindiga of Caroline Murugi and Joshua Sindiga
13. Alma Chepkemboi of Sophia Joan Biwott and Leonard Kiprono
14. Liam Njuguna of Hannah Njeri and Michael Mbugua Miako
15. Ava Nyokabi of Sherlyne Kirika and Chris Kirika Kiereini

## Marriage Banns in November 2017

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. Maisara Cheron Othman and John Derick Akello
2. Maureen Mumbi Maina and Martin Njoroge Kimani
3. Anita Mwikali Mukala and Titus Mbiti Mutua
4. Tracey Jane Auma Shiundu and Samuel Kamande Wambui
5. Lilian Olube Ologe and David Simiyu Tete

6. Peninah Wanjiru Githinji and Patrick Kimani Njenga
7. Jackline Mkuji Mwandawiro and Patrick Mbau Malika
8. Anne Wahura Mubia and Thomas Mwenda Murungi
9. Joan Jesang Kipturus and Francis Mondiri Busi
10. Alice Muthoni Ndwiga and Philip Marube Nyanumba
11. Lenity Kiende Muriira and Michael Mutugi Mwai
12. Anne Serah Njambi Wanjui and Joseph Barage Wanjui
13. Maxine Khakasa Nabukwesi and Savio Ochieng Omalla
14. Trudea Namwali Juma and John Chege Njuguna
15. Judith Nthambi Masinga and Martin Muendo Kitavi
16. Amanda Shirley Severina Nazareth and Colin Malcom Correia

**Note: If anyone knows of any particular reason why the above ceremony cannot take place, please report immediately to the Parish Priest.**

## Weddings in September 2017

1. Noela Syukwaa Mbithi and Peter Musyoki Musembi

**Eternal rest grant unto them. And let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.**

**By Sammy Kakai,  
Catechist, Consolata Shrine**

# EVENTS OF THE PARISH FOR NOVEMBER 2017

## MISSIONARY INTENTION: Evangelization: Christians in Asia.

That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

Sun 12	<b>32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Prayer for the sick, for their families and for health workers at all masses Meeting of parents in preparation for FHC at 2.30 pm Charismatics all leaders retreat St Jude retreat at the Prayer Garden St Theresa SCC, Prayers at Kyumbi Shrine Youth Consofeste practice/In house talk
Fri 17	<b>Zone B Archdiocese Youth Planning</b>
Sat 18	Saturday of week 32 in Ordinary Time Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles Spiritual preparation and rehearsal for 1st Holy communion candidates St Cecilia choirs Feast Day Celebration, at Holy Family Basilica St Cecilia choir 3 <sup>rd</sup> retreat (18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Nov) Youth CONSOFESTE
Sun 19	<b>33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Prayer for the family at all masses Executive Pastoral Council, 3pm RICA candidates Graduation at St Scholastica Formation for parents and sponsors of infant baptism at 2.30pm Second RICA boys Seminar (19 <sup>th</sup> -26 <sup>th</sup> Nov) St Cecilia choir 3 <sup>rd</sup> retreat (18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
Mon 20	St Cecilia choir 3 <sup>rd</sup> retreat (18 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> Nov)
Tue 21	<b>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
Wed 22	<b>Saint Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr</b> Formation of parents and guardians of infants for baptism
Fri 24	Sacred Heart Vigil at Langata Shrine
Sat 25	Ongoing formation for children who received first Holy communion Infant Baptism at 2.30pm Spiritual preparation and rehearsal in the Church for candidates for FHC (8.30-11am) CMA talent day competitions, at Prisons chaplaincy Deaf talents day All Youth Pope's commemoration walk/charity work Deanery Youth Charity work PMU meeting at Card. O.P.
Sun 26	<b>CHRIST THE KING</b> Children Mass at 9am Pastoral Council meeting at 10.30am Celebration of first Holy communion at 3pm RICA Girls Seminar OLOF SCC visit to Kamiti Prison Juvenile Centre
Wed 29	Youth Taize Retreats at Mji wa Furaha (29 <sup>th</sup> Nov-3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec)
Thu 30	<b>SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE Feast</b>