

Oct. 30-31, 2021 / Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

AVE MARIA

CATHOLIC CHURCH



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Weekly Reflection



Let us rejoice and celebrate: **The Solemnity of All Saints!** Tertullian, a very early ecclesiastical writer, tells us: *“A saint is a summary of the Gospel; his good example makes others love virtue and leads them to practice it. Each of his actions condemns evil and sin.”*

When we honor the saints, we praise God because sanctity is God's gift. When God rewards the merits of the saints, He rewards his gifts. The saints give glory to God on earth and in heaven. They are God's triumph. The saints are the best members of the Mystical Body of Christ; fruits of his Incarnation and Redemption. Forgetting them means to forget the fruitfulness of the great works of Jesus.

They have an apologetical value too, because they show the truth of our faith in the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. They are a clear document of the Divine origin of the Church because with their lives, they confirm that they are good sons and daughters of a Holy Mother.

The saints give us courage. If they are saints, let us go forward! They were able to achieve the goal. We can also arrive to the same place with the grace of God! Grace is not sterile! They give us confidence and serenity. They show us the importance of heaven and eternal life, and the value of suffering that counts as nothing before the great reward that is expected. Saint Bernard tells us, *“Calling the saints to mind inspires, and arouses a longing to enjoy their company. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven.”*

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Collection Summary

● 10/9 & 10/10 Total	\$17,889.80
● Weekly Budget*	\$18,943.24
Donations to CFA	\$83,421.50
CFA Goal	\$210,000
Campaign Challenge Goal	\$2,000,000
Total Campaign Pledges	\$1,456,364.31
Pledges Collected to Date	\$1,095,064.26

*Does not include the maintenance of the parish debt



LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Continuing Our Conversation from Last Week

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is time for our Parish to continue our efforts for our Capital Campaign - Our Home, His House, Our Children's Future. I want to thank those who have already made a campaign pledge and I want to strongly encourage every Parish family to be part of this effort. We must prepare for the future stability of our Parish home and fulfill our obligation to repay borrowed funds used to purchase our beautiful and iconic Ave Maria Church and to repair the roof and the interior of the Church.

Our Capital Campaign – *Our Home, His House, Our Children's Future* – began in January of 2020 with commitments of \$1,455,548. Two-thirds of that amount has been received to date and we hope to receive the remaining one-third during the upcoming months. Two hundred fifty-five families participated in our beginning effort. This Campaign will run through 2022, but I anticipate that longer commitments would be needed. As you read in our Parish Financial Report, the fulfillment of our financial obligations totals \$9.9 million, and besides, we need to maintain our buildings and support our pastoral programs. Please, bring these needs to prayer and see how you can help. I ask every family and every Ave Maria Parish member to participate at the level you consider possible. Our challenge goal for this Campaign is \$2 million and our victory goal is \$3 million. To reach such a goal, every donation counts!

We will be hosting two Town Hall Meetings in our Ave Maria Parish Hall to give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the financial situation of Ave Maria Parish. These Town Hall Meetings are scheduled from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, November 10th, and Tuesday, November 16th, 2021. Please, come with your questions and suggestions. Please, go to our Parish website, find the highlighted Town Hall event, and send us the confirmation of your attendance so that we can plan these gatherings.

In the next few weeks, you will receive a pledge card encouraging you to state what you can do for this Campaign. Please, know we cannot do this without the cooperation of everyone. May God bless you and your family! May Our Blessed Mother protect you! May St. Joseph guard you!

Yours, in Jesus, Mary, and Joseph,

Rev. David M. Vidal, Ph.D.
Pastor

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 20-21

Ave Maria Catholic Church

Income

Donation Income	908,045.18
Ministry Income	42,840.98
Auxiliary/Fundraiser Income	68,506.05

Total Income 1,019,392.21

Expenses

Personnel Related Expenses	549,071.79
Property Related Expenses	361,905.37
Ministry Related Expenses	59,673.08
Administrative Expenses	31,621.89
Auxiliary/Fundraiser Expenses	20,895.70

Total Expenses 1,023,167.83

Net Income (3,775.62)

Additional Items not Reflected Above:

Payments on Loans w/Campaign Funds	474,761.69
2020-2021 Interest on Loans (4.75%)	(491,107.93)
CFA Assessment Shortfall	(76,444.91)

Assets

Current Assets

Bank Account	
Operating Account	166,942.49
Savings Account	407,895.53
Total Checking/Savings	574,838.02
Campaign Pledges Receivable	404,165.04
Other Current Assets	
Inventory	342.86
Pre-Paid Items	-5,318.41
Total Other Current Assets	-4,975.55

Total Current Assets 974,027.51

Fixed Assets

Church	10,084,870.42
Depreciation on Church	-945,698.37
Rectory	235,000.00
Depreciation on Rectory	-18,077.00
Furniture & Equipment	121,445.06
Depreciation on Furniture & Equipment	-77,181.00

Total Fixed Assets 9,400,359.11

TOTAL ASSETS 10,374,386.62

Liabilities & Equity

Liabilities

Current Liabilities	
Operating Payables	20,794.76
Other Current Liabilities	5,189.00
Total Current Liabilities	25,983.76
Long Term Liabilities	
Diocesan Loans - Church & Roof	10,922,628.56
Total Liabilities	10,948,612.32

Equity

Total Equity -574,225.70

Total Liabilities & Equity 10,374,386.62

Notes for 2021-2022:

Interest on Loans (3.25%)	322,000
Loan Balance for 2021-2022	9,919,584
2021 CFA Assessment	210,000



MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

Through the Mercy of God, Rest in Peace

Sat. October 30

- 9:00am Sandra & Steven Masso
- ● ● 9:30-10:30am Confessions
- 5:00pm Virginia Patterson

Sun. October 31

- 8:00am The Parish Community
- 10:00am + Karen Apang
- 12:30pm (EF) + Julio Caballero
- 7:30pm Diocese of Venice

Mon. November 1

- 7:30am The Parish Community
- 12:00pm Fr. David Vidal
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm Bishop Frank Dewane

Tues. November 2

- 7:30am Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 12:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory
- 5:00pm Holy Souls in Purgatory

Wed. November 3

- 7:30am + Christina Ann Moriarty
- 12:00pm Emily Merlo
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Kazimierz Wasilewski

Thur. November 4

- 7:30am Krystyna & John Roland Family
- 12:00pm Jennifer Micillo & Family
- 5:00pm B.S.A. Dulemba

Fri. November 5

- 7:30am Jill and Ron Boos
- 12:00pm + John and Nita Apang
- ● 2:45-3:45pm Confessions
- 5:00pm + Paul Liebert
- 6:30-7:30pm Holy Hour & Confessions

Color Key for Priests

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|------------------------|------------------------|
| ● Fr. David Vidal | ● Fr. Joseph Lugalambi |
| ● Fr. John Andem | ● Fr. Ignatius |
| ● Fr. Piotr Paciorek | ● Fr. Anbu |
| ● Fr. Romanus Cessario | ● FSSP |
| ● Fr. Rick Martignetti | ● Fr. Bob Garrity |
| ● Fr. Guy Mansini | |

Contact the Parish Office to remember your own dearly departed loved ones in the Holy Mass.

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Contacte la Oficina Parroquial por Intenciones de Misas.

Prayer of the Week: Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from Christ's side, wash me. Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O good Jesus, hear me. Within Thy wounds hide me. Suffer me not to be separated from Thee. From the malicious enemy defend me. In the hour of my death call me. And bid me come unto Thee. That I may praise Thee with Thy saints. and with Thy angels, forever and ever. Amen

ANIMA Christi, sanctifica me. Corpus Christi, salva me. Sanguis Christi, inebria me. Aqua lateris Christi, lava me. Passio Christi, conforta me. O bone Iesu, exaudi me. Intra tua vulnera absconde me. Ne permittas me separari a te. Ab hoste maligno defende me. In hora mortis meae voca me. Et iube me venire ad te, Ut cum Sanctis tuis laudem te in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

THE SACRAMENTS



Baptism

Welcome to the Catholic Church!

- October 23, 2021 Lucas Alexandru Mitroi

*Contact parish office for information on scheduling a baptism and the required classes for parents and godparents.

Holy Matrimony

Congratulations!

- October 22, 2021 Mr. and Mrs. Jesus Abrigo (Gabriela Olvera)
- October 23, 2021 Mr. and Mrs. Austin Hungness (Victoria Severo)

*Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior. Must be registered parishioner & been attending Mass for 3 months.



“Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these,” (Mark 10:14). Are you loving our little ones during Church? Have you heard their little (or loud) voices during Mass? When we hear the littlest among us, we hear the future of the Church. Show some extra love to them (and their parents) while in Mass. Let them know how loved and important they are in our community. When you bring your littlest to Mass, you are bringing them to Jesus as the Gospel tells us. We LOVE seeing (and hearing) them. We welcome all children to enter through our doors, and we hope to see them at our Masses!

Receive the Grace of the Sacraments! Participate in the treasures that Jesus left to the Church!

Baptism, the saving waters that bring the Holy Spirit and welcomes us into the Catholic Church. It makes us children of God and incorporates us into Christ.

First Communion, receiving the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Christ. Holy Communion not only gives us God's grace, but the Author of grace Himself, Jesus.

Confirmation, being sealed and strengthened by the gift of the Holy Spirit to be a living witness to Christ.

For more information contact me at becky.h@avemariaparish.org.

PARISH LIFE

Events and Updates



October 31

Ave Maria Youth Group
DTS Chapter

6:30-8pm | Parish Hall



November 1

All Saints Day
Parish Office is Closed



November 2

All Souls Holy Hour
& Divine Mercy Chaplet

6-7pm | Church



November 9

Community &
Culture Night
Rhetoric Stage

6:30-8pm | Donahue Acad.



Ave Maria Pro-Life Ministry

On behalf of Fr. Vidal and Deacon Gary Ingold, as well as the Respect Life Ministry, Community Pregnancy Clinics Inc. (CPCI), and Ave Maria University, we thank all those who participated in the first annual **Respect Life Conference**. We could not have successfully accomplished this informative and important event without the awesome speakers. Pam Stenzel, Dr. Karen Liebert, and Steven Mosher, did amazing presentations, evidenced by the responses and the many people that surrounded the speakers after each session.

We have been blessed to have had such a dedicated group of people, especially, Deacon Gary Ingold, Scott Baier, CEO CPCI, Kim King, VP for Student Affairs at AMU and the Students For Life at AMU as well as the members of the Respect Life Ministry. Anyone who is interested in Respect Life issues will want to consider attending next year. Watch for more information in a future bulletin. You might also consider joining the Respect Life Ministry at our Parish.

Sharon Levesque, President

AMPRespectLifeMinistry@gmail.com

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

From A to Z, Ways to Grow and Serve

Fraternus Chapter In Ave Maria

Born out of brokenness, Fraternus was envisioned to "turn the hearts of fathers toward their sons."

Our present generation of boys will no doubt have the greatest influence on the direction our society takes with respect to returning to morality and faith. But to make that happen your help is needed. We would like to invite you to attend an informational meeting for the re-launching of the *Fraternus* Chapter here in Ave Maria Parish! An **Informational Meeting** will be held **on Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 7:30-8:30pm at the Parish Hall.**

We will review what *Fraternus* is all about, the essential elements of the program, and what it takes to develop a strong and vibrant chapter. We are looking for a core group of dedicated men who are able and willing to share their God given talents with their sons and the young men of this parish.

What is *Fraternus*? *Fraternus* is a group of men and boys who gather weekly for prayer, study of the virtues, meal sharing, and recreation.

What is the qualifying age for *Fraternus*? 12 years of age and up. We set up age-appropriate squads led by Dads and men to help guide the boys as needed. Boys progress through ranks right up until Knighthood and beyond. All adults must be Virtus Certified and Fingerprinted to be able to participate in the program –no exceptions.

When do you anticipate beginning the program?

We hope to start right after the beginning of the new year in January 2022. For more information or questions contact: **Tom Nuttle,** foursons862@gmail.com



This week in
Fraternus: Fortitude

THE FORTITUDINOUS
MAN DRAWS
STRENGTH FROM
CHRIST.



Adult Parish Choir

Tuesday, November 2
7-8:30pm | Church
Marian Mandy
Marian.M@avemariaparish.org



Children's Choir

Wednesday, November 3
6-7:30pm | Church
Kathy Dittus
rjdittus@gmail.com



Schola Cantorum

Thursday, November 4
7-8:30pm | Church
Norman Mandy
normanmandy03@gmail.com



AA Meeting

Thursday, November 4
7-9pm | Parish Hall
Dan Linton
dlinton58@gmail.com



Our Catechetical Program

All Saints Day celebrates the lives and memory of all holy people who have gone before us.

Some have been canonized by the Church and they receive the title of Saint. Others are on the pathway to sainthood and are named Blessed or Servant of God. But probably most of the saints that we celebrate on this feast are unknown.

Maybe it is your grandma who prayed a rosary every day, raised a family, stayed faithful to her marriage, and helped in the Church. Maybe it is the single man down the street who had a strong hidden prayer life and always was a dependable friend, colleague, and family member. Or maybe it's the little child who died free from the stain of sin and just left us too early. All of these are examples of saints who lived around us.

Someone said: "Not all superheroes wear capes, mine wears a cross." Speaking to children about Jesus can be difficult, but it is vital to share with them who Jesus is and who are his friends. The saints are Jesus's friends. Be a saintly hero to your family. Share the good news that Jesus brought to your life. All Saints, pray for us!

If you have any questions about our faith formation programs, please contact me at becky.h@avemariaparish.org or visit the parish website www.avemariaparish.org

Donahue Academy

Our parish school, Donahue Academy, is a Catholic, classical PK-12 school. Why does our high school operate under a classical model? Find out on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30pm in the school library during the second **Community & Culture Night**. Mr. Tyler Graham's keynote address, "**The Road to Freedom**," will focus on the High School / Rhetoric Stage at Donahue Academy and how it is uniquely suited to produce the civil and ecclesial leaders the world needs.

The evening includes a mini Shakespeare performance by Donahue Academy's very own Merry Beggars. As always, the event is open to the public, there is no fee to attend, food and drink will be served and free babysitting will be provided for children ages 1-5. Even if you do not have children in our parish high school, you're welcome to attend what is sure to be an enlightening presentation on forming young adult minds. Attendance is required for all families new to Donahue Academy and attendance counts towards school service hours.

Mark your calendars for **6:30pm on November 9th**, the next in our series of **Community & Culture Nights**. Contact the school office if you will need babysitting or more info, Office.Manager@donahueacademy.org



COMMUNITY & CULTURE

Mr. Tyler Graham will discuss the Rhetoric Stage high school program in his keynote, *The Road to Freedom*

TUESDAY

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NOVEMBER

6:30PM – 8:00PM

The evening includes a mini Shakespeare performance by Donahue alumni. Light refreshments will be served.

IGLESIA CATÓLICA DE AVE MARÍA

Información para nuestra comunidad hispana

Reflexión Semanal



Alegrémonos y celebremos: ¡**La Solemnidad de Todos los Santos!** Tertuliano, un antiguo autor eclesiástico, decía: “*Un santo es un resumen del Evangelio. Su buen ejemplo nos hace amar la virtud y nos lleva a practicarla. Cada una de sus acciones condena el mal y el pecado.*” Cuando honramos a los santos, honramos a Dios porque la santidad es un don de Dios. Cuando Dios premia los méritos de los santos, El premia los dones que El mismo les ha dado. Los santos dan gloria a Dios en la tierra y en el cielo. Ellos son el triunfo de Dios. Los santos son los mejores miembros del Cuerpo Místico de Cristo; frutos de su Encarnación y Redención.

Olvidarse de ellos, significa olvidarse de la fecundidad de las grandes obras de Jesucristo. Ellos también tienen un valor apologético porque nos muestran la verdad de nuestra fe in la Iglesia que es Una, Santa, Católica y Apostólica. Ellos son un claro testimonio del origen divino de la Iglesia ya que confirman la Santidad de la Madre que los hizo hijos buenos. Los santos nos alientan. ¡Si ellos son santos, sigamos adelante! Ellos pudieron alcanzar la meta. ¡Nosotros podemos arribar al mismo lugar con la gracia de Dios! ¡La gracia no es estéril! Ellos nos inspiran confianza y serenidad. Ellos nos recuerdan constantemente la importancia del cielo y de la vida eterna y el valor del sufrimiento que es como nada en comparación con la gran recompensa que nos espera. San Bernardo decía: “*El recordar a los santos nos inspira y nos mueve a desear el gozo de su compañía ya que deseamos compartir con ellos la patria del cielo.*”

Sacramentos, Preparación, Quinceañera, y RCIA

El **bautismo**, nos introduce a las aguas salvadoras que nos trae el Espíritu Santo y nos hace miembros de la Iglesia.

La **confesión**, nos hace vivir la misericordia de Dios, ejercida a través del ministerio de los sacerdotes.

Primera Comuni3n, nos hace participar de la vida de Jesús, recibiendo su Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad bajo la apariencia de pan y vino.

Confirmaci3n, nos sella por medio de los dones del Espíritu Santo para ser testigos vivos de Cristo.

Unci3n de los enfermos, nos da la fortaleza espiritual e incluso física en tiempos de enfermedad o en peligro de muerte.

Las **quinceañeras** son celebraciones que tradicionalmente las familias hispanas hacen para dar gracias a Dios por el don de la vida de quien cumple los 15 años y para pedir las bendiciones de Dios.

¿C3mo me hago cat3lico? Tal vez has asistido a Misa con nosotros por un tiempo, o tal vez acabas de conocer a un cat3lico y estabas intrigado por su fe. Quizás fuiste bautizado cuando eras ni3o, asististe a algunas clases de catecismo, pero realmente no has estado practicando la fe estos 3ltimos a3os. Entonces, **¿por d3nde empiezas?**

Para m3s informaci3n, contacta a Martha Baca, Martha.B@avemariaparish.org