



Sunday Services at 10:30 a.m.

The MESSENGER

MISSION STATEMENT

So that ALL may know and serve God, our mission is to let the love of Christ shine brightly in our daily lives by being a welcoming, nurturing, and supportive community grounded in God's Word and Sacraments

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

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**We are an inclusive,
welcoming community of
faith open to everyone**



A PASTORAL LETTER FROM FATHER PETE



The vitality of any congregation depends upon its commitment to worship and to share the Sacraments together, because it is out of this sacramental experience that the urge to witness to our Lord comes.

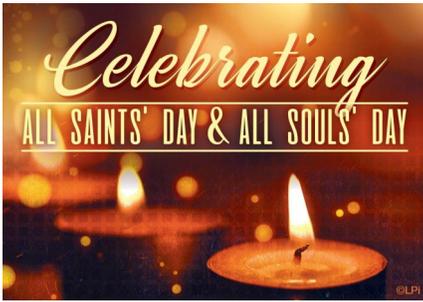
There is nothing more discouraging to me as your Pastor, and to others who may be there, when the number in church is so small that any sense of community is missing and it is even worse when on that unfortunate day when we have visitors--who are not likely to return.

The pandemic has most of us worn out, but where can we find a better place to be refreshed and recharged with a sense of mission than in the company of our fellow believers?

So I urge you as we approach the Season of Advent to recommit yourself to joining us for worship. If you haven't been around for a while, St. Germain's family misses you. Please note that I am always willing to bring Communion to you if you are reluctant for health reasons to be with us on Sundays.

Fr. Pete

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1st



Each November, the Church celebrates two feast days, which are related to each other. All Saints' Day is celebrated on November 1st. On this day we celebrate the great Communion of Saints, which includes those holy men and women who have passed before us but have not been canonized. All Souls' Day is celebrated on November 2nd and is a day to remember and pray for all those who have died, especially family members and friends.

All Souls' Day began as an extension of All Saints as a way to remember all the faithfully departed in a community based on the New Testament use of the word "saints" to describe all the people of the Christian community.

You are invited to bring photos or mementos of your departed for a "table of remembrances" that will be assembled in the church as a way of literally "making space" to remember and honor our faithful loved ones who have gone before us. They have shaped our faith and our lives, provided light for us, and their love lives on in us. Light a candle for each person you remember, and hold them in your hearts as you worship.

Veronica will be at the church this Saturday from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. if you wish to bring them over.

A sign-up sheet is available in the parish hall for names to be read during the service. Please arrive early to place your items before worship begins.

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11th BELLS OF PEACE CEREMONY 10:30 a.m.

**JOIN US AS WE RING THE CHURCH BELLS
TO HONOR ALL VETERANS AT 11:00**



A World War I Remembrance

This Veteran's Day we will honor and remember those who have sacrificed, as we reverently toll our church bells 21 times, 5 seconds apart, in hope for continued peace. The VFW has kindly loaned us some memorabilia to view, poppies will be handed out. This is also a day to honor and give thanks for all American veterans, where-ever and when-ever they served.

"Bells of Peace," a U.S. national bell tolling program, was created to commemorate the Armistice of 1918 ended the horrendous slaughter of World War I, called THE WAR TO END ALL WARS. When the Armistice was signed, exuberant JOY broke out around the world. It has since become a worldwide remembrance of the moment when the guns fell silent, and bells tolled on the Western Front... on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, after four years of brutal combat when more than 14,500,000 soldier died worldwide.

We will be taking a special collection that Sunday Nov 8 and on Nov 11 to donate to Quixote Communities-tiny homes for homeless veterans in greater Shelton area.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer's Report September 2020

Operating Revenues	2,899
Grant	415
Operating Expenses	<u>3,250</u>
Net	<u>\$64</u>
 YTD net	 <u>\$4,612</u>

MONETARY OUTREACH DONATIONS YTD THROUGH OCT 2020

Hood Canal Food Bank	\$587
Camp Michael	\$250
Chaplains on the Harbor	\$254
Special Outreach/Discretionary	\$385
Episcopal Relief & Development Fund	<u>\$200</u>
Total	\$1,676

ECW - SOULCIETY

DID YOU KNOW?



Fr. Pete is a part time Priest for us at St. Germain. He is usually here in Hoodspout only one other day besides Sunday, therefore it is incumbent for the rest of us, especially during these Covid-19 times, to look after each other. Several ladies have volunteered to drop off a current Forward Day by Day to those still self-isolating at home, or perhaps you need a ride to church, an appointment, or have an upcoming surgery, etc. and could use a helping hand with something. You can send an email to stgermainoffice600@gmail.com or call (805) 244-8053.

We meet each Wednesday in the parish hall from 11 am to 1 pm. We have a brown bag lunch, reading and reflections, followed by an outreach activity. Our focus is spiritual growth and development, socialization and friendship, service to our church, and community outreach. Hope to see you there! (Covid guidelines followed)

FROM THE OFFICE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER LIST

If you have a request for someone to be added to the printed prayer list that is included in our Sunday service bulletin to be read during the Prayers of the People, please let Fr. Pete or Lu know by the Saturday before the service. Please pray for:

Carlos	Kathryn	Jack
Beverly	Trey	Megan
Anne K	Ed	Ava
Alex	Kevin	Steve
Tim	Buck	Alan
Kyle	Coleen	Ron & spouse



November Birthdays

Jerry
Alex
Therese
Justin

