

# HEAVEN AND EARTH WILL PASS AWAY BUT MY WORD WILL NOT

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**The mission** of the Catholic Campus Ministry at Penn State is to give witness to a Catholic Presence in University Life and to promote and sustain the well being of the whole Catholic Person. We welcome students, faculty, staff, resident community members, and alumni. Grounded in the tradition of the Church, Catholic Campus Ministry provides an environment and fellowship that challenge members to encounter the Living Christ and be transformed by His Spirit. Liturgies, retreats, service projects, Bible studies, prayer groups, programs for Catholic critical thinkers, and other activities nurture our faith and open our hearts to hear God's message for us today.

### COMING UP MORE INFORMATION INSIDE

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| <b>SJCA Open House</b> BOALSBURG                        | <b>Nov 18</b> |
| <b>Thanksgiving Break Mass Schedule Begins</b>          | <b>Nov 21</b> |
| <b>Project Haiti Spaghetti Dinner</b> S.C. PRESBYTERIAN | <b>Nov 30</b> |

## LITURGY SCHEDULE

### Weekend Liturgies ACADEMIC YEAR

Saturday | **4p** Sunday | **9:30a • 11:30a • 9p**  
Worship Hall | Pasquerilla Spiritual Center

### Weekday Liturgies ACADEMIC YEAR

- MON-THU 8:55a** Morning Prayer | **9:15a** Mass  
Paterno Catholic Center
- MON-THU 5:05p** Mass  
Eisenhower Chapel
- WED-THU 4-5p** Confessions • Meditation Chapel  
ALSO AVAILBLE BY APPOINTMENT
- FRI 9:15a** Mass (followed by all-day Adoration)  
**5:15p** Benediction / Communion Service  
Meditation Chapel

**Spanish Mass** Dec 6 1p • The Holy Family Chapel  
PATERNO CATHOLIC CENTER

**Byzantine Mass** Dec 13 2p • Meditation Chapel  
PASQUERILLA SPIRITUAL CENTER

**Korean Mass** Saturdays 4p preceded by confessions  
PASQUERILLA CENTER

## THANKSGIVING BREAK SCHEDULE

### FIRST WEEKEND (HOME GAME)\*

Nov 21 • 4p Nov 22 • 9:30 & 11:30a

### WEEK OF THANKSGIVING

Nov 23-27 • No Daily Mass (University closed)

### LAST WEEKEND (AFTER THANKSGIVING)\*

Nov 28 • 4p Nov 29 • 10:30a & 9p

**\*NOTE SUNDAY MASS TIMES  
ARE DIFFERENT BOTH WEEKENDS**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NOV  
15**

**RCIA RITE OF  
WELCOMING**  
9P MASS

Christian Initiation (RCIA) represents a period of discernment, conversion and instruction for those seeking God through the Catholic faith. To formally welcome new "Inquirers" into our faith community, we will celebrate a Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens (for those unbaptized), and a Rite of Welcoming Candidates (previously baptized) **this Sunday at the 9pm Mass**. We ask our community for your support and prayers as these catechumens and candidates journey towards the Easter Vigil and full reception into the Catholic Church through the grace of the sacraments of initiation.

**NOV  
18**

**ST. JOSEPH'S  
CATHOLIC ACAD.  
OPEN HOUSE**  
BOALSBURG • 6:30-8P

If you or anyone you know is interested in attending Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy next year, come to the next open house! Come meet the faculty and learn more about SJCA's mission to provide a college-prep education based on the pillars of Faith, Scholarship, Leadership and Service!

**NOV  
26**

**TURKEY TROT 5K**  
9A • PA MILITARY MUSEUM  
BOALSBURG

Come join in the fun at the Third Annual Boalsburg Turkey Trot (5K Run/Walk) to benefit Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy and the Friends of the Pennsylvania Military Museum. Entry fee is \$20 before November 6, \$25 after. Student/veteran discounts.

MORE INFO [www.stjoeacad.org/2015TurkeyTrot](http://www.stjoeacad.org/2015TurkeyTrot)

**NOV  
30**

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
5-7:30P • SC PRESBYTERIAN

Project Haiti will hold an **all-you-can-eat** spaghetti dinner the Monday after Thanksgiving Break at **State College Presbyterian Church**.

**Tickets:** \$5 in advance (see PH members or come to the office) / \$6 at the door

**DEC  
6**

**FOOD DRIVE**  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
DEC 5-6 & 12-13

The Knights of Columbus will be collecting canned and other non-perishable food items for their food drive for the State College Food Bank. There will be a Knight in the back after Mass to collect donations December 5-6 and 12-13.

**THE NEED FOR THANKS** We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven. We have been preserved, for many years, in peace and prosperity. We have grown in numbers, wealth and power, as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us; and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to God that made us! It behooved us, then to humble ourselves before the offended Power, to confess our national sins, and to pray for clemency and forgiveness. ABRAHAM LINCOLN

## STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

**Bread of Life** Tuesdays at 7:15p MEDITATION CHAPEL

**SNAC** Dec 12 at 7p EISENHOWER CHAPEL  
Contact the office • [catholic@psu.edu](mailto:catholic@psu.edu)

**Grad Group** Nov 16 at 6:15p PATERNO CENTER  
Luis Ocampo • [lio5000@psu.edu](mailto:lio5000@psu.edu)

**Mission Mexico** Nov 15 at 6p PATERNO CENTER  
Elaine Ripepi • [ezr5050@psu.edu](mailto:ezr5050@psu.edu)

**Newman** Mondays at 7:15p FRIZZELL  
Brennan Heiser • [brh5224@psu.edu](mailto:brh5224@psu.edu)

**Project Haiti** Dec 1 at 8p ROOM 212  
Paul Wright • [pres.projecthaiti@gmail.com](mailto:pres.projecthaiti@gmail.com)

## THIRTY-THIRD WEEK

## ORDINARY

MON **St. Margaret of Scotland / St. Gertrude** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63; Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158; Lk 18:35-43

TUES **St. Elizabeth of Hungary**  
2 Mc 6:18-31; Ps 3:2-7; Lk 19:1-10

WED **Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul / St. Rose Philippine Duchesne**  
Acts 28:11-16, 30-31; Ps 98:1-6; Mt 14:22-33

THU **St. Josaphat** 1 Mc 2:15-29; Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15; Lk 19:41-44

FRI **St. Frances Xavier Cabrini**  
1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59; 1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11-12; Lk 19:45-48

SAT **Blessed Virgin Mary**  
1 Mc 6:1-13; Ps 9:2-4, 6, 16, 19; Lk 20:27-40

If you have an upcoming event or activity, let us know! Deadline for bulletin announcements is Noon on Tuesday for the upcoming weekend.

## INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

*Are you simply curious about our faith?  
Do you know someone who is interested in Catholicism?  
Do you want to increase your knowledge of Catholicism?*

Join us Wednesday evenings at 6pm in the Harshbarger Room of Pasquerilla (other arrangements can be made.)

MORE INFO CCM Office [catholic@psu.edu](mailto:catholic@psu.edu)

## NOVEMBER ALL SOULS MONTH

As is our Catholic tradition, we will honor the deceased with prayer throughout November. We have gathered the names of your beloved deceased into a book that has a prominent place at all our daily and weekend liturgies.

*May the souls of the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

POPE JOHN PAUL II

## GETTING THROUGH THE TOUGH TIMES

"It's going to get worse before it gets better" is a phrase that prepares us to buckle up for a rough ride. We know that enduring a difficult time will require some strenuous physical or emotional energy on our part before we experience the calm of normality. Our past experience tells us that we can endure the difficult pressure better when we know how long it will last and if we know that something better awaits us. Getting through the tough times while holding to the promise that awaits us is the message of this weekend's readings. They point toward the promises of God's kingdom that will come after the maelstroms and chaos of this world.

## BE A LIFE-LONG LEARNER **Kathy Peel**

Five minutes a day spent growing intellectually may not seem like much, but that adds up to over 30 hours a year of personal "class time."

- Set aside time to talk with your spouse about politics, books, current events—things other than the kids or the dog
- Learn and use one new vocabulary word each week
- Start a book club in your office
- Attend a lecture with a friend and discuss it afterward
- Don't be afraid to go back to school
- Fill your life with new experiences—study a different language, learn a new computer program, etc.
- Start a list of things you're interested in—a great thing to have when you're feeling bored

## 2016 CONFIRMATION CLASS

If you are a **Penn State student** and not confirmed, join this year's Confirmation class! Confirmation is the sacrament whereby the Holy Spirit fills us with the gifts we need to be people of strong faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that Confirmation roots us more deeply in our identity as God's children, unites us more firmly with Christ, increases in us the gifts of the Holy Spirit, binds us more closely to the Church, and gives us special strength to bear witness to our faith (#1303). Why pass up the opportunity to come to a fuller experience of God's love and grace? It is the completion of our Baptism. The process is simple and we will schedule the time of the meetings around the schedules of all the interested parties.

MORE INFO Fr. Matthew [mtl10@psu.edu](mailto:mtl10@psu.edu)

## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Eastern Christians developed very different traditions for confessing sin. They see the priest as a witness to God's action, a physician, if you will, rather than a judge. A person confesses sin to God while standing in front of an icon of Jesus, face to face. Without a grill, in the full light of day, near a table with an open Gospel book, the penitent asks the Lord for mercy. A priest standing to the side might offer counsel and confirm God's gift of forgiveness. Rather than list sins and offenses, an Eastern Christian is more likely to speak of a disposition of heart toward God and neighbor, and the desire to forgive those who have wronged them.

Remarkably, although only a priest can pronounce the prayers of forgiveness, lay people, including married men and women, single Christians, monks, and nuns, may witness the confession. This is akin to the ancient Celtic practice of a "soul friend" as a spiritual mentor. Bishops may bless anyone with sufficient theological knowledge and discretion to do this. Eastern Catholics in the United States have largely drifted away from this tradition and toward Latin Rite customs such as confessional screens, set formulas and prayers, and penances. Today, in the interest of preserving the authentic tradition of the Eastern Church, there is a move to restore the older form.

## FAMILIES & THE GOSPEL **Mk 13: 24-32**

The gospel teaches us that uncertainty is normal. There are some things in life which "no one knows....only the Father." Marriage and parenting are full of uncertainty for like the fig tree, the people we love grow and change.

**COME AND REGISTER** If you are a student or community member who regularly attends mass here and have not yet filled out a registration form, please fill one out after Mass or at the office!



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