

# Crossways

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The Feast of James Hannington and his Companions  
Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyrs, 1885



Dear Friends in Christ,

In the days leading up to “All Hallows’ Eve” (AKA Halloween) and All Saints’ Day, I pause to remember the Rt. Rev. James Hannington and his companions who were martyred attempting to bring the Good News of God in Christ to Uganda. As bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, his mission field was the shores of Lake Victoria. Bishop Hannington and his fellow workers were intercepted by emissaries of King Mwanga of Uganda who feared foreign colonization and proselytizing. Bishop Hannington and the remainder of his company were martyred on October 29, 1889. His last words were, “Go, tell Mwanga I have purchased the road to Uganda with my blood.” Other martyrs of Uganda shared his fate before the Gospel was firmly planted in this heartland of Africa, where today the Church has a vigorous life under an indigenous ministry.<sup>1</sup>

Bishop Hannington is one of the many “Hallows” or Saints we will celebrate this weekend All Saints’ Day on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM and All Saints’ Sunday on Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10 AM. He’s probably commemorated as, “...one was a priest,” in the hymn, “I sing a song of the Saints’ of God.” But that hymn also reminds us that saints, “lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds and thousands still...for the saints of God are just folk like me and I mean to be one too.”<sup>2</sup> Come and celebrate All Saints’ with, well, All Saints’!

Many of my classmates and friends on FaceBook have commented that our culture seems to be stuck in “Happy Hallogivingmas.” Happy Hallogivingmas begins after Labor Day and ends December 25<sup>th</sup>. But as Christians we need not give in to this conglomeration and commercialization. We can actually use the church calendar for our mental, physical and fiscal health. First celebrate Halloween as we did at the stewardship brunch (“Trick or Treat or Tithe) on October 26<sup>th</sup> and even on October 31<sup>st</sup>. Then celebrate the Saints and all saints on November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Next celebrate the end of the church year on Christ the King weekend, November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>—come and hear Deacon Dorothy talk about her time in Kenya. Then celebrate the season of preparation and contemplation, the season of Advent which begins the weekend of November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> and which ends December 23<sup>rd</sup>. Maybe even come to the Advent program on Sundays and Thursdays or the Wednesday morning Eucharist. Finally, celebrate Christmas from December 24<sup>th</sup>-January 5<sup>th</sup>! Doesn’t that sound better than Happy Hallogivingmas?

Blessings,

The Rev. Christine J. Day  
Rector

<sup>1</sup> *Holy Women, Holy Men*, October 29

<sup>2</sup> *Hymnal*, 1982, 293 words by Lesbia Scott

**Advent Program, *Advent Conspiracy: Can Christmas Still Change the World* Begins on Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM and Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. Sign-up Now!**

Are you fed up with how consumerism has stolen the soul of Christmas? This year, take a stand and choose to make Christmas what it should be---a joyous celebration of Jesus' birth, not a retail circus. Two sessions will be offered each week: 1) Sundays at 9 AM beginning November 30<sup>th</sup>; and 2) Thursdays at 5:30 PM beginning December 4<sup>th</sup>. (Note: last session will be TUESDAY, December 23<sup>rd</sup> not Christmas Day!) The Thursday/Tuesday sessions will begin with a Taize Holy Eucharist in the Chapel and will progress to the Library for a simple soup supper and the program.

In four compelling programs, *Advent Conspiracy* invites one to substitute compassion for consumerism by practicing four simple but powerful, countercultural concepts:

- Worship Fully—because Christmas begins and ends with Jesus.
- Spend Less—and free your resources for things that truly matter.
- Give More—of your presence: your hands, your words, your time, your heart.
- Love All—the poor, the forgotten, the marginalized, the sick, in ways that make a difference.



Interested? Sign-up in the Narthex (so that books may be ordered and enough soup prepared) and come on Sundays or Thursdays during Advent.

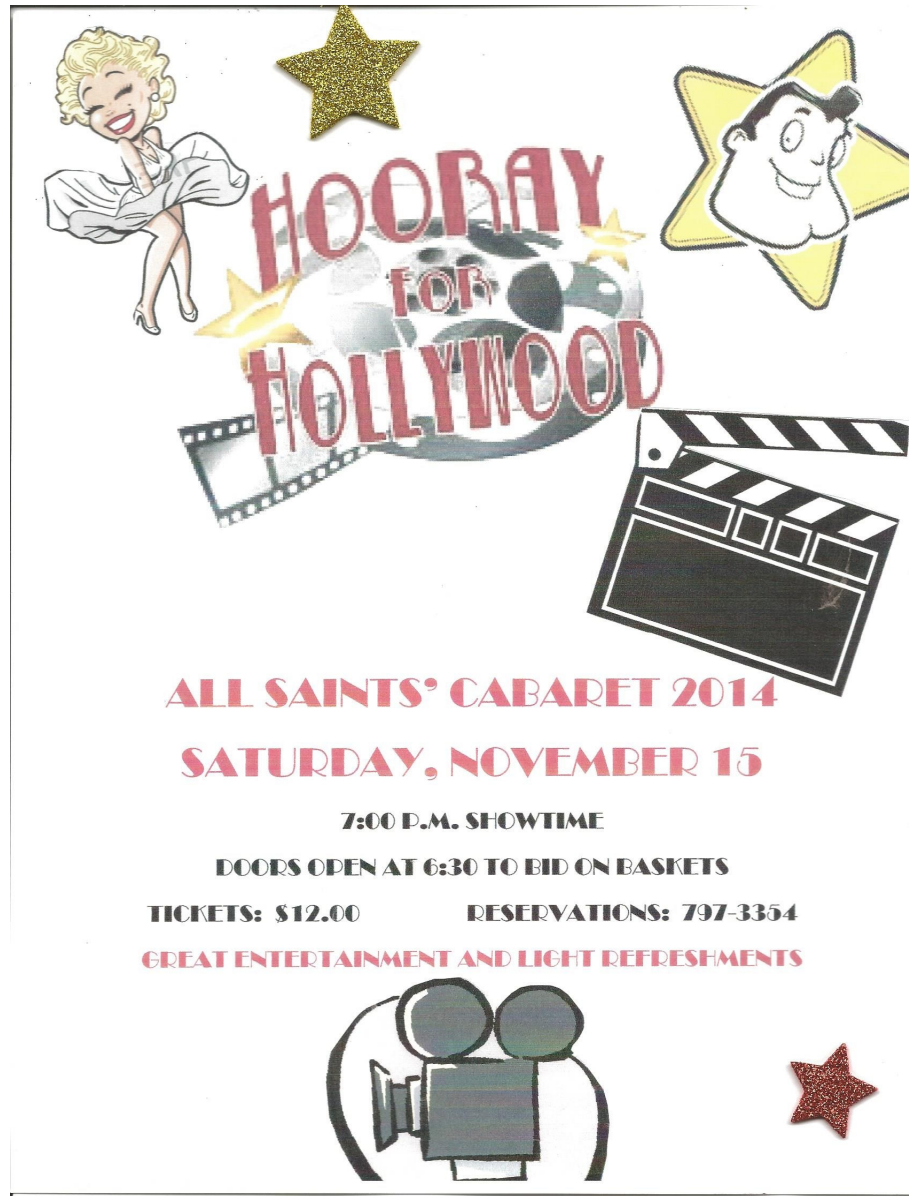
**Deacon Dorothy Pierce to Present on Her Time at St. Elizabeth's Convent in Timau Kenya on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Coffee Hour**

The Rev. Dcn Dorothy Pierce, District Deacon will share photos and stories of St. Elizabeth Primary School and the Franciscan Sisters' mission at Timau on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Coffee Hour after the 10 AM celebration of Holy Eucharist. Come at 10 AM and hear Deacon Dorothy preach too!

St. Elizabeth's school in Timau, Kenya is located along a busy highway that runs north to south in Kenya. The poverty is profound, and the school and outreach services at the mission are a lifesaver for hundreds of families. More than 180 children attend St. Elizabeth school, many of them orphaned or abandoned due to AIDS.

Come and hear Deacon Dorothy on Sunday November 23<sup>rd</sup>!





**ALL SAINTS' CABARET 2014**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

**7:00 P.M. SHOWTIME**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 TO BID ON BASKETS**

**TICKETS: \$12.00**

**RESERVATIONS: 797-3354**

**GREAT ENTERTAINMENT AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**

- ♪ The sign-up sheets are in the narthex!
- ♪ Sign up today!
- ♪ Baskets are needed! Start planning your basket donation!
- ♪ Doors will open at 6:30PM and the show starts at 7:00PM
- ♪ Tickets \$12 — on sale now! Reserve a table! Bring your friends!  
See Nancy Kiley or Joey Hickey with any questions.

## Prayer List beginning November

Policy reminder: Submitted names are placed on the short term list for four weeks and then moved to long term by request of the person submitting the name, or by need known by the Rector.

Short Term List: The Pierce Family; Nan Grabowski; Kayleigh Mahon; General Theological Seminary; Michelle; Chris; Pat Swartwood; Charlotte Fargo; Ruby Karaim; Ardis Rogers, Sarah Harrison-Putard; Louise Rogers; Ruth Furman; Sue Thomas; Lori Szwalla



Long Term List: LaVonne Zdimal; John; Donna; Jim; Brittany Bardo and her daughters, Megan & Lilian; Ralph Holloway; Lucy Grabowski; Connie Whalen; The People of Gaza; Dick Kimble; Clark Byarley; Alicia LaMaine & daughter Bella; abducted school girls of Nigeria; Eli Pierce; Pat and Dan Hemmerik; Sue Mahon; Steve Mahon; Bob Gillmer; Ellie Doersam; Arthur Cuffee; Nanette McIntosh



## Give Thanks on Thanksgiving: Celebration of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM on November 27<sup>th</sup> in the Chapel

Stay away from the stores and give thanks on Thanksgiving by attending the celebration of Holy Eucharist at 10 AM in the chapel on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Eucharist means thanksgiving in Greek. (Hence the name of that section of the liturgy: “The Great Thanksgiving.”) It’s been part of Christian worship since the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D. **So come—be part of the tradition of giving thanks on Thanksgiving!**

**An additional opportunity to give thanks** ---- The Johnson City Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service will take place at 6PM on Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sarah Jane Johnson Methodist Church on Main Street.



## Bon-Ton Community Day Parish Fundraiser

Bon-Ton Community Days Booklets are now available for \$5 each. Each booklet contains coupons for discounts on purchases Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Your \$5 donation is a fundraiser for the parish.

## Dinner & Theatre!!!

The Haven after School Program & Binghamton High School present a delicious Spaghetti Dinner & “It’s A Wonderful Life” on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. This is a fund raiser for the Haven after School Program, located at Trinity Memorial. The meal is available dine in, or take out. They will be serving from 3:00-7:00PM in the Trinity Dining Room. Price for the dinner: Adults:\$8, Students: \$5, a Family of Four: \$20. Special Price: \$10 and “It’s a Wonderful Life” at the Helen Foley Theatre, Binghamton High School [across the street from Trinity]. Tickets are available: Haven Staff & Board and at Trinity Memorial Church Office.

## Acolyte Training

Mother Chris will hold an acolyte training session on Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 2PM.



## Military Christmas Gifts

It is time once again, to remember the military, whom we have been praying for over this past year, by sending them a Christmas package filled with goodies and blessings and thanking them for their unselfish service to us and our country. There are 9 names on our military prayer list at the moment, which means there could be up to 9 boxes to be mailed depending upon their current deployment. If you have placed one of these men on the prayer list, please let either Roberta Steflik or myself (Roberta Szwalla), know their current mailing address. Each box costs approximately \$15.00 to send, so we do not want to risk having the boxes returned. Boxes have to be sent out the last week in November, so please have your donations in before the last week. A basket for your donations and sheet of suggestions with my contact email has been placed in the coatroom for your convenience. Thank you for all that you can do.



*Roberta Szwalla, Chair*

## Life Goes On Meeting

Life Goes On **will not** hold a meeting in November. Their December holiday lunch takes place by tradition in early December. This year's luncheon will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> [note it is on the second Wednesday this year] at Piccolos' Café, 161 Main Street, Binghamton. You are asked to bring an inexpensive gift (\$5 or below) to exchange. Please call Arlene Foley at 797-2111 if you are planning to attend so that she can make adequate reservations.

## November Holiday Events from the Council of Churches

The following events benefit the CHOW Program. Food items can be donated at all events.

**FOOD-A-BAGO Event** by 99.1 the Whale; 98.1 The Hawk; WILD 104; and News Radio 1290 WNBK

Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> through Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>  
Weis Market, 1290 Front St., Binghamton

### 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Traditions Craft Show

Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> [3:00 - 8:00pm] & Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup> [9 a.m. to 4 p.m.]  
Binghamton University's West Gym

CHOW will be raffling Gift Baskets filled with donated Craft Products

Over 150 Arts & Crafts Booths featuring local and out of town artists and craftsmen.

A 2-Day Admission is \$4 A food donation for CHOW is appreciated.



### Choruses for CHOW

At Sarah Jane Johnson UMC

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Time TBA`

## Christmas gifts for JC School Students



All Saints has again been asked to Participate in the Christmas Angel project for JC School students and siblings. The names will be available in November. When you choose a student's name, please enter your name and phone number on the sign up sheet provided. I usually set the names up outside the library. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 607-729-2794. Thank you for your support. *Judy Horton*



## Cub Scout Pack 100 to Sell Christmas Trees Beginning the Weekend of December 6<sup>th</sup> at All Saints'

Our Cub Scout Pack, 100, will hold its annual Christmas tree sale beginning the weekend of December 6 & 7 and again on December 13 & 14 in All Saints' parking lot. They will set up their "booth" next to the office wall of the building and be open on Saturdays and Sundays—except during our service times. During this time, the passage way between the back parking lot and the front parking lot will be blocked off for cars. Trees available: Frasier fir, Norway spruce and Blue spruce priced from \$20 and up. Wreaths will be for sale for \$25. This is a major fund raiser for the Cub Scouts!



## Fundraiser to Benefit BSA Troop 110

**When: November 1<sup>st</sup> From 12:00 – 6:00 pm All Saints' Parking Lot**

**Meals:** Beef Brisket - \$10.00 — Pulled Pork - \$8.00 — Sliced Chicken Breast with Alabama White Sauce - \$8.00 — Smokey Supreme (a little of each above) - \$11.00 \*Meals include roll, BBQ Beans, and coleslaw

**Sandwiches:** Beef Brisket- \$7.00 — Pulled Pork- \$5.00 — Sliced Chicken Breast in White Sauce - \$5.00 **Sides:** Coleslaw or BBQ Beans - \$2.00

## Book Club to Meet Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM:

### Reading *All the Light We Can Not See*.

Book Club will meet the Wednesday before Thanksgiving—take a break from all the baking!—on Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at 5:30 PM at the Rectory. We'll be discussing, *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr, which has been named a finalist for the 2014 National Book Award in Fiction.



Here's the publisher's blurb:

"Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History, where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six, Marie-Laure goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighborhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When she is twelve, the Nazis occupy Paris and father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo, where Marie-Laure's reclusive great-uncle lives in a tall house by the sea. With them they carry what might be the museum's most valuable and dangerous jewel.

"In a mining town in Germany, the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister, enchanted by a crude radio they find. Werner becomes an expert at building and fixing these crucial new instruments, a talent that wins him a place at a brutal academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. More and more aware of the human cost of his intelligence, Werner travels through the heart of the war and, finally, into Saint-Malo, where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.

"Doerr's "stunning sense of physical detail and gorgeous metaphors" (*San Francisco Chronicle*) are dazzling. Deftly interweaving the lives of Marie-Laure and Werner, he illuminates the ways, against all odds, people try to be good to one another. Ten years in the writing, *All the Light We Cannot See* is a magnificent, deeply moving novel from a writer "whose sentences never fail to thrill" (*Los Angeles Times*)."

Interested? Pick up an e-copy or a book (cost \$17.92 e-books are less) when they come in and come to the Rectory on Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM for the Book Club at the Rectory.

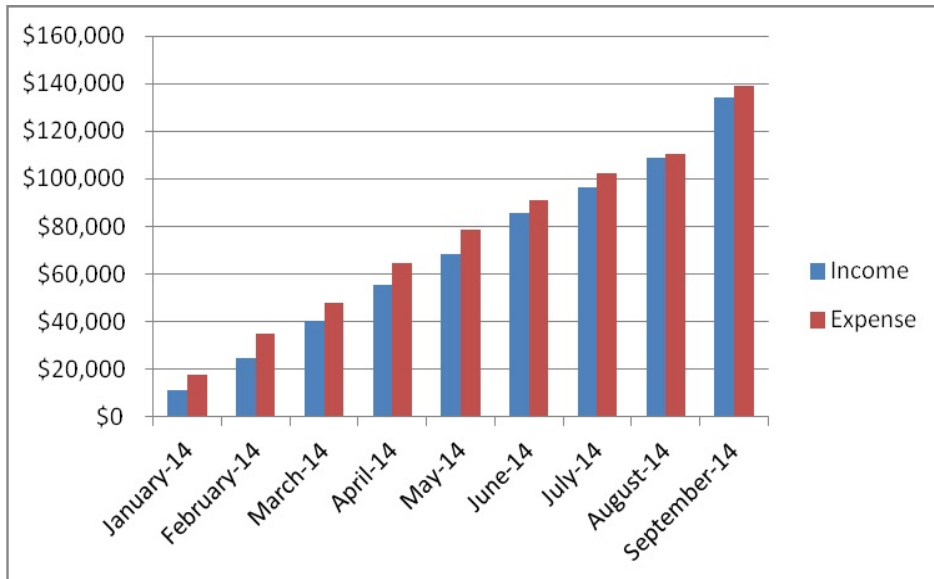
# DOLLAR\$&CENTS **September 30, 2014**

All Saints’ 2014 budget—it is not a balanced budget. The 2014 budget is once again a “faith-based” budget. In other words, it will require faith to create \$10,798 more income for 2014 for operating expenses than budgeted. The need for \$10,798 in “Faith Income” for 2014 is primarily due to having only 63 pledges for a total of \$134,202. Compared to the actual for 2013 of 67 pledges for \$139,194, there are 4 less pledges (64 pledges for \$134,202). Thanks to very generous people who have made special gifts totaling \$7,700 to “Faith Income,” only \$3,098 in additional funds now need to be raised for “Faith Income.”

In 2014 a monthly income of \$14,300 will be needed to balance the expenses. If you haven’t pledged or asked for a set of envelopes, please do. Please try to keep up your pledges. It really helps All Saints’ cash flow. Please consider making an extra gift towards “Faith Income.” Truly, with “God all things are possible” (Mt. 19:26)

Income	Actual as of Sept. 30, 2014	Annual Budget 2014
Offering & Pledges	\$102,937	\$143,102
Fundraising	\$8,060	\$9,000
Other Income+	\$15,467	\$8,700
Faith Income	\$7,700	<b>\$10,798</b>
Total Income	\$134,164	\$171,600
Total Expenses+	\$139,226	\$171,600
Profit (Loss)	<b>(\$5,062)</b>	\$0

+ Includes both the insurance funds and the expenses to repair the Christian Ed Room



CASH SAVINGS AND INVESTMENT FUNDS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

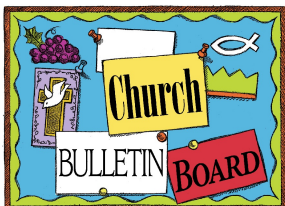
	As of September 30, 2014	Total September
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Petty Cash	400	
<u>All Saints' Checking</u>	<u>\$6,157</u>	
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$6,557	
Savings Accounts		
Soup & Sandwiches Savings	\$3,106	
Designated Funds	\$12,952	
<u>Rebuilding All Saints*</u>	<u>\$5,327</u>	
Total Savings	\$21,385	
<u>Total Cash &amp; Savings</u>		<u>\$27,942</u>
UIF Investment Funds*	\$37,452	
<u>Total Cash, Savings, Investments</u>		<u>\$65,394</u>

\*RAS Savings Account Plus UIF Unrestricted Reserve Fund = \$30,985



The 146<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Convention will take place on Friday, November 14<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Liverpool, New York.

Representing All Saints' at Convention: The Rev. Christine J. Day, Barbara Freed and Bob Steber.



**Remember to check the parish bulletin boards at our main entrance for news that arrives after *Crossways* is printed.**

**Weekly parish announcements are forwarded to our websexton and are posted on our website.**





## Celebrations

### Birthdays

- 01 Thomas Rea
- 03 Justin Sherman
- 04 Christy Finta
- 07 Megan Cramer
- 09 Leslie Polhamus  
Trent Zimmer
- 13 Cassidy Johnson
- 14 Shirley Lipman  
Pahlada Milligan-Cuffee
- 17 Sarah-Jo Sites  
Donald Thorpe
- 18 Juanita Lougher
- 29 Lorraine Szwalla  
Gary Zurn
- 30 Patricia Holloway

### Anniversaries

- 23 David and Judith Horton



## Sanctuary Candle

**November 2** – is given by Roberta Steflik in memory of her grandparents, George F. & Mabel Stone.

**November 9** – is given by the Cole Family in memory of Alfred V. Cole, Jr.

**November 16** – is given by the Cole Family in memory of Margaret Cole.

**November 23** – is given by Roberta Steflik in thanksgiving for the birthdays of her granddaughter, Sarah Steflik, and children, Matthew & Elizabeth Steflik.

**November 30** - is given by Barbara Freed in memory of her husband, Donald E. Freed

## Altar Flowers

**November 2** – are given by Doris Brink in memory of her husband, Walter Brink; and are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of her grandson, Trevor Gasdaska.

**November 9** – are given by Marilyn Doersam in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, David Doersam; are given by Barbara Freed in thanksgiving for the birthday of her son, Justin Freed; are given by David & Judy Horton in thanksgiving for the birthday of their granddaughter, Leslie Polhamus; and are given by Lonna & David Pierce in thanksgiving for the birthday of their son, Finian McKeon.

**November 16** – are given in thanksgiving for Don's birthday by Donald & Deborah Thorpe.

**November 23**– are given by Linda Barkman in thanksgiving for all of her grandchildren; and are given by Arlene Foley in memory of her parents, Sarah & Richard Rath.

**November 30** — are given by Marilyn Doersam in memory of her father, John H. Bennet and in thanksgiving for the birthday of her daughter-in-law Janet Shelley, and are given in thanksgiving for Debbie's birthday by Donald and Deborah Thorpe.

**The Memorial deadline for the Christmas bulletins is December 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Memorials for Christmas will be available for review at the Memorial Desk beginning Pentecost Last – November 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Please review the list for accuracy and notify the office of errors. Additional names should be submitted on a Flower Fund form [found at the Memorial Desk or tract rack] and leave the form and your donation in the office door mailbox.



**On Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> before going to bed! Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>**

## From the Parish Records

### Marriages~

October 11<sup>th</sup> – James Richard Bardo & Brittany Lynn Polhamus

### Baptisms~

October 19<sup>th</sup> – Addison Rebel Louise Grabowski, daughter of Cody Grabowski & Kelly See



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**Service and Education Schedule for November 2014**

Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist [November 15<sup>th</sup> Evening Prayer]  
Sundays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Christian Ed Program for Toddlers - Pre K & K - 5<sup>th</sup> grade every Sunday  
Christian Education for Middle School grades 6-8 November 9<sup>th</sup>  
Wednesdays: 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist [No service on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> ]  
Thanksgiving 10:00a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Day

