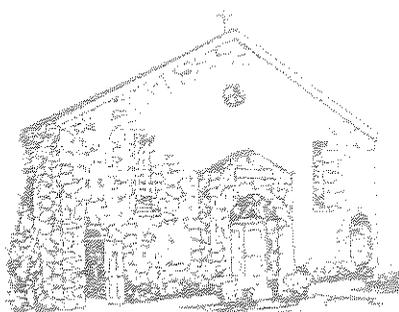


Catholic Communities
Rev. William Pifher – Parish Pastor

**Our Lady of Mercy
Catholic Church**

**St. Peter
Catholic Church**

Sunday
November 2, 2025
All Souls Day



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Fayette, OH 43521
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Office Hours – Tues. & Thurs.
9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday 8:30 a.m.
(Reconciliation 30 minutes
before Mass or by appointment)
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 9:00 a.m.

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Barb Bruggeman
Joanna Marry

Council meetings are generally held the 3rd Thursdays of the month
5:45 p.m. – Finance
6:15 p.m. – Pastoral



Clothing items can be donated via our drop off site on the east side of the building. Our store is open on Thursdays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact Rhonda Monahan at 517-306-7986 for information

OUR LADY OF MERCY WEBSITE (bulletin online)
Stpeterarchbold.com/
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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please note that the bulletin deadline is *Tuesday by noon*. Please either call, email or put in the collection basket any announcement for the following weeks bulletin.

Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy

Parish Mission Statement

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church is united by our commitment to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of our rural families and steward the resources entrusted to us. We value the diversity within our Catholic community and invite all to walk with us on our journey of faith.

New Parishioners

A warm welcome as you enter our Parish Community! You are asked to register at the parish office or see the pastor as soon as possible. If you are moving from the parish, please inform the office so we may remove your name from our parish records.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for Baptism. A month's notice would be helpful.

Sacrament of Marriage

Initial arrangements are to be made *six* months prior of your planned wedding date. The Diocesan policy is to allow sufficient time for the couple to make adequate preparation to receive the sacrament. Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher at 419-446-9288 to make arrangements.

Anointing of the sick

Please call the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 to make arrangements for a visit.

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults(OCIA)

Having questions about the Catholic faith? Thinking of joining the Catholic Church? You can learn more by contacting the office 419-237-2441 or Father Pifher 419-446-9288 for the process.

Prayer Chain

Anyone wishing to submit prayer requests can email or call Our Lady of Mercy office.

Email: olomprayerchain@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com

Privacy issues for Parish Office:

IMMEDIATE FAMILY - must contact the Parish Office for all prayer requests to be posted in the parish bulletin. Contact Sherry Renner at the parish office at 419-237-2441, no later than Thursday at noon or email to olomfayette@olom2441.onmicrosoft.com with the exact verbiage requested. By law, the parish office does not divulge private information we receive from hospitals

November 2, 2025 – All Souls Day

ROSARY WILL BE PRAYED SUNDAY'S AT 8 A.M.

BFF'S

BFF's Donuts & Beverages today after Mass.

If your family would like to provide donuts and/or beverages for Feb. 8, Mar. 8, or May 3 please sign up on the form on the cry room door.

ALTAR ROSARY

There will be an Altar Rosary meeting today after Mass.

NOVEMBER CALENDARS

Please pick up a Parish November calendar on the back tables.

FAITH FORMATION (Religious Education)

Next class November 9, 2025 after Mass.

NOVEMBER FAYETTE COMMUNITY MEAL

The Fayette November Community Meal will be on Tuesday, November 25, 2025, starting at 5 p.m. This will be the Community Thanksgiving meal and service. The ecumenical will be held at 6 p.m. in the Methodist Family Life Center immediately following dinner. Our Lady of Mercy has been asked to supply pies for this event. Thank you to all who volunteered to supply the pies.

PROTECTING OUR YOUTH

The Diocese of Toledo remains committed to ensuring the protection of children and providing a safe environment for all young people. If you have any knowledge of abuse that has been committed by a cleric or by any personnel of the Catholic Church, you are urged to report the abuse to your local police department, Children Services, and the Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at (419)214-4880; or by mail at 1933 Spielbusch, Toledo, OH 43604.

ST. PETER NEWS

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Every Tuesday starting at 8 a.m. ending with Mass at 7 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Rosary, Mass and Blessing of graves at cemetery starting at 9:30 a.m. bring your own chair (inclement weather it will be at the church.

NOVEMBER 27, 2025

Thanksgiving Day
Rosary 8:30 a.m.
Mass 9:00 a.m.

Did you know that Deacon Larry Zachrich is also available for Baptisms and Weddings? Contact Larry at 419-966-7091.

FAYETTE/SURROUNDING AREA COMMUNITY EVENTS

---Nov. 2 – Fayette Opera House –
Sherlock Jr. 2 p.m.

---Nov. 15 – Fayette Opera House –
Sarah McQuaid 7 p.m.

---Nov. 25 – Community
Thanksgiving Meal 5 – 6 p.m.
Methodist Family Life Center

--- Nov. 25 – Fayette Ecumenical
Thanksgiving service 6 p.m. –
Fayette Methodist Family Life
Center

---Nov. 29 – Fayette Opera House –
Tim Ohlers 7 p.m.

THIS WEEK'S MASS SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Church</i>	<i>Intention</i>
Sun., Nov. 2	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Rosemary Pontious
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Frank O & Mary Smith Lowell & Barbara Merillat
Mon., Nov. 3	NO MASS		
Tues., Nov. 4	6:30 p.m.	SP	For the People
<i>Communion Svc</i>			
Wed., Nov. 5	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
<i>Communion Svc</i>			
Thurs., Nov. 6	9:00 a.m.	OLOM	For the People
<i>Communion Svc</i>			
Fri., Nov. 7	9:00 a.m.	SP	For the People
<i>Communion Svc</i>			
Sat., Nov. 8	9:30 a.m.	SP	Rosary, Mass
	4:30 p.m.	SP	Blessing @ Cemetery Dick Roth, Lenny, Andy & Cari Breidenbach
Sun., Nov. 9	8:30 a.m.	OLOM	Marcel Bonin, Rosemary Pontious
	10:30 a.m.	SP	Al Holland, Gina Dammon

PRAYERS FOR / FROM PARISHIONERS

Please keep the following person(s) / intention(s) in your prayers this week.

Shirley Taylor

All Saints

Denise Miller

All Souls

If you have someone or an intention you would like the Parish to pray for, please contact the office at 419-237-2441 or email olomprayer@olom2441.onmicorsoft.com before noon on Tuesday.

NEXT WEEK'S MINISTERS – NOVEMBER 2, 2025

Greeters / Gifts	Ron & Pat Eisel
Proclaimer	Pat Eisel
Servers	Kennedy Kunkle
Ushers	Angie Beauregard & Terry Kovar
Money Counters	Eli Eberly / Terry Kovar / Phil Baker

SACRIFICIAL OFFERING REPORT

Reported for October 26, 2025

Sunday Offertory (14 envelopes)	\$ 552.00
Loose Offerings	\$ 503.00
BUDGET	\$ 1,747.00
Over / (Under)	(\$ 692.00)

OTHER COLLECTIONS

CPC Jar & Votives	\$ 21.00
Postage Help	\$ 10.00
TOTAL COLLECTIONS	\$ 1,086.00
(Sunday Offertory & Other)	

SAINTS OF THE DAY (www.morningoffering.com)

Week of November 2 – November 8

Blessed John Bodey (1549-1583) was born in Wells, England, the son of a wealthy merchant and former mayor. He studied at Oxford and became an Oxford Fellow in 1568 at the age of 19. Later he, along with seven others, was deprived of his fellowship for being a Roman Catholic by the Anglican Bishop of Winchester. Bodey, a married layman and schoolmaster, was arrested in 1580 for continuing to practice the Catholic religion and rejecting England's newly-established heretical Church of England. He was kept in iron shackles for three years, which he called his "school of patience." In 1583 he was tried for treason, both for being a faithful Roman Catholic and for repudiating King Henry VIII's claim of supremacy of the Church in England over against the Holy Father. Bodey wrote that his iron chains were earning him glory in heaven, even kissing the chain halter around his neck. He was executed under Queen Elizabeth on November 2, 1583 by being hanged, drawn, and quartered at Andover. He died with the name of Jesus on his lips. His mother rejoiced that her son persevered to the end and won the crown of martyrdom; she gave a feast in honor of him being numbered among the saints in heaven. John Bodey was beatified in 1929 and is one of the 40 Martyrs of England and Wales. His feast day is November 2nd.

St. Martin de Porres (1569-1639) was born in Lima, Peru. He was the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave woman from Panama, of either African or Native American descent. His parents never married. For the first eight years of his life his father did not acknowledge him, and abandoned the family after Martin's sister was born. St. Martin de Porres was raised in poverty with the societal stigma of being mix-raced. As a young man he served as an assistant to a barber-surgeon where he learned medicine and the care of the sick. When he was 15 he joined the Dominican friars as a helper, eventually becoming a Lay Brother which at the time was forbidden for the children of slaves by Peruvian law. He took on the work of nursing the sick in the Dominican infirmary as well as the sick among the townspeople, even giving a sick man his own bed. He was also made almoner, and begged money to assist his work with the poor and sick. He founded an orphanage, tended to slaves brought from Africa, and dispensed alms to the needy. His prayers and penances were so great that he soon demonstrated miraculous powers. In addition to healing the sick, his other miracles were bi-location, levitation, hidden knowledge, and the ability to communicate with animals. Word of his sanctity spread and people from all walks of life came to him for spiritual direction. St. Martin de Porres is the patron saint of social justice, bi-racial people, African-Americans, hairdressers, barbers, public education, public health, and the poor. His feast day is November 3rd.

St. Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) was born into an ancient and wealthy family in Lombardy, Italy. When his uncle became Pope Pius IV, Charles was brought to Rome to take over several important assignments connected with the Vatican. He was ordained to Holy Orders at the age of 25 and was later made Archbishop of Milan, a position of high influence in the Church, and Cardinal. He initiated large-scale reform of his enormous and dilapidated diocese, which had not seen a resident bishop in 80 years. Clergy were ignorant and disobedient, religious were negligent and scandalous, and the laity had drifted from Church teaching. He rectified abuses and maintained the integrity of the Church's internal structure, all for which he encountered strong opposition and threats against his life. He also established hospitals, seminaries, orphanages, and the first Sunday School classes. He was a key player in the Council of Trent and kept it going when it was in danger of breaking up. He was a prominent defender of Church teaching in the Counter-Reformation and helped produce an official catechism. His counsel was widely sought, especially by the Catholic kings and queens of Europe and the popes under whom he served, and his virtue was evident to all. Throughout his life he held his rank and authority with humility, living austerely and constantly striving for sanctity. When plague and famine hit Milan in 1576, Charles stayed in the city to care for those in need and borrowed large sums of money to feed tens of thousands of people each day. Exhausted from his reforming labors, he died at the age of 46. St. Charles Borromeo is the patron of catechists, catechumens, seminarians, spiritual directors, and bishops. His feast day is November 4th.

St. Elizabeth of the Visitation (1st c.) was the wife of Zachary (Zechariah), a temple priest, and the cousin and close companion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. She is the one whom Our Lady visited in haste after the Annunciation. The Angel Gabriel had told Mary that Elizabeth was expecting a miraculous child in her old age. Upon hearing Mary's voice, who was then carrying the Son of God in her womb, Elizabeth's unborn child leaped in her womb by the power of the Holy Spirit. It was with Elizabeth that Mary first shared the joy of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. St. Elizabeth gave birth to St. John the Baptist, the prophet who prepared the way for Jesus' ministry. St. Elizabeth is described in the Gospel of Luke as "righteous in the eyes of God, observing all the commandments of the Lord blamelessly." St. Elizabeth shares a feast day with her husband, Zachary, on November 5th.

St. Leonard of Noblac (d. 559 A.D.) also known as St. Leonard of Limoges, was a French nobleman in the court of Clovis I, King of France. He was converted to the Christian faith, along with the King, by St. Remigius, Bishop of Rheims. After his conversion he abandoned his worldly pursuits, left the royal court, and followed St. Remigius as a disciple. He obtained special permission from the king to release any prisoners whom he deemed worthy of pardon. He declined an offer of a bishopric and entered the monastery at Orleans to live a life of prayer and penance. Desiring greater solitude and penance than what the monastery allowed, he withdrew into a forest to live as a hermit. He built a small cell and lived on herbs and fruits. He soon attracted followers who joined him in his ascetic life. In thanksgiving for his prayers that the Queen of France would safely deliver her child, St. Leonard was given a large tract of royal land in Noblac. There the saint built an abbey where he served as abbot until his death. A village grew around the abbey that still exists today, named Saint-Léonard-de-Noblat. Numerous shrines are dedicated to St. Leonard across Europe, and thousands of miracles are credited to his intercession. He is the patron saint of prisoners and women in labor. His feast day is November 6th.

November 7th is the Feast of All Saints of the Order of Preachers, also known as the **Dominicans**. Founded by a Spaniard, St. Dominic de Guzman, in France in the early 13th century, the order has 14 canonized saints and 215 beatified among its mendicant friars, cloistered nuns, active sisters, lay members, and fraternities. The special charism of the Dominican order is to study and preach for the salvation of souls. Over the centuries, the unnamed Dominican martyrs are counted in the tens of thousands, including many among the Martyrs of Nagasaki and the Martyrs of Vietnam. Some of the most famous Dominican saints include St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Catherine of Siena, St. Rose of Lima, St. Martin de Porres, Pope St. Pius V, St. Vincent Ferrer, St. Hyacinth, St. Louis de Montfort, St. Albert the Great, St. Louis Bertrand, St. Catherine de Ricci, St. Margaret of Hungary, St. Peter Martyr, and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati.

St. Elizabeth of the Trinity (1880-1906) was born on July 18, 1880 in Cher, France. Her father died when she was only 7 years old her family moved to Dijon France. Very close to her house was a Carmelite monastery and she greatly desired to enter the religious life. At 17 years old she visited the monastery, and while there, the mother superior gave her a newly published letter about Therese of Lisieux, who had just recently passed away. As a result, Elizabeth was greatly inspired in her contemplative life. She continued working with the sick and teaching catechism to the youth until she was allowed to enter the monastery at the age of 21. She lived a life of prayer and sacrifice, suffering greatly from sickness. She died on November 9, 1906 and was canonized by Pope Francis on October 16, 2016.

**ASK HER – SIMPLE WORDS TO JUMPSTART
YOUR CONVERSATION WITH MARY**

By Jane Tufant Harvey

“Ask Her... to help you remember that your attitude can be such a compelling example to others that it can completely change the trajectory of their lives.”

DIARY OF SAINT MARIA FAUSTINA KOWALSKA

Notebook 4

1238 August 12. On passing through Cracow, Rev. Father Sopocko paid me a short visit today. I had wanted to see him, and God fulfilled my desire. (5) This priest is a great soul, entirely filled with God. My joy was very great, and I thanked God for this great grace, because it was for the greater glory of God that I want to see him.

MESSAGES OF MEDJUGORJE

On the 25th of day of each month the Queen of Peace gives a message to the visionary, Marija Pavlovic, for the whole world.

Up-to-date messages may be obtained at <http://www.medjugorje.org>

June 9, 1984 (Saturday) - “Dear children! Tomorrow night pray for the Spirit of Truth! Especially, you from the parish. Because you need the Spirit of Truth to be able to convey the messages just the way they are, neither adding anything to them, nor taking anything whatsoever way from them, but just the way I said them. Pray for the Holy Spirit to inspire you with the spirit of prayer, so you will pray more. I, your Mother, tell you that you are praying little. Thank you for having responded to my call.”

October 25, 2025 Message to Marija

“Dear children! The Most High in His goodness gave me to you to lead you on the way of peace. Many have responded and are praying, but there are many creatures who do not have peace and have not come to know the God of love. Therefore, little children, pray and love, create prayer groups to encourage each other to the good. I am with you and am praying for your conversion. Thank you for having responded to my call.” (With Ecclesiastical approval)

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

---Faith Formation after Mass
Nov. 9, & Nov. 23

----Nov. 2 & Nov. 16 – BFF
Donuts & beverages after Mass

---Nov. 20 – Council meetings
Finance 5:45 p.m.
Pastoral 6:15 p.m.

---Nov. 20 – Thanksgiving
Adoration & Rosary 7 p.m.

---Nov. 30 – BFF after Mass
“BIG” breakfast

Word(s) of the week (from the
America College Dictionary)

SOUL – the principle of life, feeling, thought, and action in man, regarded as a distinct entity separate existence from the body; the spiritual part of man as distinct from the physical

The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and no torment shall touch them.

Wisdom 3:1

The Kids' Bulletin

All Souls' Day
November 2, 2025

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TUHVEWMXOYLZOARBD



What can we do for the souls suffering in Purgatory?

*Use every other letter to fill in the blanks
and you will have a little prayer you can say for them-
every day!*

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_____!

Saint Martin De Porres

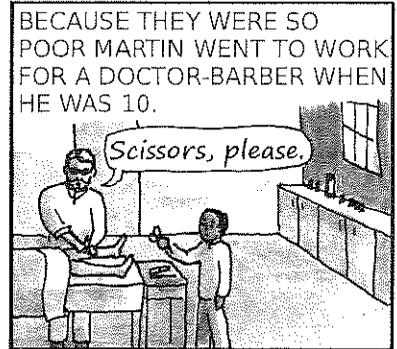
November 3

MARTIN DE PORRES WAS BORN IN LIMA, PERU IN 1579. A LOT OF PEOPLE MADE FUN OF HIS DARK SKIN. HIS FATHER ABANDONED HIM AND HIS MOTHER.



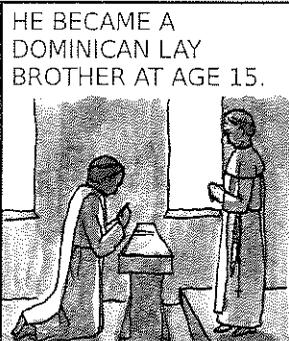
Poor boy... his father is gone and the other children won't play with him.

BECAUSE THEY WERE SO POOR MARTIN WENT TO WORK FOR A DOCTOR-BARBER WHEN HE WAS 10.

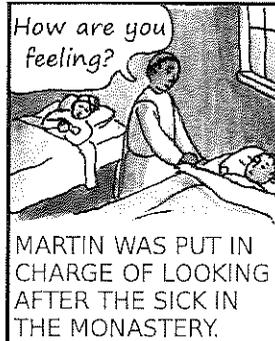


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HE BECAME A DOMINICAN LAY BROTHER AT AGE 15.



How are you feeling?



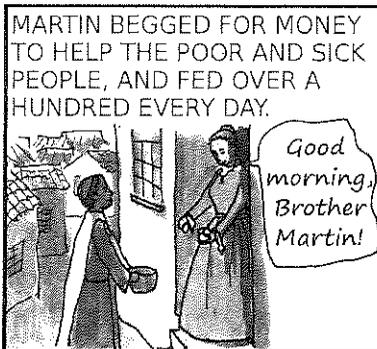
MARTIN WAS PUT IN CHARGE OF LOOKING AFTER THE SICK IN THE MONASTERY.

MIRACLES STARTED HAPPENING. PEOPLE EVEN SAW HIM GO INTO LOCKED ROOMS TO HELP THE SICK.

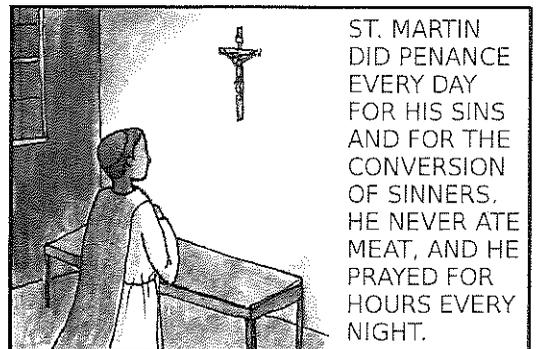


How did he get in there?

MARTIN BEGGED FOR MONEY TO HELP THE POOR AND SICK PEOPLE, AND FED OVER A HUNDRED EVERY DAY.



Good morning, Brother Martin!



ST. MARTIN DID PENANCE EVERY DAY FOR HIS SINS AND FOR THE CONVERSION OF SINNERS. HE NEVER ATE MEAT, AND HE PRAYED FOR HOURS EVERY NIGHT.

SAINT MARTIN DIED WHEN HE WAS 60. HE HAD BEEN KIND AND LOVING TO EVERYONE EVEN THOUGH HE HAD BEEN BULLIED AS A CHILD. BY THE TIME HE DIED EVERYONE KNEW THAT HE WAS A SAINT. HAVE YOU EVER BEEN TREATED BADLY? SHOULD THAT STOP YOU FROM BEING A LOVING PERSON TO OTHERS?

Word-Find

Wisdom 3:1-6

*Find the words
from today's first
reading that are in
CAPITALS in the
puzzle.*

*Use the leftover
letters to fill in the
blanks:*

**Today's feast day
is a special day of
prayer for the
souls in**

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M D E S T R U C T I O N
M E N T R P S A O H F P
O C B O I U T F R O F F
R H L O E N U F M P E O
T A E K D I R L E E R O
A S S P A S S I N G I L
L T S E W H V C T O N I
I I E A A E I T G L G S
T S D C Y D E I A D S H
Y E D E A D W O R T H Y
T D O R F U R N A C E Y

The souls of the JUST are in the hand of God, and no
TORMENT shall TOUCH them. They seemed, in the
VIEW of the FOOLISH, to be DEAD; and their
PASSING AWAY was thought an AFFLICTION and
their GOING forth from us, utter DESTRUCTION. But
they are in PEACE. For if before MEN, indeed, they be
PUNISHED, yet is their HOPE full of IMMORTALITY;
CHASTISED a little, they shall be greatly BLESSED,
because God TRIED them and found them WORTHY of
himself. As GOLD in the FURNACE, he proved them,
and as sacrificial OFFERINGS he TOOK them to himself.

Praying for the Holy Souls

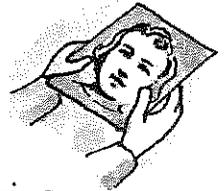
All Souls' Day is a special day when we pray for the souls in Purgatory. Do you know what Purgatory is?

*Eternal rest
grant unto
him, O Lord.*



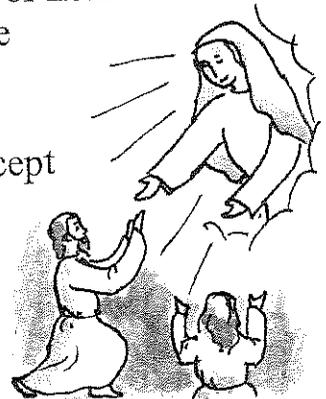
When people die, their souls go either to Heaven or Hell- if they loved God they will go to Heaven, and if they chose not to love God then they will go to Hell. But some people love God and still do sins. Their souls are dirty with the stain of sin, but they did not choose to reject God altogether. Those souls need to be cleaned before they can go into Heaven.

Purgatory is the place where the souls go who are not clean enough to go straight to Heaven. They have to wait until they have suffered enough to make up for their sins.



Probably most people we know who have died are in Purgatory. We should pray for them whenever we think of them- if we see a picture of them, or hear someone talking about them, or if we hear of someone who just died.

God will hear our prayers and accept the sacrifices we make for the holy souls so that they can go to Heaven sooner. Do you think they will pray for us when they get there?



Answer to front page puzzle: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord! Answer to the Word-Find: PURGATORY