



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

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November
Mass ScheduleSunday, November 4

11 AM 7 PM 9 PM

Sunday, November 11

11 AM 7 PM 9 PM

Sunday, November 18

11 AM 7 PM 9 PM

Sunday, November 25

11 AM 9 PM

Weekdays: 8 AM & 12:05 PM**Confessions:** Please come to Campus Ministry or call ext. 1487 for an appointment to see one of the priests to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

A THANKSGIVING STORY



Two native Americans, Squanto and Samoset, both of whom spoke English were hunting along the beach near Patuxet. They were startled to see people from England in their deserted village. For several days, they stayed nearby observing the newcomers. Finally they decided to approach them. Samoset walked into the village and said "welcome," Squanto soon joined him. The Pilgrims were very surprised to meet two Indians who spoke English. The Pilgrims were not in good condition. They were living in dirt-covered shelters, there was a shortage of food, and nearly half of them had died during the winter.

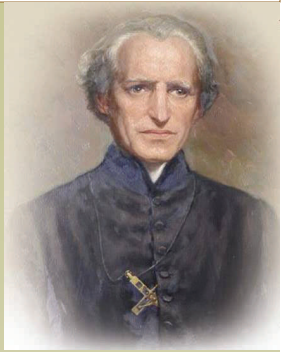
They obviously needed help and the two men were a welcome sight. Squanto, who probably knew more English than any other Indian in North America at that time, decided to stay with the Pilgrims for the next few months and teach them how to survive in this new place. He brought them deer meat and beaver skins. He taught them how to cultivate corn and other new vegetables and how to build Indian-style houses. He pointed out poisonous plants and showed how other plants could be used as medicine. He explained how to dig and cook clams, how to get sap from the maple trees, use fish for fertilizer, and dozens of other skills needed for their survival. By the time fall arrived things were going much better for the Pilgrims, thanks to the help they had received. The corn they planted had grown well. There

was enough food to last the winter. They were living comfortably in their Indian-style wigwams and had also managed to build one European-style building out of squared logs. This was their church. They were now in better health, and they knew more about surviving in this new land. The Pilgrims decided to have a thanksgiving feast to celebrate their good fortune. They had observed thanksgiving feasts in November as religious obligations in England for many years before coming to the New World. Captain Miles Standish, the leader of the Pilgrims, invited Squanto, Samoset, Massasoit (the leader of the Wampanoags), and their immediate families to join them for a celebration, but they had no idea how big Indian families could be. As the Thanksgiving feast began, the Pilgrims were overwhelmed at the large turnout of ninety relatives that Squanto and Samoset brought with them. The Pilgrims were not prepared to feed a gathering of people that large for three days. Seeing this, Massasoit gave orders to his men within the first hour of his arrival to go home and get more food. Thus it happened that the Indians supplied the majority of the food: Five deer, many wild turkeys, fish, beans, squash, corn soup, corn bread, and berries. Captain Standish sat at one end of a long table and the Clan Chief Massasoit sat at the other end. For the first time the Wampanoag people were sitting at a table to eat instead of on mats or furs spread on the ground. The Indian women sat together with the Indian men to eat. The Pilgrim women, however, stood quietly behind the table and waited until after their men had eaten, since that was their custom. For three days the Wampanoags feasted with the Pilgrims. It was a special time of friendship between two very different groups of people. A peace and friendship agreement was made between Massasoit and Miles Standish giving the Pilgrims the clearing in the forest where the old Patuxet village once stood to build their new town of Plymouth. It would be very good to say that this friendship lasted a long time; but, unfortunately, that was not to be. More English people came to America, and they were not in need of help from the Indians as were the original Pilgrims. Mistrust started to grow and the friendship weakened. The Pilgrims started telling their Indian neighbors that their Indian religion and Indian customs were wrong. The Pilgrims displayed an intolerance toward the Indian religion similar to the intolerance displayed toward the less popular religions in Europe. The relationship deteriorated and within a few years the children of the people who ate together at the first Thanksgiving were killing one another in what came to be called King Phillip's War. Let us pray this Thanksgiving for a discovery of the **beauty of diversity** and the **virtue of tolerance**.

WE REMEMBER



November is a month for remembering. Remembering events and people gives important information to where we are going and how we will get there and what we should expect when we arrive. For Christians, the goal is eternal life with Jesus. Throughout the month of November, we remember people, known and unknown who influenced us on this journey—those who encouraged and inspired us on the highway of holiness. Blessed Mother Theresa and Blessed Basil Moreau are examples of the community of saints who went before us, illustrating for us how we can develop habits



of the heart as we shape our lives in the ways of service and justice. Saints provide a source of strength in our own human progression as we work to create a transformed society of mutuality and compassionate respect, both among human beings and between human beings and the Earth.

The Church gives us an opportunity to fully publicly celebrate these days of remembering, not just in a tiny moment of silence, but in two special liturgies of word and sacrament which call to mind the great gifts that God grants through ordinary people who live extraordinary lives of witness. *All Saints Day (November 1)* and *All Souls Day (November 2)* publicly recall the saving deeds of God. Through those who live in glory and those who are still glory-bound, we hear, sing songs, and unabashedly proclaim that Jesus Christ is the center to which the saints, named and unnamed, have gone ahead of us, praying for us in this life as we depend on their intercession for God's guiding grace to the heavenly Jerusalem. Remember the people in your life who brought you to this point. Be grateful. Tell their stories and follow in their footsteps.

"Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them."

THE URBAN PLUNGE

What is an Urban Plunge? It is an opportunity to immerse yourself in another culture and to have an experience of service that enriches both the one serving and the one being served. At Stonehill we have three regular opportunities to experience such an immersion. Our students participate in an urban plunge in Boston at *Haley House in the Fall and the Spring*. This years group will be at Haley House on November 9, 10, 11. Others will be in *New York City for an urban immersion* January 7 through the 11th. Still others will experience an urban plunge in our local area through *MY Brother's Keeper*. The following is a sharing of one such experience from last year by Sean Scanlan from the class of 2010.

"Coming into the Urban Plunge, I had an idea of what to expect. I had already been taught about the mission of My Brother's Keeper and had participated in deliveries before, but the Urban Plunge went beyond anything I could have expected. Rather than volunteering just a few hours of my time, I was fully immersed into the world of My Brother's Keeper for 3 days. The Urban Plunge provided for me a unique experience to not only serve others, but also to reflect on my own life. The sense of accomplishment in the work I did and the strong bonds I formed with my new friends are unlike anything I have ever experienced before. The delivery that stands out the most in my mind is my first delivery from the plunge. After the morning mass, I felt like I was in a good state of mind for the delivery. I was assigned to a group with Erich and 3 of the Notre Dame women. En route to our first delivery Meg asked me what a normal delivery was like. I had to think of a response, and could only tell her that each delivery was very different in its own way and that you could never know what to expect. My answer was confirmed when we arrived at our first stop. We arrived at a 3 story apartment building and went up to the third floor to meet Sandy.continued on page 4

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 All Saints Day	2 All Souls Day	3 Christ Retreat
4 —Retreat —//	5	6	7	8	9 Encounters — Haley House —	10 —Urban —
11 —Plunge —	12 ————// \\ — Hunger —	13 6:30 PM ITS Coordinators And —	14 Homelessness -	15 — Awareness -	16 — Week //	17
18	19	20	21 \\Thanksgiving	22 Thanksgiving	23 Break —	24
25 ————//	26	27	28 ITS Coordi- nators mtg & bowling 8:15 PM	29	30	

UPCOMING EVENTS AT CAMPUS MINISTRY, THINGS YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS

November Events

November 5 at 7 PM in the Chapel of Mary FILM NIGHT
The Shoes of the Fisherman sponsored by Chapel Choir Set during the Cold War, The Shoes of the Fisherman offers an inside view of the election of a pope during a conclave within the Sistine Chapel, and explores political, social and theological issues of the Roman Catholic Curia. If you're interested in Rome and Christianity, don't miss it!

November 16-18 Pray for the students who will drive to the **School of the America's** this weekend. For more information about the trip, see Lauren DeRusha or Brendan Carey, or go to <http://www.soaw.org/>

December Events

December 4: Lessons and Carols
December 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception
December 12: Campus Ministry Open House

“Baptism: It’s Not Baby Stuff” with Sr. Jeanne Gribaudo, C.S.J.

Church Chat: Cookies and Conversation: A Merit Point Program – 45 minutes

Wednesday, November 7th, at 7:00 p.m. in the Campus Ministry Conference Room.

Most people were baptized as babies and have no clue what they were really brought into. Let’s talk about the adult responsibilities of being a baptized Christian. The program will focus on catechesis, the Church’s theological teachings on this sacrament of initiation, and on praxis, how the theology that underpins this sacrament is put into practice.



Save the date! Lessons and Carols will take place on
Tuesday, December 4 at 7:00PM.

This event kicks off our annual Festival of Light and Hope on the Quad. Come and enjoy our beautiful campus as we light the trees, sing carols on the Quad and enjoy steaming hot chocolate and refreshments. Just the thing before the rigor of final exams!

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Sandy was a single mother of 5 children, all of whom were under the age of 8. She had an apartment large enough for her family size, but she only had a fridge, a stove, an air mattress, 2 twin beds, a crib, and a television on the floor. At first, the family was reluctant to welcome us into their home, but after a while they opened up and welcomed us as friends. First, we brought up a living room chair to give the kids something to sit on while we brought the rest up. The 2 oldest children didn't want to sit down, but rather they wanted to help us. We all gave them dresser drawers to bring up and let them hold on to mattresses as we brought them up the stairs. The apartment seemed so much smaller because of all the furniture we had brought them, but it definitely had a more homey feel to it. Although she never explicitly said so, it was clear that Sandy was relieved to have all this new furniture for her family. The children were delighted with it and were jumping on Sandy's new bed and one was playing with his truck on it. When Erich presented the crucifix, her 2 oldest children recognized Jesus and asked if they could have it. Erich told them they could all have one for their rooms and got a crucifix for all the bedrooms. Whenever I do furniture deliveries, a small part of me always wonders what the family is going to do with the furniture and if they are going to treat it well. In the case of Sandy, I was able to actually find out. In our delivery, we gave her family everything they needed, with the exception of a TV table. Before we left, Erich promised to bring her a TV table later that day. When he dropped it off, he found out that Sandy was hosting a birthday party for her nephew and invited some family over. It is very hard to imagine hosting a good birthday party with what she had before our delivery. When I reflected upon that, it really showed me that the mission of My Brother's Keeper goes far beyond the actual deliveries. The deliveries provide these families with ongoing hope and happiness that continues in their lives after we have left them. I also learned that the love and hope of Jesus Christ is not only delivered to those we serve, but it is also delivered to ourselves. My peers from both Notre Dame and Stonehill showed me whole new ways to love that I may never be able to fully explain in words. Through interactions with the other students I learned how to open my life to others and share a love with them even before learning their age or last names. Just like the deliveries have a lasting impact on the families we serve, the Urban Plunge has had a lasting impact in my own life. Each student on the Urban Plunge brought their own unique personality which allowed me to build very different bonds with each individual. I keep these bonds close to me by remaining in contact with the others. Meg and Macie got together and mailed me Notre Dame shirts for myself and the others here at Stonehill, along with a personal note from Meg. I'd like to highlight one line from it that really touched me: Not only did you teach me to put together a bed frame, carry a mattress, make garlic bread or load a furniture truck, but you also showed me in your own way how to keep an open mind, avoid judgments, share stories about life, and change a life forever. In a way, I think you've changed mine. I think in one way or another we all changed each others lives through our time on the Urban Plunge, and that we will all carry these changes with us throughout our lives in our hearts."

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**Chapel and Office Hours during Academic Year: Monday through Thursday 8:30 AM to 9:00 PM,
Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm**

The Chapel of Mary is open every Sunday through Thursday, twenty four hours a day, when classes are in session, for prayer and quiet reflection. The Chapel is also open Fridays until 4:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
You are invited to use this beautiful sacred space