



CAMPUS MINISTRY NEWS

OCTOBER 2008

October Mass Schedule

Sunday, October 5
11 AM 7 PM 9 PM

Sunday, October 12
11 AM 7 PM 9 PM

Sunday, October 19
11 AM 7 PM 9 PM

Sunday, October 26

Family Weekend

10 AM Family Mass at SPOCO
9PM Chapel of Mary

Weekdays: 8 AM Chapel at Donahue Hall
& 12:05 PM Chapel of Mary

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

HALLOWEEN—ALL HALLOWS EVEN

The true origins of Halloween lie with the ancient Celtic tribes who lived in Ireland, Scotland, Wales and Brittany. For the Celts, November 1 marked the beginning of a new year and the coming of winter. The night before the new year, they celebrated the festival of Samhain, Lord of the Dead. During this festival, Celts believed the souls of the dead—including ghosts, goblins and witches—returned to mingle with the living. In order to scare away the evil spirits, people would wear masks and light bonfires. When the Romans conquered the Celts, they added their own touches to the



Samhain festival, such as making centerpieces out of apples and nuts for Pomona, the Roman goddess of the orchards. The Romans also bobbed for apples and drank cider—traditions which may sound familiar to you. But where does the Christian aspect of the holiday come into play? In 835, Pope Gregory IV moved the celebration for all the martyrs (later all saints) from May 13 to November 1. The night before became known as All Hallows' Even or "holy evening." Eventually the name was shortened to the current Halloween. On November 2, the Church celebrates All Souls Day. The purpose of these feasts is to remember those who have died, whether they are officially

recognized by the Church as saints or not. It is a celebration of the "communion of saints," which reminds us that the Church is not bound by space or time. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says that through the communion of saints "a perennial link of charity exists between the faithful who have already reached their heavenly home, those who are expiating their sins in purgatory and those who are still pilgrims on earth. Between them there is, too, an abundant exchange of all good things" Many of the customs we now associate with Halloween are also derived from ancient celebrations. For example, the current custom of going door-to-door to collect treats actually started in Ireland hundreds of years ago. Groups of farmers would go door-to-door collecting food and materials for a village feast and bonfire. Those who gave were promised prosperity; those who did not received threats of bad luck. When an influx of Irish Catholic immigrants came to the United States in the 1800s, the custom of trick-or-treating came with them.

Family Weekend October 24–26

Friday 7:00 PM Kick off Family Weekend with Evening Prayer at the Chapel of Mary

Sunday 10 AM Come and celebrate Mass with your family at the SPOCO.

THE TALE OF JACK O' LANTERN

Jack, the Irish say, grew up in a simple village where he earned a reputation for cleverness as well as laziness. He applied his fine intelligence to wiggling out of any work that was asked of him, preferring to lie



under a solitary oak endlessly whittling. In order to earn money to spend at the local pub, he looked for an "easy shilling" from gambling, a pastime at which he excelled. In his whole life he never made a single enemy, never made a single friend and never performed a selfless act for anyone. One Halloween, as it happened, the time came for him to die. When the devil arrived to take his soul, Jack was lazily drinking at the pub and asked permission to finish his ale. The devil agreed, and Jack thought fast. "If you really have any power," he said slyly, "you could transform yourself into a shilling."

The devil snorted at such child's play and instantly changed himself into a shilling. Jack grabbed the coin. He held it tight in his hand, which bore a cross-shaped scar. The power of the cross kept the devil imprisoned there, for everyone knows the devil is powerless when

faced with the cross. Jack would not let the devil free until he granted him another year of life. Jack figured that would be plenty of time to repent. The devil left Jack at the pub.

The year rolled around to the next Halloween, but Jack never got around to repenting. Again the devil appeared to claim his soul, and again Jack bargained, this time challenging him to a game of dice, an offer Satan could never resist, but a game that Jack excelled at. The devil threw snake eyes—two ones—and was about to haul him off, but Jack used a pair of dice he himself had whittled. When they landed as two threes, forming the T-shape of a cross, once again the devil was powerless. Jack bargained for more time to repent.

He kept thinking he'd get around to repentance later, at the last possible minute. But the agreed-upon day arrived and death took him by surprise. The devil hadn't shown up and Jack soon found out why not. Before he knew it Jack was in front of the pearly gates. St. Peter shook his head sadly and could not admit him, because in his whole life Jack had never performed a single selfless act. Then Jack presented himself before the gates of hell, but the devil was still seething. Satan refused to have anything to do with him.

"Where can I go?" cried Jack. "How can I see in the darkness?"

The devil tossed a burning coal into a hollow pumpkin and ordered him to wander forever with only the pumpkin to light his path. From that day to this he has been called "Jack o' the Lantern." Sometimes he appears on Halloween!

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS

All Hallows Eve—the Eve of All Saints points us to our belief in a life after death and the connection between the living, the dead and those who will come after us. Our faith teaches us that the Church is not only the Church of the living, but that we are part of the "Communion of Saints" and are connected with all who have gone before us in faith and now rest in peace. Solidarity with our dead brothers and sisters is at the heart of the church's celebration of the communion of saints. The dead are a "cloud of witnesses" (Heb 12) who surround us, guide us and encourage us to live in right relationship. So, too, the martyrs of Latin America are here at the altar. The victims of conflict in Cambodia, Darfur, Uganda and Zimbabwe inform our worship, compelling us out of love to ask why they died and how we might prevent this from ever happening again. Worship affirms solidarity, which leads to accountability. The circle of remembrance is our own spiritual safety net. When we include these victims in our prayer, they include us in theirs. We find our place in a larger vision of church where there are no strangers, only brothers and sisters.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4 RENEW Retreat
5	6	7 7 PM Ken Himes, Speaker	8	9	10	11
12	Columbus Day—no classes	14 Academic Development Day	15	16	17	18 Q.U.E.S.T. Retreat
19	20	21	22 HOPE Info Night	23	24 7 PM Evening Prayer FAMILY WKND	25 FAMILY WKND
26 10 AM Mass at SPOCO FAMILY WKND	27	28	29	30	31	

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

October Events

Classes begin for those interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion. Signup with Fr. Tom Halkovic, CSC in Campus Ministry.

- Oct. 4 **RENEW Retreat**
- Oct. 7 **Speaker: Ken Himes 7PM Chapel of Mary.**
- Oct. 18 **Q.U.E.S.T. Retreat for 1st year students.**
- Oct. 24-26 **Family Weekend**
—Friday 7 PM Evening Prayer at Chapel of Mary
—Mass in the Sports Complex at 10 AM
—Mass at the Chapel of Mary at 9 PM

November Events

Nov 21, 22, 23 **Save this weekend for the Encounters Christ Retreat.
Do something good for yourself.**

Nov 21, 22, 23 **School of the Americas Protest**



Crossings: Stonehill's Student Ministers

We would like to introduce this year's Student ministers who are available to listen to your stories, answer your questions and just spend time with as friends. They are located in residence halls across campus and represent Campus Ministry where you live. Below is a list of the ministers and their buildings. We hope to see you around. We're available for a chat anytime, so please come and meet us and use us as a resource while you're here at Stonehill

Notre Dame du Lac

Sara Waddick '09

Tim Gannon '09

Corr Hall

Jessica Wirth '10

Allison Wilhite '10

Megan Boyle '11

Villa Theresa

Lauren DeRusha '11

Kim Oaks '11

Andrew Santoriello '11

Pilgrim Heights

Nicole Alonzo '11

Erica Stewart '11

Erin Casey '10

Colonial Courts

Sara Rodriques '10

Liz Orr '10

Commonwealth Courts

Steven McGunnigal '09

Boland

Nicole Landry '09

Megan Hartmann '09

O'Hara

Nicole Santarsiero '11

Christina Martone '11

Holy Cross Center

Matt Giles '11

Theology on Tap 2008-09

Theology on Tap takes place in the Hill on Thursdays 5:30 – 7:00 PM (21 + only)

October 2: Living the Mysteries of the Rosary with Fr. John Phalen, C.S.C.

October 9: Is Reconciliation Really Possible? With Joseph Favazza, Ph.D.

October 16: My Big Fat Catholic Wedding with Maura Proulx Carpinello
and Greg Carpinello

October 23: "I'm Spiritual but not Religious." with Fr. John Reardon, C.S.C.

October 30: "TBA" with Fr. Tom Looney, C.S.C.

November 6: "The End is Coming" with Sr. Jeanne Gribaudo, CSJ

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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