

## The Rector's Message: November at Holy Trinity

This month will include a variety of opportunities for participation which do not occur in our typical monthly schedule. I am highlighting these in this space to encourage your prayers and support.

November 3—We will be having our first-ever evening of Dinner Theatre. You have been hearing about this for several weeks, and hopefully have already made your reservations, but I want to underscore just how blessed we are to have this event. Our theatre director, John Cochran, is profoundly blessed with both deep Christian faith and extraordinary dramatic talent. I think you will be amazed at what he is bringing to us and our members.

November 4—On this *All Saints Sunday*, we will have an important financial forum between Masses. Both our parish Treasurer and the Treasurer of the Foundation will make presentations with hand-outs, and they are prepared to help all of us to better understand our financial life and outlook. Also, our Stewardship Chairman, Jim DeVito, will be making a brief address at each Mass.

November 18—We will be hosting a guest preacher at both Masses: The Rev. Dr. Rodney Whitacre, Professor of Biblical Studies at Trinity School for Ministry. I was privileged to take a class under him a few years ago on the Book of Revelation. He is quite gifted in the ability to communicate difficult things clearly and simply.

November 21—This month's Outreach Dinner will be special: a turkey dinner with all the trimmings. We have been averaging about 100 guests each month for the past several dinners, and expect more for this holiday meal on Thanksgiving Eve. A list of food items which are needed has been posted, as well as a sign-up sheet for people who will commit to help on the evening. (Set-up begins around 5:00 p.m., dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and clean-up is finished by 7:00 p.m.) One of our guests at the October 17 dinner commented about how much he appreciated the smiling faces and true hospitality he had received.

In addition to considering your level of commitment and participation in these events, I also urge you to follow the suggestion (or challenge) I made during a recent sermon: use your new Parish Directory to pray for our members a page a day—and consider calling and introducing yourselves to any you don't know. Vibrant parish life, a clear manifestation of a vibrant Christian life, is an essential witness for us to make for the Gospel, and it is up to us to make it happen!

Faithfully,

Fr. Lawrence D. Bausch