

It's Time to Start Thinking of the Poor Souls.

"It is a holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be loosed from their sins."-- 2 Machab. xii, 46. The Church dedicates the month of November to the Poor Souls in Purgatory. She reminds us in this way that in the Communion of Saints we have a duty to our departed relatives and friends, a duty which we are inclined to neglect unless our attention is called to it by frequent reminders.

The faithful departed are called Poor Souls because they cannot help themselves. For any surcease of the punishment due to their sins, they depend entirely upon our good will - our prayers, indulgences, and good works offered for them. And they are called Holy Souls because they are sure of heaven. If they are in purgatory they have died in the state of grace, friends of God; but their faults and imperfections, and their forgiven mortal sins, if they have had any, are still subject to punishment, if they have not made full atonement in this life. Speaking of Purgatory Our Lord said: "Thou shalt not go out from thence till thou repay the last farthing."-- St. Matt. v, 26.

The Novena for the Poor Souls is Notre Dame's way of helping you to fulfill your duty towards your departed relatives and friends - those who have a right to your prayers. This Novena will begin on Tuesday, November 3; it will be a public Novena, with daily prayers in the church. Before that time you should make a list of those for whom you want the prayers of your fellow students. Slips for this purpose will be made available in the halls; off-campus students will receive theirs with this Bulletin. They may be mailed to the Prefect of Religion or left in a box at the door of the Sorin chapel.

Do NOT enclose any donations with these lists. If you wish to give an alms for the poor with the intention that it go for the benefit of the Poor Souls, give it in other ways. The important thing is that you make out your list - that you give this much thought to your own departed. These lists will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November, for remembrance in the Masses of the priests as well as in the prayers of your fellow-students.

How About The Team?

At the Masses yesterday you were asked to make a Novena for the team. The list of injuries this year is large - much larger than usual. Say the Litany of the Blessed Virgin during these nine days to ask Our Lady's help for her boys.

Clipping.

Some of the old boys who attend student masses here these Sundays complain that there is too much illegal clipping going on. The more important students clip five or ten or fifteen minutes off the time they should give to God at the beginning of Mass, and the most important ones clip off all they can (or perhaps a little more) at the end. You have to expect that from those who think more of themselves than of God.

Deaths: John Moran's mother died Saturday morning; she was a sister of Fr. Cornelius Murphy, C.S.C. By request of the New Jersey Club, there will be a Mass in the Sorin chapel at 6:30 tomorrow for the repose of the soul of John S. Wisly's father. Worth Andre asks prayers for his friend Dick Sheridan, whose neck was broken in the Halo-Army game Saturday; by request of the football team there will be a Mass for him at 6:25 tomorrow in the church. Today is the anniversary of the death of George McGrath's sister. Deceased: A cousin of Mrs. Keenan; the son of Mr. Kuelbach, famous varsity pitcher, '05; two friends of students. Mr. James Ryan and Martin Kolshi are in the hospital. Joe Conlon's mother is ill. Four special intentions.