



# Holy Cross Province News

November 2020

## November Birthdays

- 6 Phil Paxton
- 23 Antonio Curto
- 24 Jerry Milazzo

## Ordination

- 20 Patricio Manosalvas

## LOOKING FORWARD...

- November 13  
Blessed Eugene Bossilkov, CP
- November 18  
Blessed Grimoaldo Santamaria, CP
- November 21  
The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- November 22  
Solemnity of Christ the King
- November 26  
Thanksgiving Day (USA)
- November 29  
First Sunday of Advent

## Updates...

- Please keep Father Carl Tenhunfeld, who died on October 14, 2020, in your prayers. Father Carl taught at the Passionist Prep Seminary for nine years before moving to Houston in 1965 where he was named director of Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center. May he rest in peace.
- Please remember in your prayers Marcia Sansotta, who died on October 17, 2020, after battling melanoma. Marcia was a longtime employee at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center in Detroit, Michigan. We wish peace and healing to Marcia's husband, Phil, and to the retreat center family at St. Paul's. Marcia will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace.
- Be sure to visit our [Passionist Advent website](#), beginning Sunday, November 29, 2020. The site will include reflections from our Passionist Family, along with prayers and simple things to do each day to prepare for Christmas.
- The Fall issue of the magazine, *The Passionists*, is now online. [Click here](#) to read it.
- Congratulations to Angela Kwasinski (Province Offices) on the arrival of her new grandson, Thomas Evans, who was born on October 23, 2020! Thomas joins big sisters AnnaBeth and Maelyn!
- The Ministry Team at St. Paul of the Cross Passionist Retreat & Conference Center put on their creative thinking caps, or should we say "bathing caps," for a fun way to invite people to come on retreat and to "Sync or Swim." [Click here](#) to enjoy their delightful video.

*A very Happy Thanksgiving to all!*



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## Holy Name Passionist Retreat Center...

Holy Name held its first Catholic Retreat of the season the weekend of October 16-18, 2020.

Deacon Nicholas Divine, CP, gives the opening talk at the retreat.



## Día de los Muertos...

Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center Hispanic Ministry is again displaying a shrine for All Souls (in Spanish, Altarcito del Día de los Muertos) for the month of November. Last year the Altarcito was displayed in the chapel. This year it is set up in the retreat center lobby.

Retreatants who have participated in our Spanish-speaking programs were invited, via mail, to send the names of their loved ones, their memorial cards or pictures, as per tradition.



Este año honramos nuestros defuntos con un Altarcito del Día de los Muertos, que se va a situar en el Vestíbulo del Centro del Retiros. Les invitamos que nos acompañen honorando nuestros defuntos con sus fotos, nombres o mementos de sus seres queridos.

## All Soul's Day Remembrance...

Vimal Backiyaraj, CP, and Phil Paxton, CP, celebrate Mass at St. Mary's Church in Fairfield, Alabama, for All Soul's Day.

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## Happenings from Birmingham, Alabama...

The weekend of October 10-12, 2020, was observed across the country as “Faith and Blue Weekend,” at which faith communities and law enforcement came together as a sign of support and building relationships with each other between law enforcement and communities.

James Watts, from the Birmingham Diocese Office of Black Catholic Ministry, and Phil Paxton, CP, attended the prayer service led by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Holy Family Church hosted the prayer service held for the West Precinct.

The Diocese of Birmingham also held its annual “Blue Mass,” presided over by Bishop Steven Raica at Our Lady Queen of the Universe Parish. Representatives from Holy Family and St. Mary’s Parishes were in attendance.

On October 20, Passionists celebrated the Feast of our Holy Founder, St. Paul of the Cross, at Holy Family Parish at noon. At 7:00 p.m., Bishop Steven Raica presided at Mass for the feast day at St. Joseph Parish in Ensley.



Faith and Blue weekend in Birmingham, Alabama.



Phil Paxton, CP, leads the prayer service for the West Precinct at Holy Family Church.



Representatives at the Blue Mass:  
(l-r): Deacon Peter Smith, Vimal Backiyaraj, CP;  
Deacon Jacky Rodgers, Bishop Steven Raica,  
Deacon Walter Henderson, Phil Paxton, CP; and  
State Senator Linda Coleman-Madison.



(l-r): Jose Luis Gevara Gomez, Associate Pastor at  
Prince of Peace Catholic Parish, Hoover, Alabama;  
Patricio Manosalvas, CP; and Phil Paxton, CP,  
celebrated the Feast of St. Paul of the Cross  
at St. Joseph Parish.