

## CHURCH & FOOTBALL



It's that time of year again, when Sundays compete with one of our favorite fall sports. Here's a little something for our enjoyment:

Quarterback Sneak – Parishioners quietly leaving after they receive communion;

Draw Play – What many children do with their bulletins during worship;

Halftime – The period between worship and Sunday School when many choose to leave;

Personal Foul – Those who are offended by the children in the worship service;

Benchwarmer – Those who do not sing, pray, work, give, or apparently do anything but sit in the pews;

Backfield in Motion – Making a trip up or down the aisle to the restroom, water fountain or to sneak coffee hour snacks during the service;

Staying in the Pocket – What happens to most of the money that should be given for God's work;

Two-minute Warning – The point when people realize the service is almost over and they begin to gather up their belongings;

Instant Replay – The priest misplaces the sermon notes and falls back on last Sunday's illustrations;

Sudden Death – What happens to the congregation's attention span if the priest goes overtime with the sermon;

Trap – when we are called on to pray and our minds are a million miles away;

End Run – Getting out of Church fast by skirting around behind the priest at the door;

Flex Defense – The ability to allow absolutely nothing during the sermon or service to affect your life;

Halfback Option – The decision of 50% of the parish not to return for the evening service, music program or other activities;

Blitz – the rush for restaurants following the dismissal.

(Adapted from "World's Greatest Collection of Church Jokes")

## SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

Every Sunday evening, a small group of people gather at 7 p. m. in the Choir Cancel of the Church. The service features elements of Celtic Christian liturgy for an alternative to the morning services. Come join us anytime!

*Darest Thou Now O Soul*

*By Walt Whitman*

*Darest thou now O soul,  
Walk out with me toward the unknown region,  
Where neither ground is for the feet nor any path to  
follow?  
No map there, nor guide,  
Nor voice sounding, nor touch of human hand,  
Nor face with blooming flesh, nor lips, nor eyes, are  
in that land.  
I know it not O soul,  
Nor dost thou, all is a blank before us,  
All waits undream'd of in that region, that  
inaccessible land.  
Till when the ties loosen,  
All but the ties eternal, Time and Space,  
Nor darkness, gravitation, sense, nor any bounds  
bounding us.  
Then we burst forth, we float,  
In Time and Space O soul, prepared for them,  
Equal, equip at last, (O joy! O fruit of all!) them to  
fulfill O soul.*

## WALT WHITMAN



*Whitman*

Whitman is one of our own, a native of Camden and buried in Harleigh Cemetery. In 1855, his "Leaves of Grass" were the first collections of poems that would make their mark in American literature. His poetry inspired not only 19<sup>th</sup> century people, but speaks to us today. The selection for this newsletter is taken from his collection entitled "Whispers of Heavenly Death."

## HEALING SERVICE

Laying on of hands & anointing with oil

**Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**8 & 9:30 Services**

*"Heavenly God, giver of life & health:  
comfort & relieve your sick servants, and  
give your power of healing to those who  
minister to their needs, that they may be  
strengthened in their weakness and have  
confidence in your loving care; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."*