

## THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Saint Martin of Tours was a Roman soldier, who converted to Christianity in the 4<sup>th</sup> century. Exhausted as only a soldier can be after a campaign, he met a beggar on the side of the road, who was looking for money. Martin had none. As he looked at the beggar, blue and shivering with cold, Martin removed his army-issued cloak and cut it in half with his sword. That night he had a vision of Jesus wrapped in the cloak. "Whatever you did for the least of my brothers, you did for me."

One of the great benefits of being Catholic is that we understand that we belong to the Communion of Saints. We can name, we may be on speaking terms with, we may call out in distress to a favorite saint. These are all the people, who over the centuries and at this very minute, respond to human need.

If we follow their example, we will be saints. Saints help others in simple things: a meal, a drink, a welcome, a word, a visit. Simple help to people met every day. Help that is uncalculating. Help that is given for the sake of helping. That's what saints do because every person is a child of God, and God is our Father. That's what saints do because at the Incarnation God became one of us and identifies Himself fully with us in our needs and sufferings. "Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me."

### **FATHER RICARDO**

### **FATHER RICARDO'S DESK:**

#### **THE SIGN OF PEACE**

**SHALOM** expresses the Biblical understanding of peace. Peace is not just an absence of warfare. It means covenant solidarity, friendship, right relationships. Friends who harbor resentment toward one another, family members who have not forgiven each other, and spouses who cannot truly look each other in the eye do not have *shalom*.

The Sign of Peace comes right after the "Our Father," and so we are challenged to live out the words of that prayer. We are called to forgive and bring peace into our hearts. We are to prepare a place of peace before we approach the Prince of Peace in Holy Communion.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Advent is coming, and it is a good opportunity for us to begin to plan to examine our faith life. The Sacrament of Penance enables us to make a new start and to celebrate the Christmas Season and the New Year with hearts uplifted. Beginning December 4<sup>th</sup>, **MONDAYS DURING ADVENT SEASON FROM 7-8pm.**

### **ANNUAL APPEAL** *In Giving, We Receive*

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: Catholic Charities agencies; seminarian education; retired priests; and inner-city schools. Every single gift changes lives. Every gift counts!.

### **SAVE THE DATE**

#### **PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES AND SHRINES IN SPAIN**

MAY 21-29, 2018. Ms. Anne Breslin of "Great Experiences" a Travel Agency that is used solely by the Diocese, will be here on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 11 am Mass to go over the complete itinerary and any questions you may have about this pilgrimage. Anyone interested, please join us to hear about this wonderful journey.

### **UP DATE ON MAINTENANCE PROJECTS**

I am happy to report that the first maintenance project to restore the integrity of the cupola of the church will begin during the first week of December. I can also report that one parishioner has come forward and taken on 95% of the cost of this very important repair. I know that you are as grateful as I am for such an extraordinary gift.

### **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation. Mary was redeemed from the moment of her conception because she was "full of grace." In the splendor of her unique holiness, she was chosen from the foundation of the world to be free from Original Sin and personal sin during her whole life. Masses will be celebrated at 8:45am and 7:30pm.

## **THANKSGIVING BASKET DONATIONS**

Our parish is so special. This year we have helped 10 families with Turkey dinners. Thank you so very much for your generous donations and support of this project.

## **POINSETTIA SALE**

A Poinsettia Sale to benefit Harvest House will be held 12/4-12/10/17. The beautiful, high quality plants as in recent years will be sold for the same prices. \$10 for 1 stem, \$15 for 2 stems. Please call Peg Behnke (973) 764-4576. Available in the church hall for pick-up 12/5 through 12/11/17.

## **GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree will go up in the church hall, December 5<sup>th</sup>. As in previous years, the tree will contain symbols with the age and sizes of children in need of Christmas gifts. We will be helping ten families and fifteen children. All gifts are to be left **unwrapped under the tree by Friday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**. The gifts will be sorted and distributed on Tuesday, December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26**  
8:00am +Marg and Jim MacDonald req. by Kensek Family  
9:30am +Dennis Golden req. by His Wife  
11:00am +Joe Vrindten req. by Our Lady of Fatima Staff

**MONDAY NOVEMBER 27**  
8:45am +Brian Dolan req. by Family

**TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28**  
8:45am Intentions of Terry & Christine req. by Jean and Roger Grey

**WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 29**  
8:45am +Deceased members of the Legion of Mary

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 30**  
8:45am +Andrew VanDyke req. by Brian and Susan Scheidle

**FRIDAY December 1**  
8:45am +Jean Sheehan req. by Bancroft Family

**SATURDAY DECEMBER 2**  
8:45am + Nicholas Chiciuk req. by His Family  
5:00pm + Mark Verrico req. by Annunziata Family

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 3**  
8:00am + Les Caggiano req. by His Family  
9:30am + Marie and Edward McFarlane, req. by Kathy Muchka  
11:00am + Ann Sanchez req. by Cawley Family

## **This Week's Events**

**Sun. 11:00am - "Gather the Children"**  
**Mon. 7:00pm - CCD - Grade 8 - Hall**  
**Tues. 7:00pm - CCD - Grade 7 - Hall**  
**Thur. 7:30 pm - Teen Antioch**

**Because of bulletin printing schedule the collection figures will be in next week's bulletin.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF OUR PARISH. GOD BLESS YOU!**

## **PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

*Aidan Alvarez, Scott Anderson, Baby Grace Andrews, "Baby", John Apgar, Artie, Ray Bonomini, Maddy Brancato, Tina Contento, Aibhlinn Coyle, Elizabeth Copeland, Patricia and Paul Corbutt, Doug Crum, Nathanael Davenport, Jean Marie Day, Alice DeLorenzo, Courtney Dignan, Eileen Donahue, Katie Drago, Roseann Dundon, Jim Ecker, Barbara Etzel, Eva Ferlauto, Debbie Fuentes, Kay Gallo, John Gonzalez, Florence Guilfoyle, Barbara Hellwig, Christopher Hoehl, Bob Hojer, Johanna Horn, Jean Jones, Melissa Klimaszewski, Julianna Klinger, Carby Kosen, Rick Reuter, Emily Lewis, Brian Linke, Henry Mancuso, Rose Martis, Fran and Larry Marsh, James McAlary, Pat McDermott, Kathy Nestico, Jennifer Oldham, Janis O'Neill, Joan Quest, Maura Reagan, Mary Reynolds, Linda Ross, Ron Shelly, Lou Pra Sisto, Father Patrick Sullivan, Alexander Truong, Mary VanDyke, Pat and Jim Van Gorder, Vincent and Debbie Ventriglia, Russy Wright, Nick Zayatz*