

Fr. Martin's Reflection – 09/12/21 Bulletin

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This weekend marks the 20th anniversary of '9/11.' I am sure all of us of a certain age can remember exactly where we were and what we were doing when we heard the terrible news of the 9/11 attack. I am conscious that many of you were personally affected, either because you were present when the attacks occurred or lost loved ones. One thing for sure, our world has changed forever. Let us take a moment this weekend and gather as a faith family and remember all those who lost their lives and those who helped in the rescue. Let us also remember those who have struggled from this attack ever since.

The 9/11 Prayer of Remembrance and Hope

Dear God, we remember before you today those whose lives were lost in the catastrophic events of September 11, 2001, and for all those whom we love but no longer see. We give thanks to you for the selfless courage of those brave souls who ran into burning buildings and who labored in the rubble; may their courage be to us a witness of what is possible when we are guided by love and dedication to our fellow human beings. We pray today for the continued healing of all those suffering emotional and physical scars. May your spirit breathe new breath into clouded lungs, new life into troubled minds, and new warmth into broken hearts, so that all may feel wrapped in your loving embrace. May we move from suffering to hope, from brokenness to wholeness, from anxiety to courage, from death to life, from fear to love, and from despair to hope. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Inspire us with hope in the gift of shalom and salaam. May we receive this gift, so that we might become instruments of your peace in this world, knowing all people as equally loved, lovingly created, children of God. Amen.

Welcome to our Religious Education Students, Parents and Staff

This weekend we officially begin our Religious Education program for the year 2021-2022. I ask you to please keep our students, parents, and staff in your prayers. Let us pray that the minds and hearts of all will be open to the love and guidance of God.

Welcome to Adam Johnson

On behalf of all of us, I welcome Adam Johnson. Adam is a seminarian studying in St. Charles Borromeo Seminary, Wyncnewood, PA. Adam will be with us on Thursdays for this academic year, but I'll try to squeeze a couple of weekends out of him so all of us will get the chance to meet him. Adam is from St Aloysius Parish, Jackson, he is first theology student, studying for the diocese of Trenton. Please keep him, and all our seminarians in your prayers. No photos yet, but they are coming.

The response from our Psalm this weekend:

'I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.'

May you always choose to walk in God's presence and always allow God to walk with you.

Fr. Martin