

Fr. Martin's Reflection – November 2, 2025

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we begin the month of November, traditionally a time to remember all our departed loved ones, let's take time to remember. This coming **Wednesday, November 5, at 7pm St. Mary Church, Bordentown**, we will celebrate one of two Masses for all our departed loved ones. The names you have submitted and are displayed in both of our worship sites will be especially remembered in these Masses. Our second Mass will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 12, at 7pm Holy Assumption Church, Roebling**. I am very consciously aware that many are still finding it very difficult to live with the death of their loved one, even though it may be many years since their passing. These two Masses are an opportunity for us as a faith family to join with each other and be a support to each other, to pray with each other, and offer up to God our united prayers.

On **Wednesday, November 19, at 7pm St. Mary Church, Bordentown**, we will have our yearly Memorial Service. Even though all are welcome, we focus on those who have been bereaved in this past year. Their names will be called, and a family member will be invited to bring forward a candle and place it in the sanctuary remembering their departed loved one. Again, all are welcome, and it is an opportunity for us to come together and pray with each other and be a support to each other.

*Loving and merciful God, we entrust our departed loved ones into Your eternal care.
Grant them everlasting peace and joy in Your heavenly kingdom, where pain and sorrow are no more.
May the light of Christ shine upon them and guide them safely home to You.
Comfort those who mourn their loss; surround their hearts with Your gentle presence and
strengthen their faith in the promise of resurrection.
Help us all to live in hope, cherishing the love we share and trusting in Your mercy.
Through Christ our Lord, who conquered death and opened the gates of eternal life. Amen*

Holy Hour for Vocations

I want to thank Patricia (Pat) Downey and the vocations committee for organizing our Holy Hour for Vocations on Wednesday, Oct. 29. Thank you for highlighting the importance of vocations and praying for those who are hearing God's call but may be lacking the courage to say yes. Let us continue to pray for vocations that the Lord of the harvest will send laborers into the harvest.

May God bless you this coming week and may you always know and experience the love God has for you.

Fr. Martin