

# St. Patrick's Church

October 27th, 2024

## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Gospel Commentary

We read in this Sunday's Gospel (Mark 10:46-52) that, while the Lord passes through the streets of Jericho, a blind man named Bartimaeus addresses him, crying out loudly: "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" This entreaty moves Christ's heart, who pauses, has him called and cures him.

The decisive moment was the personal, direct encounter between the Lord and that man who was suffering. They are before one another—God with his will to cure and the man with his desire to be cured. Two liberties, two converging wills, "What do you want me to do for you?" the Lord asks him. "Let me receive my sight," replies the blind man. "Go your way; your faith has made you well."

With these words, the miracle is realized—God's joy, man's joy. And Bartimaeus, who had recovered his sight—recounts the Gospel—"followed him on the way": That is, he becomes his disciple and goes up with the Master to Jerusalem to take part with him in the great mystery of salvation. In the essential of its passages, this account evokes the itinerary of the catechumen toward the sacrament of baptism, which in the early Church was also called "Illumination."

Faith is a path of illumination; it starts from the humility of acknowledging one's need of salvation and arrives at the personal encounter with Christ, who calls [one] to follow him on the way of love. On this model the itineraries of Christian initiation have been established in the Church, which prepare for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and the Eucharist.

In places of past evangelization—where the baptism of children is widespread—catechetical and spiritual experiences are proposed to young people and adults which enable them to undertake a path of rediscovery of the faith in a mature and conscious way, in order to assume later a coherent commitment to witness. How important is the work that pastors and catechists carry out in this field!

The rediscovery of the value of one's baptism is the basis of the missionary commitment of every Christian, because we see in the Gospel that he who lets himself be fascinated by Christ cannot do without witnessing the joy of following in his footsteps. In this month of October, especially dedicated to the mission, we understand even more that, in virtue of baptism, we have an inherent missionary vocation.

We invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary so that missionaries of the Gospel will multiply. Intimately united to the Lord, may every baptized person hear that he is called to proclaim the love of God to all, with the testimony of his own life.

—Angelus Address, Pope Benedict XVI, October 29, 2006



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## St. Patrick Catholic Church

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## Mass Schedule

Monday - 8:15 p.m.  
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday - 6:00 p.m.  
Thursday - 8:15 a.m.  
Friday - 8:15 a.m.  
Saturday Vigil - 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

*(See the Weekly Schedule for changes to Mass times or location!)*

## Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday & Wednesday 5:00 - 5:45 p.m.  
Saturday 5:00 - 5:20 p.m.  
Sunday 10:00 - 10:20 a.m.

## Adoration

Tuesday & Wednesday - 5 - 5:45 p.m.

## Sacrament of the Sick & Last Rites

The anointing of the sick is administered to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness, especially near the time of death. It is most likely one of the last sacraments one will receive.

Please call the parish office to schedule or if you are in danger of death, please call 304-691-0537

## Protecting God's Children

St. Patrick Church takes seriously this 'VIRTUS' pursuit of excellence in our community. With the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, we are committed to making every environment – a safe environment. All employees and volunteers are required to complete VIRTUS Training. Participants of this training complete short video modules to learn how to best protect the vulnerable in our community. These short sessions empower participants to accurately identify and correctly report all instances of suspected child abuse. To create or update your account, please go to [virtusonline.org](http://virtusonline.org).

Thank you for your continued support in making the environment at St. Patrick Church and school safe for everyone.

To report an incidence of suspected child sexual abuse, please contact your local law enforcement agency, or you may confidentially contact WV Child Protective Services at 800.352.6513. In addition to civil authorities, to report suspected cases of sexual abuse of children by personnel of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston to the Diocese, contact one of the following designees at 1.888.434.6237 or 304.233.0880: Mr. Bryan Minor, ext. 263; Mr. Tim Bishop, ext. 353; Sr. Martha Gomez, ext. 264. Or you may call Rev. Don Higgs, 304.685.2367, the Office of Safe Environment at 304.230.1504, or Victims Assistance Coordinator Erin McFarland at 304.559.6742. Please visit [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org) under "Accountability" for additional information and reporting methods.

*"Forward, always forward, everywhere forward! We must not be held back by debts, bad years or by difficulties of the times. Man's adversity is God's opportunity."*

Archbishop Boniface Wimmer, O. S. B.

# WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 26, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for †Marcia Tucci by Lee O'Mara
Sunday, October 27, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Monday, October 28, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †James Sweeney by David Curtis
Tuesday, October 29, 2024	5:50 PM	Celebrant's Intentions
Wednesday, October 30, 2024	5:50 PM	Mass for †Thomas White
Thursday, October 31, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Steve Kisner by family
<b>All Saints Day (A Holy Day of Obligation)</b> Friday, November 1, 2024	8:15 AM	Mass for †Janie Garton
	6:00 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
<b>All Souls Day Mass</b> , Saturday, November 2, 2024	9:00 AM	Mass for †the souls in purgatory.
Saturday, November 2, 2024	5:30 PM	Mass for the People of the Parish
Sunday, November 3, 2024	10:30 AM	Mass for †Dr. Perfiro Pascasio by family

**The sanctuary lamp is burning in honor of all who struggle with infertility October 20 - November 2, 2024.**

## Prayer List

**Those who are sick:** Heman Ayala, Jill Balsler, Allison Barker, Bill Bennett, Dan Brannon, Jamie Breen, Kelsea Butcher, Pam Campbell, Margaret Carr, Jody Craig, Ron and Marsha Cullen, Brad Curtis, Bonnie Detamore, Libby Ferrell, Sara Ferrell, Katie Frazer, Marsha Garton, Andrea Heath, Coretta Jefferson, Ellen Ketron, Pat Kiddy, Dave King, David Lewis, Rochelle Long, Matt McCauley, James McClain, Lisa Marlow, Susan Murray, Rose Neal, Judy Nicholas, Sue Nutter, Mary Oldaker, Amy Price, Michael Pugh, Raylee Rahming, Dee Ann Reichner, Brenda Riley, Chris Riley, Dan Rittenhouse, Mary Smith, Loretta Stitt, Marge Tierney, Helen Tomaro, Don True, Diane Walker, Audrey Westfall, Tonya Woofter

**Those who have died:** Janie Garton, May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

**All Veterans, and Military Personnel:**

**Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life**

**All seminarians:** Especially Joe Derico, and Bryan Tedeschi

**Former priests and religious of and from our parish**

**Those who are homebound, in assisted living or nursing homes.**

**All struggling with infertility.**

## Attendance & Collections

Saturday	106
Sunday	160
Sunday-Loveberry	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>369</b>
Saturday	\$1170
Sunday	\$651
Sunday-Loveberry	\$266
Mail/Drop Box	\$2908
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4995</b>
School	\$80
Votives	\$130
Maintenance	\$172
Loan	\$
Organ	\$
World Mission	\$212
<b>Wesbanco Balance</b>	<b>\$45,761.38</b>
<b>Organ Loan Bal.</b>	<b>\$65,912.10</b>



**PLEASE** continue to give to the Catholic Sharing Appeal. Every donation we receive until the end of the year will be awarded to the parish free from Cathedraticum and PHRA. This is a tremendous opportunity!

You may give online at [myeoffering.com](http://myeoffering.com), [dwc.org](http://dwc.org) or by putting your donation in the collection basket. Please make sure it is CLEARLY marked for CSA or the Catholic Sharing Appeal.

## FORMED

**Discover your faith with the Best Catholic media at home or on the go at [formed.org](http://formed.org).**

Go to [formed.org/signup](http://formed.org/signup)  
Enter Weston's zip code—  
26452

Register with your name and email address. Check that email account for a link to begin using FORMED.

## September myEoffering Donations

General Fund: \$2784.45  
School: \$350.05  
Maintenance: \$75.30  
Loan: \$55.30  
CSA: 100.30

## September Utilities and Other Expenses

Utilities \$6248.85 (All buildings)  
Copier Lease and copies \$299.99  
Pest Control \$142  
Taxes and Fire Fees \$1651

# HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND, SPECIAL COLLECTION OCT. 26-27

In late September, Hurricane Helene slammed the coast of Florida and ravaged portions of the southeast with strong winds and flooding rains. Hundreds of lives have been lost and millions of families lost their homes and everything in them. Entire towns have been destroyed.

Most Rev. Mark Brennan, Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, has approved a special collection to be held the weekend of October 26th-27th, in all parishes and missions throughout the diocese to support recovery efforts related to the series of disasters that have occurred. Checks should be made out to your respective parish with "Disaster Relief" on the memo line. Donations can also be made securely online by visiting [dwc.org](http://dwc.org) and clicking "Click Here to Donate to Hurricane Helene Relief."

Proceeds from this collection will support the long-term humanitarian and recovery efforts of Catholic Charities USA's Hurricane Helene Relief Fund. The fund assists organization on the ground in the immediate aftermath to support individuals and families who have lost nearly everything. Every dollar contributed will be used to provide essential services like shelter, food, and medical care to those affected.

Please remember in prayer all those whose lives have been changed in the wake of these disasters. Let us come together now to support our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been injured and lost their homes, cars, employment, and access to food and water.



  
Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston

**Disaster Relief Special Collection Oct. 26-27**  
CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA'S HURRICANE HELENE RELIEF FUND



**Please use one of the pew envelopes and write on it Hurricane Relief Collection.**



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guide for the  
WV November  
5 General!**



*"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life "the unborn "without diminishing the value of all human life." — President Ronald Reagan*



**Diaper Drive!**  
**October 1 - 31, 2024**

St. Patrick's Student's for Life will be having a diaper drive during the month of October. Please bring diapers to Donut Sunday on October 13 or to any Mass and place in the vestibule.

Diapers of all sizes are needed!

# Your Change can Change Lives!

## CDA Baby Bottle Fundraiser

The month of October is Respect Life month. The Catholic Daughters are once again having their annual "Change For Life" baby bottle project. The project has been a tremendous success in the past, generating over **\$4,000 each year** which has been distributed to various local causes and organizations to benefit mothers and children.

Thank you for your continued support of this special project which allows CDA to help local mothers, children and families.

**The class that collects the most money will win a pizza party with Fr. Ondeck.**

**4th grade is in the lead followed closely by kindergarten, 1st, and 5th grades!**

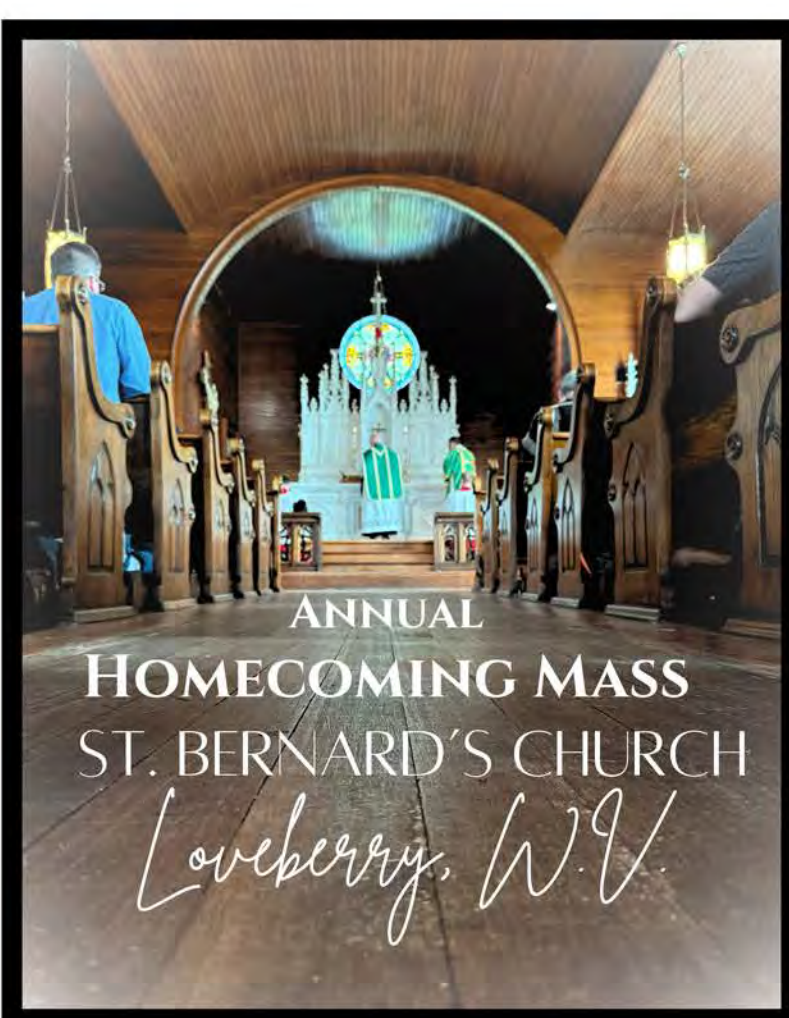
## Baby Bottle Update

	Church	School	Total
10/1/2024-10/7/2024	\$330.76	\$471.32	802.08
10/8/2024-10/14/2024	322.73	268.39	591.12
10/15/2024-10/22/2024	329.91	130	459.91
10/23/2024-10/31/2024			
Totals	983.40	892.28	1852.11



**Our new playground sign was unveiled last week!**

*St. Patrick  
School Playground  
In Memory of*  
Luke • Cathy • Beth • Joe  
White Snuffer Nichols White





# 4th Grade Spelling Bee

This week, fourth graders had their class spelling bee. All students demonstrated their hard work in spelling as they competed in front of a wonderful audience of preschoolers. Even more impressive than their spelling was their kindness towards one another. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Atchison said, "the kindness, friendship, and sportsmanship I saw today made me SO proud!"

Winning first place was Sydney Cunningham with Elle Burkhammer as an alternate.

The event was properly celebrated with a dance party!



**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

**ST. PATRICK SCHOOL GYM  
3:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
VISIT SANTA AND THE GRINCH  
KIDS GAMES AND PRIZES  
BASKET RAFFLES  
CONCESSIONS**

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# PUMPKIN BOOK REPORTS

'Tis the season for pumpkin book reports! Students were assigned the task to read a book and decorate a pumpkin as a character from the book and deliver a report to their class.





**Elimination Dinner**

Our school Elimination Dinner was once again a success and a whole lot of fun! Thank you to everyone who who helped with this event!

Three winners split the prize: Rose Neal, Lisa Angotti, and Mackenzie Murphy. Congratulations!

# AllHallowTide

ALL SAINTS  
DAY  
FRIDAY,  
NOV. 1

A Holy Day of Obligation

8:15 AM  
6:00 PM

ALL SOULS  
DAY  
SATURDAY,  
NOV. 2

9:00 AM

## ROSARY RALLY

Join us for a Rosary Rally on Tuesday, October 29 after Mass for the intention of consecrating the election to the Blessed Virgin Mary!

### Remembrance Book And All Souls Envelopes

For your convenience, envelopes for All Souls Day and the Remembrance Book are in the vestibule. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelopes or in the book. We will remember them in our prayers throughout the month of November!

### October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Mammography is a recommended screening for early detection of breast cancer but is often avoided due to cost. Bonnie's Bus is a mobile mammography unit that travels West Virginia to make mammography **accessible and affordable to WV residents. Bonnie's Bus will be at the WVU Family Medical Clinic at Jane Lew on Saturday, November 2nd. Contact Brooke Swisher at the clinic at 304-884-7880 to schedule your Bonnie's Bus appointment.**

For more information about Bonnie's Bus and breast cancer awareness, check out these websites: Bonnie's Bus: <https://cancer.wvumedicine.org/about-us/programs/mobile-cancer-screening-program/bonnies-bus/> The National Breast Cancer Foundation: <https://www.nationalbreastcancer.org/>

### ON DECK

#### October 1 - 31

- Change for Life Baby Bottle Fundraiser
- Diaper Drive

#### October 26 & 27

Special Collection for the victims of the recent Hurricanes

#### Sunday, October 27

Safe Environment training for children

#### Thursday, October 31

All Hallow's Eve

#### Friday, November 1

All Saints Day

8:15 a.m., Mass (All school Mass)

6:00 p.m., Mass

#### Saturday, November 2

All Souls Day

9:00 a.m., Mass

#### Sunday, November 10

Donut Sunday, Sponsored by Wes and Kate Garton and McFly Outdoors

#### Friday, November 29th

Winter Fest, 3:00-8:00

School Gym

### Our Neighbor Collection

**October:** Soap, Deodorant, Feminine products

**November:** Shampoo & Conditioner

**Items can be placed in the cabinet on the back porch of the parish office.**

 myEoffering

Scan to donate  
online



<https://members.myeoffering.com/#/landing>



## RESPECT LIFE ALWAYS

Respect Life Month draws to a close this week, but our resolve carries on.

Never stop cherishing every human life as precious, casting aside the thought of life being inconvenient.

Respect the fragile stages of life (CCC\* 2324)!

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops reminds us that our faith embodies the wisdom that “human life is a precious gift from God; that each person who receives this gift has responsibilities toward God, self, and others; and that society, through its laws and social institutions, must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.



Christian artist Ron DiCianni's painting, *Before I Formed You*, is a visual reminder that each human life was created by God. His work illustrates Sacred Scripture:

“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart...” – Jeremiah 1:5

Within the *Before I Formed You* painting, Christ's hand is touching the womb, where an unborn infant is visible, illustrating a fragile life created by the Author of Life.

*Editor's note: Artist Ron DiCianni's other works include Spiritual Warfare of a father, kneeling and praying at the bedside of his child, and the Resurrection mural – the largest in the world at 12'x40' – commissioned for the Museum of Biblical Arts in Dallas. For more information go to: [www.tapestryproductions.com](http://www.tapestryproductions.com)*



## HOLD ON TIGHT

to the resolve  
to uphold  
the dignity  
of every  
human life.

DIOCESE OF WHEELING-CHARLESTON [www.dwc.org](http://www.dwc.org)

### *A Prayer for Life Honoring Life at Every Stage*

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to aid your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to honor and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Call upon your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness and live our lives showing and defending the dignity every life – at every stage and every circumstance.

You carried Jesus to Elizabeth – the first Eucharistic procession – in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace and strength to bring Christ to those struggling, especially those who see some lives as an inconvenience instead of precious.

Intercede for us as we pray for all who are vulnerable especially the unborn, sick, imprisoned, disabled, addicted, and elderly. May we never tire of not only praying for them and treating them with dignity and compassion, but also supporting organizations, programs, and individuals who do the work of the Lord.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Editor's Note: This prayer was adapted from the USCCB's Prayer for Radical Solidarity. For more information, prayers and resources go to: [www.usccb.org/prolife](http://www.usccb.org/prolife)*

\*CCC – Catechism of the Catholic Church.

# Life Giving Opportunities

How do we offer support and put our faith into action as a respect life from womb to tomb Church?

Be aware of, educate yourself on, and offer your support of time, talents, and treasure to programs and resources that respect life including:

- **Walking with Moms in Need** - a nationwide, parish-based initiative to increase support for pregnant and parenting mothers in need. It works to ensure that



any woman who finds herself unexpectedly pregnant, or parenting in difficult circumstances, can turn to her local Catholic Church and be connected with the resources she needs. Volunteers walk with moms throughout the motherhood journey, offering them authentic Christian friendship and ongoing support. For more info call the Office of Social Ministry, 304-233-0880 Ext. 289.

- **Mary's Refuge** - a pregnancy home and safe haven for mothers-to-be who are in a situation of fear. Thanks to the faithful in Martinsburg,



Mary's Refuge is a home that provides stable housing, prenatal care, educational resources, and parenting classes for new mothers to have a brighter future. To find out how to help go to: [marysrefuge.com/how-to-help](http://marysrefuge.com/how-to-help)

- **Diocesan Prison Ministry** - outreach and sacraments for those who are incarcerated. The mission is to share our faith and the redemptive grace of Christ with those who are imprisoned. Those who wish to serve those who are incarcerated within the State or Federal penal system may contact the Office of Prison Ministry at 304-472-1217 for placement, training and proper credentialing.

- **Church Teachings on Assisted Suicide and Euthanasia** - The Church reiterates its absolute opposition to any form of euthanasia and assisted suicide. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has more information presented in its Parish Leader Kit for Catholic Care of the Sick and Dying, which can be found at: [WWW.USCCB.ORG/RESOURCES/WORD-LIFE-SPECIAL-EDITION-CATHOLIC-CARE-SICK-AND-DYING-PARISH-LEADER-KIT](http://WWW.USCCB.ORG/RESOURCES/WORD-LIFE-SPECIAL-EDITION-CATHOLIC-CARE-SICK-AND-DYING-PARISH-LEADER-KIT)

"LIFE IS A GIFT AND WHEN IT IS LONG IT IS A PRIVILEGE, FOR ONESELF AND FOR OTHERS. ALWAYS."



## FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP MARK BRENNAN: VOTE FOR REFERENDUM 1

Take the issue of medically assisted suicide seriously. What kind of state do you want West Virginia to be? It is instructive that about one third of those in Oregon who receive drugs to kill themselves never use it. Even those who initially think of taking their own lives find the will to live. That desire should be encouraged and supported. You can take a stand in November when you see Referendum 1 on your ballot. Consult your conscience and your faith and vote for Referendum 1.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mark E. Brennan*  
+Mark E. Brennan  
Bishop of Wheeling-Charleston

Read the complete  
letter at [DWC.org](http://DWC.org)



# Saints & Souls

## Your Heavenly Cheering Section

This week we honor two special days back-to-back - All Saints and All Souls - Nov. 1st and 2nd respectively. Let us remember, every soul is called to be a saint!

Don't sell yourself short.

Don't give up without even trying.

No matter how unworthy we feel, how broken we are or how ashamed we consider ourselves, God's mercy is boundless for those who love Him.

The heavens are filled with legions of saints and souls cheering us on in life.

Let us take to heart the key to saintly lives St. Paul gave all of us - love.

"If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing" (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

## All Saints Day

When you love God with your whole heart you have purpose and endurance even if you have to start over again and again. We have a crowd of saintly souls in our corner!

Saint Paul reminds us in his letter to the Hebrews (12:1), "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us rid ourselves of every burden and sin that clings to us and persevere in running the race that lies before us...."

All Saints Day - November 1st - is an important and special day to remember that multitude of saints who guide you, protect you, and intercede for you. They may be canonized saints you have read about, those on the road to sainthood you are inspired by, and even those unnamed and unknown holy lives that loved God above all.

Pope Francis uses the imagery of a stained glass to describe the saints, "Saints are not perfect models, but are people whose lives God has crossed," and can be compared with the stained-glass windows of a church, "which allow light to enter in different shades of color.

"They have fought to take away the stains and darkness of



sin, so as to let the gentle light of God pass through," he said, adding that "this is the purpose of life, even for us."

By living out the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12a) we can focus on Jesus and our faith.

"God never abandons us," Pope Francis shares, "Each time we need it, one of his angels will come to lift us up again and give us comfort; 'angels,' at times with a human face and heart because God's saints are always here, hidden in our midst. This is difficult to understand and also to imagine, but saints are present in our lives."

## All Souls Day

On All Souls' Day and throughout the month the Catholic Church remembers and prays for the dead.



What can we do to honor them? Light candles for our loved ones, holy innocents, souls in purgatory, and those who have died we never knew; visit cemeteries and mausoleums; and above all pray.

Bible verses to read then then reflect on as you remember the souls who have strengthened your faith whether through their good example or bad:

“I thank my God every time I remember you!” - Philippians 1:3

“I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear

conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day.” - 2 Timothy 1:3

*Editor's note: The main art in this story is an image from the short film *The Veil Removed* - heaven and earth together. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch.*

*The inset art with this story is the dome art (completed in 1320-1391) within the Padua Baptistery attached to the Padua Cathedral, in Italy.*

# “WE CAN, IF WE WILL, BECOME A SAINT, FOR GOD WILL NEVER REFUSE TO HELP US TO DO SO.”

St John Vianney



## THE SAINT FOR THE DESPERATE AND THE FANATICAL SAINT



Celebrate Saints Jude and Simon on October 28

Named tenth and eleventh in the sequence of the apostles, Saints Jude and Simon were followers of Christ with little notoriety, but echo great lessons - be strong and courageous. Share the love of Christ willingly and without hesitation.

At baptism and confirmation, we receive gifts of grace and courage to grow in and be a witness of our faith in word and deed. Through the sacraments and faith formation we are empowered to love God above all and through the best and worst of times.

While we don't know many details of Ss Jude and Simon, we do know Jesus hand-picked his apostles, and as such experienced the love of God firsthand.

They were at Christ's side following him in his three-year ministry witnessing many miracles and signs.

There were also present when He was charged with blasphemy and arrested after being betrayed by one of their own, Judas.

They suffered in the shadows of the Passion.

They rejoiced in the resurrection of Jesus.

They stood in awe at the Ascension.

Ten days later the Holy Spirit descended like tongues of fire upon them and miraculously they became fluent in many different languages so people of all nations could understand them as they preached about the lessons and promises of Christ.

Both of these men were known by other names during their lives. Jude was also known as “Jude Thaddeus.” People used this formal title to distinguish Jude from Judas Iscariot the betrayer. Simon was often called “the Zealot” so not to be confused with Simon Peter. A zealot was a political activist, but also fanatical in pursuit of religious beliefs. He was strongly committed to the following of Jewish law, but his relationship with Jesus changed his focus to be a committed follower of the Messiah and His teachings.

Church historians believe both Jude Thaddeus and Simon the Zealot were relatives of Jesus.

They were martyred in Persia.

Pray for them to intercede for us as we proceed down life's challenging path. Call upon them to give us the courage to share our love of Christ in our words, character, and actions.

# Brooks' Body Shop

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