

# The Commemoration Of All The Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) – November 2, 2025

## *Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church*



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### **PARISH STAFF**

***Very Rev. Cornelius K. Ejiogu, SSJ, Pastor***

**Deacons: Ira Chase and Thomas Jones**

Administrative Assistant: Mrs. Bernice Waller

Director of Faith Formation: Ms. Cynthia Battle

Director of Music: Mr. Rawn Harbor

Welcome Seminarians: Alexander Lema and Lawrence Omatola

**Remember. Celebrate. Live.**  
**BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH**  
**NOVEMBER**



**Black Catholics on the Road to Sainthood**

The seventh candidate is **Father Martin Maria de Porres Ward.**

### **Newcomers & Visitors: Welcome to “The Church on the Hill”!**

Thank you for worshipping with us today. May you be blessed with hope, joy, love, and peace while here! Should you want to join our parish family please contact a Minister of Hospitality, Priest, or call the Rectory for a Registration Form. **Again, Welcome!**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Thursday 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

(Lunch Hour 12:30-1:30 pm)

**OFFICE CLOSED: FRIDAY & SATURDAY**

**MASSES ARE LIVE STREAMED ON THE  
OLPH WEBSITE**

**Sunday 10:00 am Monday-Thursday 8:00 am**

**Saturday 4:30 pm Mass not Live Streamed**

**Mass Intentions may not be made on  
Solemnities, Fridays, Saturdays nor Sundays.**

**Mass Stipend Donation is \$10.00**

**Contact Doris Savoy in the Rectory, Ext. 2,  
or email [dsavoy0642@aol.com](mailto:dsavoy0642@aol.com).**

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**SUNDAY DONUTS**

**Sunday fellowship with donuts and coffee  
will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays ONLY.**

**The Knights of St. John Commandery #286  
covers every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday.**

**Organizations and/or Ministries, please  
contact Millicent Hawkins to advise when you  
will be able to assist on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays.**



Memorials are noted by + indicates deceased  
**BD** means Birthday **AD** means Anniversary of death

**Sunday (2<sup>nd</sup>)**

10:00 am For the People

**Monday (3<sup>rd</sup>)**

8:00 am +AD Roberta Harrod Brooks

By Vivian Staples

**Tuesday (4<sup>th</sup>)**

8:00 am +Vincent Jordan

By Dianna Ledbetter

**Wednesday (5<sup>th</sup>)**

**No Morning Mass**

**Thursday (6<sup>th</sup>)**

**No Morning Mass**

**Friday (7<sup>th</sup>)**

**6:00 pm FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR**

"Gaze upon him, consider him, contemplate him as you  
desire to imitate him." Come spend an hour in the presence  
of Jesus!



**Tuesday Night Virtual Bible Study  
with Deacon Ira Chase at 6:30 pm**

**Studying Romans**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481398261?pwd=OHNBc2ZGdXh6WEtZcHVhS1pDZHg5UT09>

**Meeting ID: 864 813 98261**

**Passcode: 509931**

**Wednesday Night Live Stream Bible Study  
with Father Cornelius at 6:00 pm**

**Studying Nahum (Beginning November 12)**



**Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**November 9, 2025**

**First Reading: Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12**

**Responsorial Psalm 46:2-3,5-6,8-9**

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17**

**Gospel Reading: John 2:13-22**



**Collections Last Weekend Total \$4,534.00**

**Thanks** to all OLPH parishioners for sending in your  
tithes and offerings. Please Note the amount  
recorded here is from envelopes marked

**"My Sacrificial Gift" only.**

Special envelopes are **not tithes**. The amount you  
put into those envelopes is recorded and provided  
to you in your Annual Contribution Statements.

**FYI:** If you send in envelopes for several months at a  
time, please note we **cannot back date your tithes**.  
They can only be recorded on the actual date you  
submit them.

**Next Weekend November 9<sup>th</sup> is  
Retired Priests Second Collection**

**Pick up envelopes today. Please note  
there are other ways to give listed in the  
envelopes.**

**Please make your checks payable to  
"Retired Priests" and fill in the information  
within the envelope.**

## Church Announcements

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>:

8:45 am Sunday School Teachers

10:00 am Mass

Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>:

**Feast of St. Martin de Porres**

He was a Peruvian lay brother of the Dominican Order who was beatified in 1837 by Pope Gregory XVI and canonized in 1962 by Pope John XXIII. He was noted for his work on behalf of the poor, establishing an orphanage and a children's hospital. He is the patron saint of mixed race people, barbers, innkeepers, public health workers, and all those seeking racial harmony. He was also known for his ability to communicate with animals.

Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>:

**Memorial of St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop**

St. Borromeo was a cardinal and archbishop who was one of the most important figures of the Counter-Reformation in Italy. He is the patron saint of bishops, cardinals, seminarians, and spiritual leaders. He was canonized by Pope Paul V in 1610.

Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>:

10:30-12:30 LOC FOOD PANTRY

Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>:

6:00 pm FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>:

4:30 pm Mass

Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup>:

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:45 am Sunday School

10:00 am Mass

### Did You Know?

On Tuesday, July 24, 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States met at Fordham University in New York and voted to designate November as Black Catholic History Month. November marks a time when the Church prays for all saints and souls in loving remembrance, as well as a time to recall the saints and souls of Africa and the African Diaspora.

### November Monthly Prayer From the Pope For the Prevention of Suicide

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.



### HOMEBOUND, \*\*HOSPITAL, or \*NURSING/REHAB

\*Robert Barden, Carolyn Brown, Agnes Dua, \*\*Jerome Hall, Edward Glover, \*Cordella Gough, \*Agnes Maxine Hart, Deborah Ogarro Kelly, \*Edith Lee, Marie Lucas, \*Helene Matthews, David McNeill, Deborah McNeill, Gloria Ann Moore, \*Rose Quander-Nevedon, Antoinette Reese, \*Cynthia Salter-Stith, \*\*Amy Scroggins, George Shearard, Sudie Shelton, Augustine Thomas, New-Velvet Washington, and Kobe Williams

## PRAYER REQUEST

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU

Clement Akoto, Evelyn Akoto, Lisa Alexander, Valarie Ashley, Frances Battle, Barbara Billings-Leftwich, Charlotte Blount-Lewis, John X. Briscoe, Sr., Michelle Brookings-Cheek, Thomas Henry Brooks, Hilda Brown, Selena Brown, Millicent Brown-Howard, Ronald Burton, Demarquis Carter, Dorita Carter, Louis Carter, Terneara Carter, Deacon Ira Chase, Judy Chase, William Clemons, Alberta Colbert, Carla Coleman, Margo Cooke, Roberta Dade-Young, Judith Dean, Linda Bogans, Sterling Dolman, Anne Donelson, Alvin Durham, Beverly Ford, Salim Franklin, Betty Franklin-Swammy, Toni Gaines, LaShawn Gaines, Sy Gaines, Eva Galloway, Bradley Gant, Dexter Goodwyn, Betty Graham, David Malcolm Greene, David Gross, Kathy Gross, Carlene Hawkins, Larry Holloway, Sr., Michael Howard, Lela Hagan, John Hawkins, Sr., Ken Houston, Crystal Jackson, Kathy Jones, Deacon Thomas Jones, Louis Jones, Paul Kearney, James King, Jessica King, Betty Lawson, Dianna Ledbetter, Crystal Marsh, Jeffrey Marshall, Shirel Marshall, Ngoki Masembwa, John Mason, Joseph Mason, Winifred Mason, Carolyn Matthews-Alston, Justine Middleton, Danielle Mitchell, Maurice Moody, Henrietta Moody, Yvonne Moody, Gloria V. Moore, Milton Morgan, Travia Neverdon-Stone, Dorethia Newby, Warren Newton, Marcia Marlene Oliver, Terrance Oxyner, Bettina Penny, Diane Penny, Lawrence (Lonnie) Penny, Marvin Penny, Pam Penny, Theresa Penny, Tina Penny, Yvonne Peterson, Deidre Dorsey Point, Brenda Price, Katalina Quander-Masembwa, Bishop John H. Ricard, SSJ, Brenda Robinson, Demetria Savoy, Julia Melva Scott, Madeline Scott, Bernadette Smith, Clementine Smith-Easley, Delores (Polly) Smith, Vivian Staples, George Stewart, Donna Stewart-Moore, Michelle Stone, Kendra Tinsley, Joseph Thomas, Rose Thurston, Debra Tidwell-Peters, Juanita White, Nicky Wilkinson, Christal Williams, Brian Yeldell and Raymond Young

### Quote for the Week

When I give less than my best,  
then I cheat myself as well as others.



31<sup>st</sup> Deacon Ira Chase  
 1<sup>st</sup> Alex Ford  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Alfreda Clarke Tracy Williams  
 6<sup>th</sup> Josephine Williams  
 9<sup>th</sup> Michael D. Hawkins  
 10<sup>th</sup> William Jackson, Jr.  
 12<sup>th</sup> Beverly Ford  
 13<sup>th</sup> Agnes Dua  
 15<sup>th</sup> Anita Alexander



Darius & Kayla Richardson 1<sup>st</sup> on November 1<sup>st</sup>  
 John & Michelle Dorsey 18<sup>th</sup> on November 3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Marvin & Tonique Coley 23<sup>rd</sup> on November 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Robert & Janice Alston 40<sup>th</sup> on November 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Carlos & Janine Graham 16<sup>th</sup> on November 15<sup>th</sup>

### Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality Scholarship Application

The Blessed Virgin Mary Sodality is now accepting 2025-2026 scholarship applications. Applications are on our website or in the back of the church. The deadline for return is Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>. For more information, see any Sodalist for details. Awards will be given on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10 am mass. All awardees are encouraged to attend.

### Original Nip & Sip Oldies but Goodies

Presented by the OLPH Men's Club

Friday, November 14, 2025

6:00-10:00 pm

Doors open at 6:00 pm

General Admission \$20

Special Early Bird Admission \$10

UNTIL 4:00 pm on Friday November 7<sup>th</sup>

Tickets available from James King or Joseph Gant

## From the Pastor's Desk

*"For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day." John 6:40*

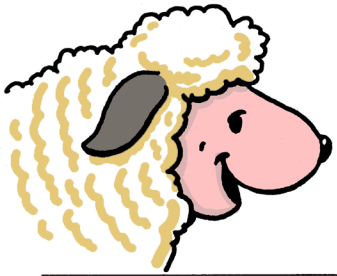
Yesterday's Solemnity of All Saints gave us an opportunity to celebrate and rejoice in the fact that there are countless people who have gone before us who are now enjoying the glories of Heaven. These faithful souls lived lives that were grounded in God's grace and have been fully purified of all sin. They now gaze at our good God face-to-face.

Today, we commemorate the fact that many who die in a state of grace are not immediately ready to stand before the glorious throne of God and see Him face-to-face. The only way this is possible is if every sin and every attachment to sin is purged from our souls. We must have nothing but pure charity alive within us if we are to enter the eternal glories of Heaven. But how many people die in such a state?

The Church, in her wisdom and holiness, has taught clearly through the centuries that when a person passes from this world to the next while still attached to less serious sin, they need to be fully purified in order to enter Heaven. This is Purgatory. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states: "All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven. The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned" (#1030-31a).

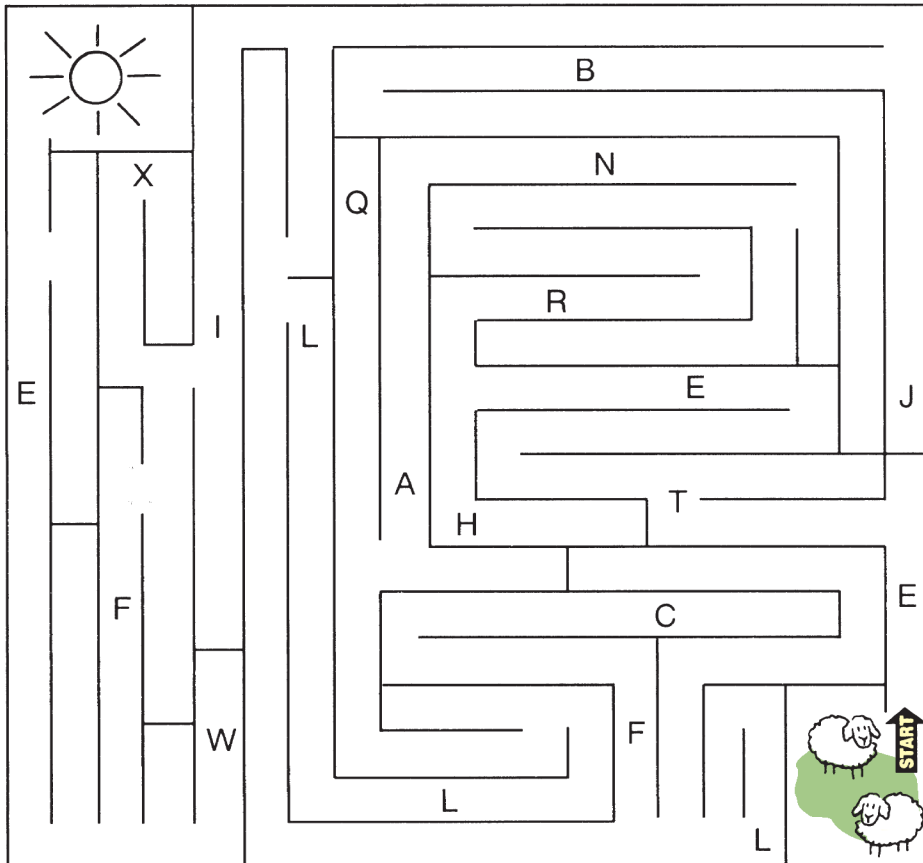
For some, Purgatory can be a frightening and even confusing thought. Why doesn't God, in His infinite mercy, simply take all our loved ones who followed Him straight to Heaven? The answer is simple. He does! And the path for them to Heaven is this incredible mercy of their final purification.

Reflect, today, upon the spiritual truth that God wants you to be a saint. If you are among those few who die in a state in which you are purified from every sin, then be assured that you have already completed your purgatory on earth. But if you or your loved ones are among the many who still hold some minor attachment to sin at the time of death, then rejoice that God is not done with you yet. Anticipate with much gratitude the final purification that awaits and look forward to the freedom that ultimately comes from that purification.



Find where those  
on the right will go.

Follow the path. Write the letters that you find  
on the path — in the order given — on the lines.



Ages 7+

November 2, 2025 • Matthew 25:31-46

## The Sheep and the Goats



Jesus said He would  
sit on His throne in heavenly glory with  
all the nations gathered before Him.

Follow the instructions to fill in the blanks.

- ① Cross out the letters that rhyme with “may.”

S A K H E J P K A H K E J K R D

- ② Cross out the letters that spell a word that  
means to move quickly. S R H U E N E P

- ③ Cross out the “sleepy” letters. G Z O Z A Z T Z S

- ④ Cross out the letters that are in  
the first 5 letters of the alphabet.

R A I C G B H D T E

- ⑤ Cross out the letters that sound  
like a snake. S L S E F S T S

Now use the remaining letters  
to fill in these blanks.



And He will separate the people as a  
1) \_\_\_\_\_ separates the 2) \_\_\_\_\_ from  
the 3) \_\_\_\_\_. He will put the 2) \_\_\_\_\_ on His  
4) \_\_\_\_\_ and the 3) \_\_\_\_\_ on His 5) \_\_\_\_\_.

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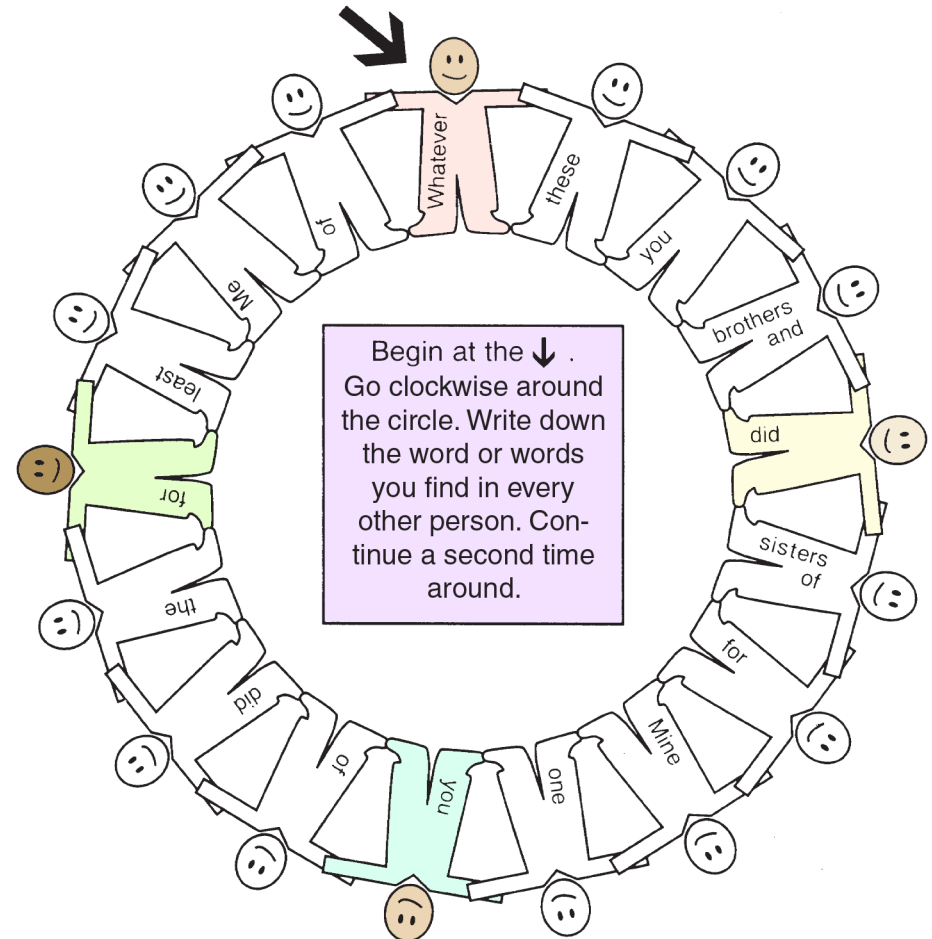
Fit the words into the boxes.  
Then ... take words from the puzzle.  
Fit them in the numbered blanks.

in      drink      something  
eat      visit      clothed  
sick      hungry      invited  
need      prison      thirsty  
came      looked      stranger  
after      clothes



Then the King will say to those on His right,  
"I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you gave Me \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_, I was \_\_\_\_\_ and you gave Me \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_, I was a \_\_\_\_\_  
and you \_\_\_\_\_ Me \_\_\_\_\_, I needed \_\_\_\_\_  
and you \_\_\_\_\_ Me, I was \_\_\_\_\_  
and you \_\_\_\_\_ Me, I was \_\_\_\_\_  
in \_\_\_\_\_ and you \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Me."

The righteous people will ask Jesus when they  
did all these things for Him.



" \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_."