

**St. Mary's Parish, Bordentown**  
**DECEASED PARISHIONERS & LOVED ONES**  
**November 2016 through October 2017**

Peter Torrillo	Carl Byard
Walter Zagar	Gail Trogdon
Florence Kurlander	Margaret Sodano
Nicholas Salenetri	Joseph McGee
Christina Imhof	Lena Tague
Michael Machulskis	Marie Sospetti
Nicole Dennion	Michael Tyrell
Jeffrey Gallagher	Alice Falco
William Seplavich, Jr.	Gaetano Fileccia
Philip Pieslak	Raymond Tarnecki
Erica Adams	Carol Pastuszek
Frank Giudici	Tibaldo Yanes
Joan Scholes	Donald Farrell
Bridget Day	Robert Lamson
Stephen Ivenz	Luisa Hughes
Frank Hawrylo	Robert O'Dwyer
Giulietta Dellaporta	Lawrence Sellnow
Elma Witkowski	Melba Franklin
Lawrence Pastuszek, Jr.	Ruth Ann Proniewski
Barbara Simone	Nydia Rodriguez
Kathleen Parzych	Don R. Smith, Sr.
Joan Solan	Dorothy Forman
Yolanda Lamont	Patricia Hagen
Elaina Anderson	Wendy O'Hare
Mary Thompson	Veronica Shearn
Mary D'Annucci	Carole Urbanski
Walter Ingenbrandt	Thomas Sklios

**On the Feast of All Souls and throughout November, we remember all those  
who have died during the past year.  
May their souls rest in peace with the Lord.**

## **GAIN A PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR A SOUL IN PURGATORY**

There is no hunger, thirst, poverty, pain on earth to compare with the suffering that the Holy Souls in Purgatory endure. It is possible that some of our dear loved ones are in Purgatory and greatly in need of our prayers. Jesus spoke about the souls in Purgatory to St. Faustina... *"It is in your power to bring them relief. Draw all the indulgences from the treasury of My Church and offer them on their behalf. Oh, if you only knew the torments they suffer, you would continually offer for them the alms of the spirit and pay off their debt to My justice."* (Diary, 1226)

To obtain a plenary indulgence (complete pardon of sin applicable to the Holy Souls only) one must visit any cemetery between November 1-8. The following conditions must also accompany the act:

- Receive Holy Communion (with no attachment to mortal or venial sin) on the day of visit.
- Receive sacramental Confession 20 days before or after the pious act is performed.
- Pray for the intentions of the Pope (one Our Father and one Hail Mary is the minimum) each day the pious act is performed. Additional prayers may be added.

Eight plenary indulgences may be obtained (but only one per day) to help God release a soul into heaven. This act of charity can be performed any other day throughout the year, but is a partial indulgence.

[Handbook of Indulgences, USCCB]

## **SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS**

The earliest certain observance of a feast in honor of all the saints is an early fourth-century commemoration of "all the martyrs." In the early seventh century, after successive waves of invaders plundered the catacombs, Pope Boniface IV gathered up some 28 wagonloads of bones and reinterred them beneath the Pantheon, a Roman temple dedicated to all the gods. The pope rededicated the shrine as a Christian church. According to Venerable Bede, the pope intended *"that the memory of all the saints might in the future be honored in the place which had formerly been dedicated to the worship not of gods but of demons"* (On the Calculation of Time).

But the rededication of the Pantheon, like the earlier commemoration of all the martyrs, occurred in May. Many Eastern Churches still honor all the saints in the spring, either during the Easter season or immediately after Pentecost.

How the Western Church came to celebrate this feast, now recognized as a solemnity, in November is a puzzle to historians. The Anglo-Saxon theologian Alcuin observed the feast on November 1 in 800, as did his friend Arno, Bishop of Salzburg. Rome finally adopted that date in the ninth century.

### Comment:

This feast first honored martyrs. Later, when Christians were free to worship according to their consciences, the Church acknowledged other paths to sanctity. In the early centuries the only criterion was popular acclaim, even when the bishop's approval became the final step in placing a commemoration on the calendar. The first papal canonization occurred in 993; the lengthy process now required to prove extraordinary sanctity took form in the last 500 years. This feast honors the obscure as well as the famous—the saints each of us have known.

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