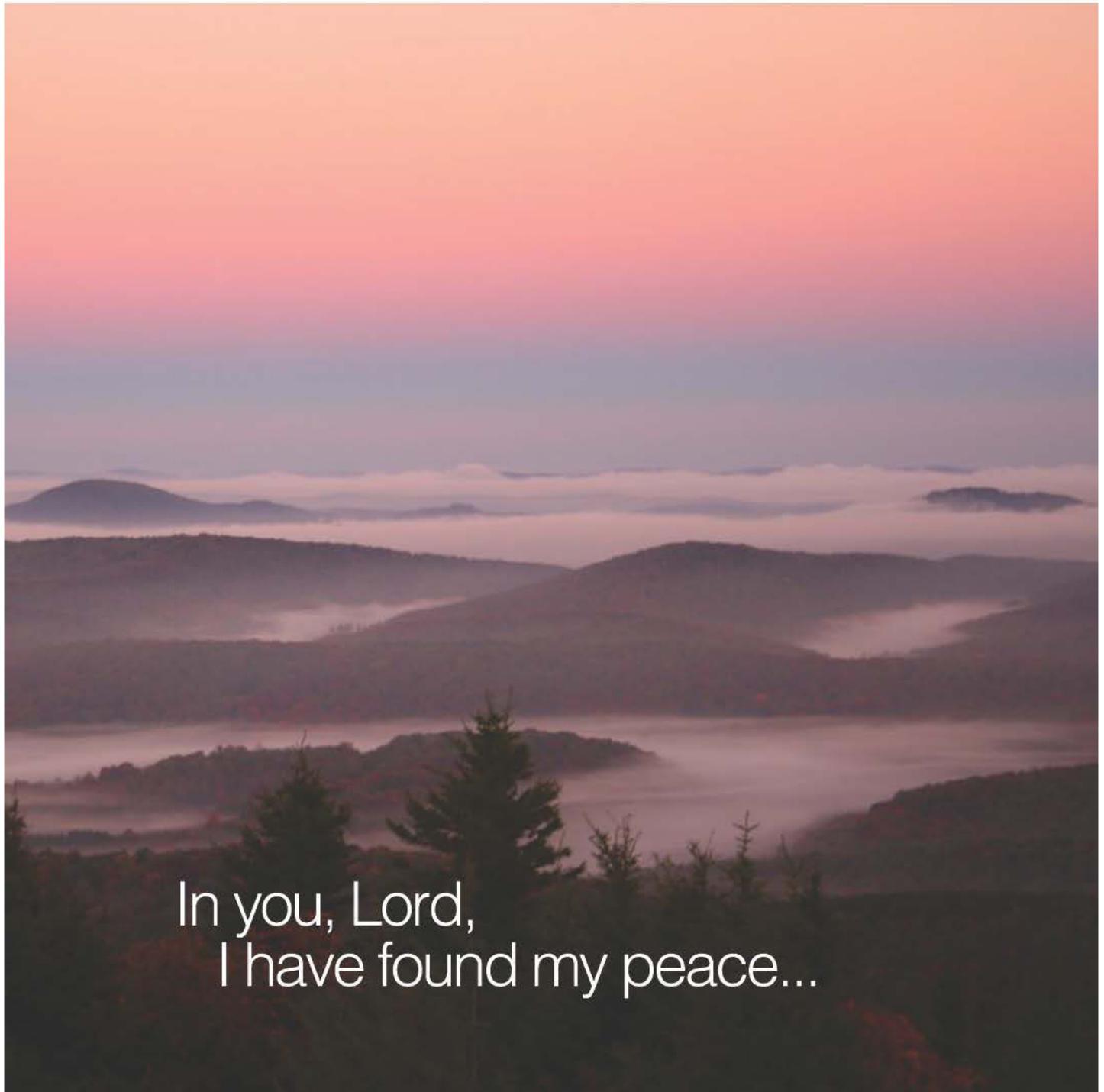


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### Mark your calendars

**Antioch Retreat** (10th Grade) | January 12, 13, 14

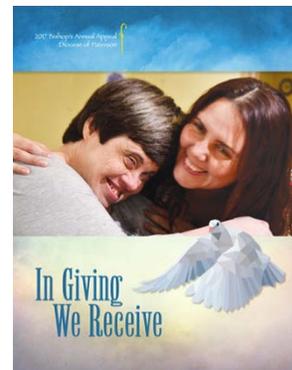
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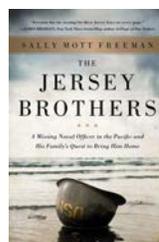
It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary schools and our priests' retirement residence.

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## Book of the Month



The next meeting of the Book of the Month will take place on **November 28 at 10am**. The book to be discussed is **"The Jersey Brothers"** by Sally Mott Freeman.

All are welcome.

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## Meetings & Happenings

### Sunday, November 5

- All Day Eva's Village Serving
- 10am Kindergarten
- 12:30pm First Reconciliation Workshop
- 6:30pm Jr. High RE

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- 10am Women of Grace
- 7pm Women of Grace

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- 7pm RCIA Class – *Communion of Saints*
- 7pm Adult Choir

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- 4pm RE Wednesday Afternoon Session

### Thursday, November 9

- 9:30am Bible 101
- 11am Harding Seniors

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- 4:30pm Rock Retreat Follow Up
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry – *Holy Spirit*

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## An Outreach Note from Sister Mary Joseph....

*Thank you to all those who contributed new and used coats, hats, gloves and scarves to the recent coat drive. Nearly 100 coats were donated, along with dozens of scarves, hats and gloves! Many of our neighbors will be warmer this winter due to your generosity. God bless you all!!*

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## Christmas to Inmates

Boxes will be placed in the rear of Church for Christmas gifts for inmates at the Morris Country Correctional Facility. We are collecting only the following items

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (medium or large, no over-size bottles)
- White crew socks for men and women, all sizes.
- White briefs for women
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Please do not wrap your items. They will be distributed to the prisoners in gift bags for Christmas. Deadline is December 10.

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## Lector Workbooks

Lector Workbooks for the new liturgical cycle, which begins December 3rd, are available in the Priest's Sacristy. Please stop in the Sacristy and pick up your Workbook before you leave Mass.

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## Daily Reading

Find Today's Readings at [www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU](http://www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU)

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November 11 – **St. Martin of Tours**

**S**t. Martin was born in the fourth century in what is today known as Hungary. He was the first universally popular saint in Europe, and more churches in Europe are dedicated to him than to any other saint.

Martin was born a pagan and served in the Roman army in Gaul. While he was a soldier on duty he had an experience for which he became widely known and which is often depicted in paintings. He came across a beggar, shivering in the cold. Martin immediately took off his cloak, cut it in two, and gave half to the beggar. That night Jesus appeared to him in a dream, wearing the half he had given to the beggar, and saying, "Martin, yet a catechumen, has covered me with his cloak."

When discharged from the army, Martin was ordained, converted his parents, and went to live as a hermit on an island. Eventually he returned to France and founded the first monastery in the West. In 371 the people of Tours demanded that Martin be named their bishop. He established parishes throughout his diocese, traveling to visit them by means of donkey, on foot, or by boat. He endeared himself to all through his simplicity and kindness. He begged for the lives of those condemned to death, gave generously to the poor, and cured the sick with healing powers.

Martin died on November 8, 397. A magnificent basilica was built over his grave in Tours. People from all over Europe came to visit his grave. He is the patron saint of the poor, soldiers, and conscientious objectors.

*St. Martin, give us the vision to see that what we do for others we truly do for you.*

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## Diocese of Paterson 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Save the Date | You Are Invited*

On **December 9, 2017**, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese of Paterson (December 9, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11am. Tickets are \$40/person and are available online at [www.rcdop.org/breakfast](http://www.rcdop.org/breakfast). This is a day of Celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson!

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## Hospitality Sunday

Munchkins, juice and coffee are available in the parish hall after the 9am Mass this weekend. Come and socialize, meet new parishioners and enjoy some refreshments with the parish staff.



# Peace to the World

Join the combined choirs of  
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With a repertoire of Christmas Carols from around the world,  
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- **Calling all Juniors & Seniors!** RETREAT TEAM APPLICATIONS can be found online at [www.churchofchristtheking.org/youthministry/](http://www.churchofchristtheking.org/youthministry/)! If you are interested in being a retreat leader, please complete the application and send it Christa ASAP. Application deadline is September 1.

### Mark your calendars

**Antioch Retreat** (10th Grade) | January 12, 13, 14

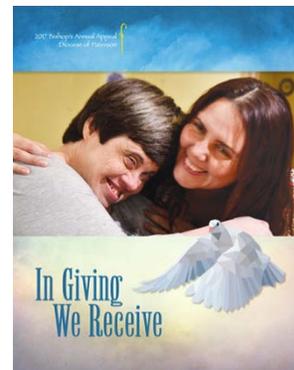
**Confirmation** (10th Grade Students) | May 8 at 7pm

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## 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal

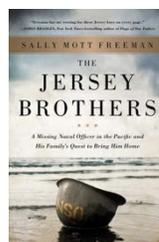
It is important that when you give to any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds are used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports four causes: our Catholic Charities agencies, seminarian education, our inner-city area elementary schools and our priests' retirement residence.

In addition, 50% of all funds received over a parish's goal is returned to the parish directly for its own needs. Please know that Appeal funds are used for no other purpose and serve only those who live in Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. Please make a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at [www.2017appeal.org](http://www.2017appeal.org). Thank you.



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## Book of the Month



The next meeting of the Book of the Month will take place on **November 28 at 10am**. The book to be discussed is **"The Jersey Brothers"** by Sally Mott Freeman. All are welcome.

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## Meetings & Happenings

### Sunday, November 5

- All Day Eva's Village Serving
- 10am Kindergarten
- 12:30pm First Reconciliation Workshop
- 6:30pm Jr. High RE

### Monday, November 6

- 10am Women of Grace
- 7pm Women of Grace

### Tuesday, November 7

- 7pm RCIA Class – *Communion of Saints*
- 7pm Adult Choir

### Wednesday, November 8

- 4pm RE Wednesday Afternoon Session

### Thursday, November 9

- 9:30am Bible 101
- 11am Harding Seniors

### Friday, November 10

- 10:30am Bible Study

### Saturday, November 11

- 9:30am Reconciliation

### Sunday, November 12

- 4:30pm Rock Retreat Follow Up
- 6:30pm Youth Ministry – *Holy Spirit*

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## An Outreach Note from Sister Mary Joseph....

*Thank you to all those who contributed new and used coats, hats, gloves and scarves to the recent coat drive. Nearly 100 coats were donated, along with dozens of scarves, hats and gloves! Many of our neighbors will be warmer this winter due to your generosity. God bless you all!!*

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## Christmas to Inmates

Boxes will be placed in the rear of Church for Christmas gifts for inmates at the Morris Country Correctional Facility. We are collecting only the following items

- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Deodorant
- Shampoo (medium or large, no over-size bottles)
- White crew socks for men and women, all sizes.
- White briefs for women
- White briefs for men.

Please do not wrap your items. They will be distributed to the prisoners in gift bags for Christmas. Deadline is December 10.

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## Lector Workbooks

Lector Workbooks for the new liturgical cycle, which begins December 3rd, are available in the Priest's Sacristy. Please stop in the Sacristy and pick up your Workbook before you leave Mass.

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## Daily Reading

Find Today's Readings at [www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU](http://www.bit.ly/2gGKsiU)

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## Saint of the Week

November 11 – **St. Martin of Tours**

**S**t. Martin was born in the fourth century in what is today known as Hungary. He was the first universally popular saint in Europe, and more churches in Europe are dedicated to him than to any other saint.

Martin was born a pagan and served in the Roman army in Gaul. While he was a soldier on duty he had an experience for which he became widely known and which is often depicted in paintings. He came across a beggar, shivering in the cold. Martin immediately took off his cloak, cut it in two, and gave half to the beggar. That night Jesus appeared to him in a dream, wearing the half he had given to the beggar, and saying, "Martin, yet a catechumen, has covered me with his cloak."

When discharged from the army, Martin was ordained, converted his parents, and went to live as a hermit on an island. Eventually he returned to France and founded the first monastery in the West. In 371 the people of Tours demanded that Martin be named their bishop. He established parishes throughout his diocese, traveling to visit them by means of donkey, on foot, or by boat. He endeared himself to all through his simplicity and kindness. He begged for the lives of those condemned to death, gave generously to the poor, and cured the sick with healing powers.

Martin died on November 8, 397. A magnificent basilica was built over his grave in Tours. People from all over Europe came to visit his grave. He is the patron saint of the poor, soldiers, and conscientious objectors.

*St. Martin, give us the vision to see that what we do for others we truly do for you.*

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## Diocese of Paterson 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

*Save the Date | You Are Invited*

On **December 9, 2017**, we will celebrate the 80th anniversary of the actual date of the creation of the Diocese of Paterson (December 9, 1937). You are invited to a special 9:30 a.m. Solemn Mass at the Cathedral with Bishop Serratelli, followed by a breakfast at the Brownstone, Paterson at 11am. Tickets are \$40/person and are available online at [www.rcdop.org/breakfast](http://www.rcdop.org/breakfast). This is a day of Celebration for all of us living in the Diocese of Paterson!

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## Hospitality Sunday

Munchkins, juice and coffee are available in the parish hall after the 9am Mass this weekend. Come and socialize, meet new parishioners and enjoy some refreshments with the parish staff.



# Peace to the World

Join the combined choirs of  
**Church of Christ the King & St. Patrick Church**  
for our *7th Annual Christmas Concert*.

With a repertoire of Christmas Carols from around the world,  
celebrating the message of peace, unity and harmony to all

  
USA, Italy, Finland, Spain, Nigeria, Russia, Brazil, Iraq, Ireland and more...

**Saturday, December 2 – 7:30PM**  
St. Patrick Church, Chatham, NJ

**Sunday, December 3 – 2PM**  
Church of Christ the King, New Vernon, NJ

**FREE ADMISSION**

