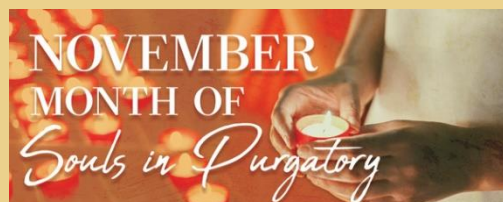




*From the Desk of Father Peter*

*Dying You Restored Our Life*

*As we begin the month of November, we see the beauty of the month in its wonderful shades of color and events. Let's take notice of what the month*



*presents us spiritually and incorporate it in our prayer life. This week we are called in a special way to remember our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection. The Eucharistic celebration today focuses our attention on the communion of saints. Almost everyone who has taught religion will tell you that sooner or later someone will ask why people suffer or die. To an eight year-old, and I guess even to an eighty year-old, it just doesn't seem fair that people who follow God's law and keep His commandments seem to undergo so many hardships in sickness and difficulties of death. Even Mary, the mother of Jesus, honored as the highest of our race and preserved by God's grace and favor from sin, knew what it was like to have a heart pierced by the sword of sorrow. So this week let us remember in our prayers family and friends who have died.*

*We know that God loves us and will take care of us despite the many challenges that confront us. November is simply a time for simmering and remembering all that there is in our world. It is a time when the trees even give us the changing colors in nature. The eleventh month, as we know, is a time to simply remember the saints in our family of faith; the men and women who have died. We are encouraged to visit cemeteries where are loved ones are*

*buried and pray for them. We are to thank God for them for having enriched our life, and the difference that they have made in our lives. The month of November is also a sobering month as we salute our Veterans; those men and women who have won our freedom through their commitment to God and country, and we pray for them. November is the month of Thanksgiving to our Creator and to one another for the blessings received and shared thus far and to thank God for each other. It makes us mellow to look at a God who is greater than us, but gives us an opportunity to celebrate each other. In gratitude, it is a good time to contribute to the CMA; our Diocesan Appeal. If you have not done so, I personally encourage you to do so, so that we can reach our goal. Your participation in this drive is needed!*

*We are called to rejoice in the fact, as stated in one of the prefaces of our Mass for the dead, "the tree of man's defeat became the tree of victory through Christ, our Lord." We have life; we have victory. We have the grace to keep on trusting in the love and majesty of the Lord's triumph. The struggle to lean on faith when we are distressed is as much a part of our faith as those times when we are at a total peace within ourselves.*

*Lord help us and guide us, make Your love the foundation of our lives as we witness our faith in this community*



*Peace to all,*

*Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*