

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

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Because of the limited size of our staff, hours are subject to change. It's best to call first.

November 1, 2015 – Solemnity of All Saints

Eucharist of the Lord's Day

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Weekday Eucharist

Wednesday 7:00 p.m. (in Spanish)

Holydays of Obligation

As announced in the bulletin

Reconciliation

After the Sunday morning Masses,
Wednesday evening 6:30pm

And by appointment at any reasonable time

Pastoral Care and Liturgy

Very Rev. James S. Lentini, V.F., Pastor
Rev. John Olson, Associate Pastor
Rev. Anthony Giamello, Associate Pastor

Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr.
Deacon Sherman Mitchell, III

Christian Formation

Mrs. Alicia Poppiti, D.R.E.

Hispanic Ministry

Mrs. Arline Dosman

If you or someone you know is in need of
financial assistance, please call

St Vincent DePaul (302) 670-6702

The Sacraments

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process in which adults and children of catechetical age join the Catholic Church. Please contact Deacon James M. Tormey, Sr., our R.C.I.A. Coordinator, for details at 302-697-2049.

Parents wishing to present their children for **Infant Baptism** must participate in an orientation session. Please call the parish office at 410-482-8939 for details.

Please contact Alicia Poppiti at 410-482-8939 about the preparation of young people for **Confirmation**, or about children's first reception of the Sacraments of **Reconciliation** and the **Eucharist**.

Couples planning **Matrimony** meet with the Pastor or one of the Deacons at least one year in advance of the wedding date they are considering. Please call the parish office to arrange for this meeting.

Pastoral Care of the Sick: The **Anointing of the Sick** is appropriate for anyone faced with hospitalization or a serious challenge to health. When a hospital admission is planned, please arrange to receive the Anointing here beforehand, if at all possible. Our lay ministers to the sick bring **Holy Communion** to those unable to come to Mass for any length of time. Please call the parish office to arrange for these services.

Your Pastor, Deacons and parish staff members are always happy to speak in confidence with anyone who senses a call to **ordained ministry** or **religious life**.

Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Saints do amazing things. Drew Brees, quarterback of the NFL's New Orleans Saints is a saint worth noting. You see, for 34 out of 43 seasons, the Saints never won more games than they lost; it had been a team known for a losing record. Drew Brees and company turned that around. He led the Saints to what many thought was unimaginable: a Super Bowl Victory. On February 7, 2010, with a well-oiled team beside him, Brees and the Saints came marching in, and beat the Indianapolis Colts 31-17. Dare I say, the Saints were in seventh heaven with that victory.

Simon Templar is another amazing saint. A fictional character created by author Leslie Charteris, Simon Templar was both a detective and a Robin Hood style character known by the moniker "The Saint." Simon Templar got his heavenly nickname due to his initials: ST – the common abbreviation for a saint. The Saint often targeted reprobate criminals, sleazy politicians, corrupt scoundrels, and so on. He would give them their comeuppance, oft plunder their ill-gotten gain, and then

leave his calling card: a stick figure of a saint. Best known from "The Saint" TV-series from 1962-69, Simon Templar was clever character; but in truth, this saint was a wee bit devilish.

This Sunday, the Universal Church observes "All Saints Day." Having just identified a football saint and a detective saint, I think it only good and proper to identify the real-deal Saints. Namely, I want to provide some information regarding those men and women, who after serving God well in this life, are now joined in the Church in Heaven and stand before the Lord in attentive praise.

You may not realize this, but there are many categories of saints. I want to use this Pastor's column to talk about these specific groupings of saints. Just about all saints land in one (or more) of the categories below:

Apostles. While in ecclesial truth, the Bishops of the Church are deemed successors of the Apostles, the term "Apostles" when applied to saints is uniquely applied to the Christ's original Apostles (except Judas) and the subsequent early

Scriptural Apostles like Matthias, Paul, Luke, Mark, Barnabas, etc.

Martyrs. These are the holy men and women who lost their life for their faith. Examples of Martyrs would be St. Stephen (stoned to death), St. Bartholomew (skinned alive), St. Lawrence (cooked alive over an open flame), St. Sebastian (clubbed and pierced with arrows), St. Peter (crucified upside down), etc. All of the Apostles are martyrs, except for St. John.

Virgins. These are the women who lived lives of purity consecrating their virginity to Christ and emulating the qualities of his Blessed Mother Mary. Examples of Virgins would be St. Francis Xavier Cabrini, St. Gertrude, St. Catherine of Sienna, St. Theresa of Lisieux, etc.

Virgin-Martyrs. Yes, it sound like two categories merged, but this is actually a distinct category in the eyes of the Church – these women are not simply martyrs but also lived a life of chastity or consecrated virginity for Christ. Examples of Virgin-Martyrs would be St. Maria Goretti, St. Cecilia, St. Agnes, St. Agatha, etc.

Confessors (or Pastors). This is a category honoring those who are in Holy Orders as Priests and Bishops, and notably Popes, who lived exemplary lives conformed to Christ. Examples of Confessors would St. Pio of Pietroclina, Pope St. Gregory the Great, Pope St. Pius X, St. John of Kanty, etc. Please note that St. Edward the Confessor is, amazingly, not in this category as he was neither a Priest nor a Bishop. He got this title back-in-the-day, as to distinguish himself from another saint, St. Edward the Martyr – so they lumped him in with the confessors as the category of “Holy Men and Women” (see below) which didn’t exist yet.

Doctors of the Church. This doesn’t refer to saintly versions of Marcus Welby, Ben Casey, Doogie Howser, Greg House or Doctor Kildare. Nope. Rather, these are the men and women whose writings and ideas constituted a body of theological or spiritual works for Mother Church. Examples of Doctors of the Church would be St. Thomas Aquinas, St. Anthony of Padua, St. Theresa of Avila, St. Bernard of Clairvaux, etc.

Holy Men & Women. This is a category emphasized by Pope St. John Paul II which encompasses lay men and women, including Kings and Queens, who lived a life of evangelical perfection. Examples of Holy Men or Holy Women would be: St. Cunagunde, St. Monica, St. Elizabeth of Hungary, King St. Louis, St. Henry, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Juan Diego, etc.

Missionaries. Those holy men and women, priest, sisters, brothers and so on who spread or helped to spread the Gospel to the World. Examples of missionaries are the newly canonized St. Junipero Serra, St. Columba, St Francis Xavier,

etc. In the late 19th and early 20th Century there was a push to seek canonization for Christopher Columbus, notably (and appropriately) by the Knights of Columbus – that didn’t happen. While we didn’t get a saint day out of this movement, we did get a public holiday.

Workers with the Underprivileged. These are those who worked with the poor and the uneducated and cared for them. Examples of workers with the underprivileged are St. John Bosco, Bl. Theresa of Calcutta, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Francis of Assisi, etc.

Founders and Foundresses. These are those who founded religious orders or societies. Examples of Founders and Foundresses would be St. Dominic (the Dominicans), St. Jeanne Jugan (Little Sisters of the Poor), St. Francis (Franciscans), St. Bruno (Carthusians), St. Ignatius of Loyola (Jesuits), St. Angela Merici (Ursulines), St. Clare (Poor Clares), St. Paul of the Cross (Passionists), etc.

Abbots and Abbesses. Having no connections to anyone named Costello, these Abbots (and Abbesses) were the men and women who were leaders of abbeys (similar to convents or monasteries), among many, many of these types of saints are St. Athanasium the Athonite, St. Sidonius, St. John Berchmanns, St. Antony, and my personal favorite, Saint Euthymius the Illuminator.

Religious. These are those who are members of religious orders, like St. Hedwig, St Gerard Majella, Bl. Emelina, St. Catherine Labouré, St. John of the Cross, etc.

Hermits. These are men and women who lived much of their lives in isolation as a way drawing closer to God, and St. Bruno, St. Rosalia, St. Anthony of the Desert, St Conrad, etc.

Stylites. This is not the name of a 1970s soul group (that would be The Stylistics), this is a type of saint... and it is an odd one. You see, back-in-the-day, there were men who spent their lives on the top of stone pillars as a form of hermit-life. Known for their sanctity, the time (oft years) spent atop the pillar put them, symbolically, closer to Heaven and in the midst of a city, made them visible models of prayer. In this category there is St. Simon the Stylite, St. Daniel the Stylite, Saint Alypius the Stylite, etc.

All of these categories aside, the most important thing for us to reckon from this aggregation of Saints, is that we wish to join them one day in Heaven. As it says in that old standard, “O when the trumpet sounds the call / O when the trumpet sounds the call / O Lord, I want to be in that number / When the Saints go marching in.”

Happy All Saint Days.

Yours in Christ, Fr. James Lentini, Pastor

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sun., Nov. 1 8:30am: Ellen Thompson
11:00am: Magdelina Petri
Misa en Español 7:00pm: For the People
Wed., Nov. 4 7:00pm: For the People
Sun., Nov. 8 8:30am: Ann & Neal Thomas
11:00am: Patty McCloskey
Misa en Español 7:00pm: For the People

COLLECTION TOTALS:

Regular Offertory: \$2462.40
World Mission Sunday: \$714.01

Second Collection Today: Supplementary Offering

Your continued support of the work of your Church is much needed, and appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

NOTE: New schedules being prepared now for *Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, and Lectors*. Please email dreiccmmarydel@comcast.net with any upcoming dates you are not available. Thank you.

Collection Counters

Nov. 1 – Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Nov. 8 - Frank & Joyce Cristiano

Nov. 15 - Vicky Strauss & Karen Cabaud

Church Cleaning Crew

November 5, 2015 Grupo #18 Rectoría -Oficina

Marinda Escalante, Elías González, Roxana Cabrera
Servando Pérez, Edgar Velásquez, Rubelina Ortiz

November 7, 2015 Grupo #19

Olegario Cuin, Enma Rojas, **Egidio Macario**, Brendi Macario, Idalinda Pérez, Bersy Pérez

November 14, 2015 Grupo #20

Santos Juárez, Arturo Ramírez, Eva Bravo, Herminda Bravo, Paulina Morales, Silvia Ramírez

November 21, 2015 Grupo #1

Ovidio Roblero, **Natalina Capistran**, Fausto Ortiz,
Everilda Pérez, Amanda Salas, Ashley Salas

Altar Servers

Nov 8

8:30am Mass – Anna Clancy & Hannah Nagyiski

11:00am Mass – Sherlin Santizo, Meg & Vince Haass

Spanish Misa 7:00pm –

Emily & Yorly Escalante & Oliver Alvarez

Lectors

Nov 8

8:30am Mass – Gerry Godfrey

11:00am Mass – Laura Schlaupitz

Spanish 7:00pm Misa – Clara Gonzales, Ángel Pérez

Eucharistic Ministers

Nov 8

8:30am Mass

Deacon Tormey, Brenda Lawson, Mark Plucenik

11:00am Mass

Deacon Mitchell, Gerri Garvin, Paul Lardizzone

7:00pm Misa

Verónica Bravo, Carlos Gabriel, Antonio Pérez

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

formation to the sick will be held Wednesday,

December 2 at 7 pm at St. Mark High School.

Registration is through the Office of Worship.

Contact Barbara Beatson to register (302) 573-3137

SCHEDULED EVENTS

SRE: Sun, Nov 1 9:40am in Classrooms

FAMILY ALL SAINTS DAY Celebration

Sun, Nov 1st 1-3pm in Hall

JOVENES: Sun, Nov 1, 3:30pm, church basement

St Vincent DePaul: Mon Nov 2, 6pm in Office

Centering Prayer Group: Tues, Nov 3 10am

HOLY CROSS Gathering Space Brides Room

Sacramental Prep: Tues. Nov. 3, 6:30-7:30pm, hall

Juan XXIII: Tues, Nov 3, 7pm, computer center

Country Line Dancing: Thurs., Nov 5, 10am, Hall

Bible Study: Thurs, Nov 5 7pm in Hall

Culto: Sat. Nov. 7th, 6:30pm, hall

K of C Breakfast – Sun., Nov 8, 9am, hall

St Vincent DePaul Silent Auction & Sale – Nov 8, hall

Knights of Columbus: Meet every 2nd & 4th Tues., in the hall at 6:30pm. For more information contact Grand Knight, Clyde Hinebaugh 410-482-8699 or clydehinebaugh@gmail.com



12th Annual Avon Fundraiser Our Avon Fundraiser is underway! If you haven't picked up your packet, please do so today. Orders & Money due back by 11/08. Pick up your orders Sunday, Nov 15th after all the Masses. If you have any questions, call Mary Jo Clancy @410-822-8224 (daytime), text @302-331-3246, or email @dreambuilders.clancy73@gmail.com. See the cash & carry gift table during SRE on the 8th also. ALL profit from this sale goes to our church. Do your Christmas shopping and benefit your parish. Thank you in advance for your participation.

St. Vincent de Paul Silent Auction and Soup Sale:



Sunday, November 8th 9:15am-12:15, in hall - lots of great items to bid on / soup sale with a multitude of soups to choose from.

Marriage & Family Life Corner

Marriage Moment –

Even the most loving couples can take each other for granted over time. Counter this by a mindful greeting in the morning. What's your custom? Does it need refreshing? Even if you're groggy or in a hurry, try pausing for 10 seconds and just gaze at each other. Smile. Remember.

Parenting Pointer –

All families have stories that they tell over and over. One genre is the vacation-disaster story. These stories are important because they say this family can not only survive adversity but can laugh at it and keep on loving each other. Tell a story today.

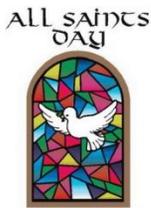


FROM THE DRE'S DESK
School of Religious Education

SRE Classes TODAY 9:40 am in Classrooms

Join Us for a Religious Education Family Parish Event
Saints by Our Side

A presentation, prayer service, and a variety of family activity centers for adults and children of all ages



Date: Sunday, November 1st

Time: 1-3pm

Place: Immaculate Conception Hall

Bring your children or grandchildren and join your parish family to learn about the saints and celebrate them as models of love and faith.

Grow in your understanding of the Communion of Saints— those in heaven and

those on their way to heaven. Meet your fellow parishioners in a fun, prayerful, and interactive setting.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Solemnity of All Saints

Theme: We become blest by being children of God.

Question for Children: When have you become a peacemaker? Among your friends? In your family? At school? Other times?

Question for Youth: All Saints Day gives us a chance to remember the saints of our Church and of our lives. Who are the people who have been saints in your life?

Question for Adults: When you heard the Beatitudes today, which one did you hear most clearly as a summons for your own life?

Pregunta de la semana

El Día de Todos los Santos

Tema: Nos convertimos en benditos al ser hijos de Dios.

Pregunta para los niños: ¿Cuándo te convertiste en un predicador de la paz? ¿Entre tus amigos? ¿En tu familia? ¿En la escuela? ¿En otros momentos?

Pregunta para los jóvenes: El Día de Todos los santos nos da la oportunidad de recordar a los santos de nuestra Iglesia y de nuestras vidas. ¿Quiénes han sido las personas santas de tu vida?

Pregunta para los adultos: Cuando escuchó las Bienaventuranzas hoy, ¿cuál fue el llamado más claro para aplicar a su propia vida?

ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY-BEEF & BEER HARVEST CELEBRATION –

Saturday, November 7th starting at 6:30pm at St. Thomas More Academy.

Tickets are \$15 Adults, \$5 kids 6-19, and age 5 and under FREE. Open Beer Bar \$10 extra at Door. All Proceeds from the event to support technology & infrastructure improvements and the school. Music for the evening by Pop Muzik-Carmine Poppiti



Trivia night at ST. THOMAS MORE ACADEMY:

Saturday, November 21st
6:30-7:30 – socializing / 7:30-10:30pm – game time
\$160 per team of 8 - Or \$20 per player
Bring your Trivia Smarts for a night of great fun

Last Chance for BIC!

Building Intercultural Connections (B.I.C.), a program developed by the U.S. Bishops' Conference to provide church leaders with cultural training for the growing diversity in the Church, is **Saturday, November 7** at St. Margaret of Scotland in Newark, DE from 10am to 6:30pm. Conference concludes with a 5:30pm mass. Admission is free. A \$5 donation requested for a magnificent multi-cultural lunch. Highlights include traditional prayer, music, & dance of Native Americans, Cameroonians, Filipinos, Mexicans, and immigrants from India. This is for all Catholics interested in building stronger, unified parishes and a more joy-filled Church! To register or seek further information, contact Br. Chris Posch, ofm at (302) 655-0518 or chrisposch@gmail.com, or go to www.cdow.org/bic. The registration deadline has been extended to November 2. Space is limited, so register today.

National Vocation Awareness Week

(Nov. 1-7) is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

Are you being called to the Priesthood? You're invited to socialize, talk, and hang-out with priests, and men like yourself, who think the Lord may be calling them to be a priest. On **November 12, 2015**, at 6:30 p.m. Come And Seek (CAS) will meet in the rectory of Sts. Peter and Paul

COLUMNA DEL PÁRROCO PADRE JAMES LENTINI
1 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2015

Queridos feligreses,

Santos hacen cosas increíbles. Drew Brees, mariscal de campo (quarterback) de los New Orleans Saints del NFL es un santo digno de mencionar. Ves, en 34 de 43 temporadas, los Saints nunca ganó más partidos de los que perdieron; era un equipo conocido por fama de perdedores. Drew Brees y compañía cambiaron eso. Lideró a los Saints a lo que muchos pensaban era inimaginable: . El 7 de febrero de 2010, una victoria en el Súper Bowl, con un equipo bien afinada su lado, Brees y los Saints llegaron marchando, y le ganaron a los Potros (

Colts) de Indianápolis 31-17. Me atrevo a decir, los Saints estaban en el séptimo cielo con esa victoria.

Simón Templar es otro de los increíbles Saints. Un personaje de ficción creado por el escritor Leslie Charteris, Simón Templar incluye entre sus objetivos destruir a políticos corruptos, a quienes viven de la guerra, y otros del bajo mundo. Robin Hood parece una inspiración para el personaje; una figura de un santo. El más conocido es "El Santo" TV de la serie 1962-69, Simón Templar fue personaje inteligente; pero en verdad, este santo fue un poquito diabólico.

Este domingo, la Iglesia universal conmemora "Todos los Santos". Habiendo identificado un santo de fútbol y un santo detective, creo que

sólo es bueno y adecuado identificar los verdaderos Santos-. Lo que quiero proporcionarles es cierta información con respecto a aquellos hombres y mujeres, que después de servir bien a Dios en esta vida, ahora se unen a la Iglesia en el Cielo, frente a frente al Señor en alabanza.

A lo mejor no se han percatado de esto, pero hay muchas categorías de santos. Quiero usar esta Columna del Párroco para hablar de estos específicos grupos de santos. Casi todos los santos de la tierra están en una (o más) de las siguientes categorías:

Apóstoles. Mientras que en realidad eclesial, los obispos de la Iglesia se consideran sucesores de los Apóstoles, el término "Apóstoles" cuando se aplica a los santos se aplica únicamente a los apóstoles originales de Cristo (excepto Judas) y los Apóstoles posterior a los principios bíblicos como Matías, Pablo, Lucas, Marcos, Bernabé, etc.

Mártires. Estos son los santos, hombres y mujeres que perdieron su vida por su fe. Ejemplos de los Mártires serían San Esteban (por lapidación), San Bartolomé (fue desollado vivo), San Lorenzo (quemado vivo sobre una parrilla ardiente), San Sebastián (en palillo y atravesado por flechas), San Pedro (crucificaron boca abajo), etc. Todos los apóstoles son mártires, a excepción de San Juan.

Virgenes. Estas son las mujeres que vivieron vidas de pureza consagrando su virginidad a Cristo y emulando las cualidades de su Santísima Madre María. Ejemplos de vírgenes serían Santa Francisca Javier Cabrini, Santa Gertrudis, Santa Catalina de Siena, Santa Teresa de Lisieux, etc.

Virgenes-Mártires. Sí, suena como dos categorías fusionadas, pero esto es en realidad una categoría distinta a los ojos de la Iglesia - estas mujeres no son simplemente mártires, sino también vivieron una vida de castidad o virginidad consagrada a Cristo. Ejemplos de Virgenes-Mártires serían Santa María Goretti, Santa Cecilia, Santa Inés, Santa Ágata, etc.

Confesores (o pastores). Esta es una categoría en honor a aquellos que están en las órdenes sagradas como sacerdotes y obispos, y en particular los Papas, que vivieron vidas ejemplares conformadas a Cristo. Ejemplos de Confesores serían San Pío de Pietroclina, el Papa San Gregorio Magno, Papa San Pío X, San Juan de Cancio o Kenti, etc. Tenga en cuenta que San Eduardo el Confesor es, asombroso, no en esta categoría, ya que no era ni sacerdote ni obispo. Se le puso este título en esos tiempos, para distinguirlo de otro santo, San Eduardo el Mártir - así que lo agrupan en los confesores como la categoría de los "santos Hombres y Mujeres" (ver más abajo), que aún no exista.

Doctores de la Iglesia... es un título que la Iglesia otorga oficialmente a ciertos santos para reconocerlos como eminentes maestros de la fe para los fieles de todos los tiempos. Son hombres y mujeres cuyos escritos e ideas constituye un cuerpo de obras teológicas o espirituales de la Madre Iglesia. Ejemplos de Doctores de la Iglesia serían Santo Tomás de Aquino, San Antonio de Padua, Santa Teresa de Ávila, San Agustín, Santa Catalina de Siena, Bernardo de Claraval, etc.

Santos Hombres y Santas Mujeres. Esta es una categoría enfatizada por el Papa San Juan Pablo II, que abarca a hombres y mujeres laicos, incluyendo reyes y reinas, que vivieron una vida de perfección evangélica. Los ejemplos de hombres santos o santas mujeres serían: San Joaquín y Santa Ana, Santa Mónica, Santa Isabel de Hungría, el rey

San Luis, San Enrique, San Manuel Morales, Santa Elizabeth Ann Seton, San Juan Diego, etc.

Misioneros. Esos santos hombres y mujeres, sacerdotes, hermanas, hermanos y así sucesivamente que difunden o han contribuido a difundir el Evangelio al mundo. Los ejemplos de los misioneros es la recientemente canonización de San Junípero Serra, San Columbano, San Francisco Javier, etc. A finales del siglo 19 y principios del siglo 20 hubo un empuje para buscar la canonización de Cristóbal Colón, en particular (y apropiado) por los Caballeros de Colón - que no sucedió. Aunque no conseguimos un día santo de este movimiento, conseguimos un día feriado gubernamental.

Los trabajadores con los menos privilegiados. Estos son los que han trabajado con los pobres y las personas sin educación y han cuidado por ellos. Ejemplos de los trabajadores con los más desfavorecidos son San Juan Bosco, Beata Teresa de Calcuta, Santa Katherine Drexel, San Francisco de Asís, etc.

Fundadores y fundadoras. Estos son los que fundaron órdenes religiosas o sociedades. Ejemplos de Fundadores y Fundadoras serían Santo Domingo (los dominicos), Santa Juana Jugan (Hermanitas de los Pobres), San Francisco (franciscanos), San Bruno (cartujos), San Ignacio de Loyola (Jesuitas), Santa Ángela Merici (Ursulinas), Santa Clara (Clarisas), San Pablo de la Cruz (Pasionistas), etc.

Abbott y Abadesas estos Abbots (y Abadesas) fueron hombres y mujeres que eran líderes de abadías (similares a conventos o monasterios), entre muchos, muchos de estos tipos de santos están: San Atanasio el Athonita, San Sidonio, San Juan Berchmanns, San Antonio, y mi favorito personal, San Eutimio el Iluminador.

Religiosa. Estos son los que son miembros de órdenes religiosas, como Santa Eduvigis, San Gerardo Majella, Beata Emelina, Santa Catalina Labouré, San Juan de la Cruz, etc.

Ermitaños. Se trata de hombres y mujeres que vivieron gran parte de sus vidas en el aislamiento como una forma de acercamiento a Dios, y tenemos a San Bruno, Santa Rosalía, San Antonio del Desierto, San Conrado, etc.

Estilita. Este no es el nombre de un grupo de música Etnia de 1970 (que sería los Stylistics), este es una clase de santo... y es rara. Ves, en esos tiempos, había hombres que pasaron sus vidas en la parte superior de los pilares de piedra como una forma de vida de ermitaño. Conocido por su santidad, el punto más alto y tiempo (del año) donde, simbólicamente, estaban más cercano al cielo y en medio de una ciudad, los hizo modelos visibles de la oración. En esta categoría están San Simón el Estilita, San Daniel el Estilita, San Alipio el Estilita, etc.

Todas estas categorías a un lado, lo más importante para nosotros contar de estas agrupaciones Santos, es que queremos unirnos a ellos un día, en el Cielo. Como dice el viejo estándar "O cuando la trompeta suena la llamada de Cuando la trompeta suene en aquel día final/ y que sea pasada lista allí he de estar/ A mi nombre yo feliz responderé / O Señor, quiero estar cuando los santos van marchando".

Feliz Día de Todos los Santos!

Suyo en Cristo,

Padre James Lentini, Párroco