



**ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS**  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Saints Day – November 1, 2017

Dear St. Martin's Family,

Today is All Saints Day – the Feast on which the Church celebrates the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, redeemed by the blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. This Feast is a constant reminder to me of those who have gone before us at St. Martin's; whose faith, hope, and generosity have sustained this congregation over the years. I give thanks every day for the grace of God which blesses you, and me, and St. Martin's. As has been the case with saints in the past, so I thank God for all of us who are the saints of today. Thanks to your generosity, and by God's grace, St. Martin's vital mission and ministries continue to lift us up, change our hearts for good, inspire our young and old, and make a difference in our community. I have an unwavering belief that you and those you care deeply about will continue in the years to come to be inspired, encouraged and empowered by the blessing that our Christian community in action at St. Martin's provides to so many. I know you join me in looking forward to continuing our Christian walk together in the years to come at St. Martin's.

This coming Sunday is our annual Loyalty Sunday. The enclosure with this note is the Estimate of Giving Card for 2018. I invite you to prayerfully consider what you might offer during 2018 in support of the mission and ministries of St. Martin's, through your planned donations of time, talent and treasure. I believe you will greatly benefit from this spiritual exercise, as you honestly assess, and if need be, reset financial or other priorities in your life to more purposefully reflect your response to the saving love of God, and to the many blessings your parish provides. If you would like to speak with me about these issues, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing you at one or both of our worship services this coming Sunday, and ask that you please join me in providing St. Martin's with a completed 2018 Estimate of Giving Card during the collection time. If it is not possible for you to be in church this Sunday, you are very welcome and encouraged to bring the card in the following week, or, you may mail it in to the Church.

I have been inspired and amazed by the faith and generosity I have seen not only in so many at St. Martin's that I have worshipped with over the years, but also, of the generations that preceded us in this wonderful place. Together, it is now *our* time to forget what is behind, and press on ahead toward our goal, which is to win the prize for which God has called us heavenward in Christ Jesus. May the Lord continue to fuel the fire of love for him and each other in our hearts, and continue to bless each of you and all we do together at St. Martin's.

Yours in Christ,

(The Rev. Canon) Earle C. King, Jr.