

Rector's Note

10.21.26

This week I'm away at [Roslyn Retreat Center](#) for my first [CREDO clergy conference](#). I'm meeting and reflecting in small groups and lectures, about my vocation and my rule of life.

I'm also taking my free time to think about upcoming events -- vestry meeting, vestry retreat, and capital campaign planning meetings.

A group of us is working with our consultant, Seanna Crosley of [Rowse Consulting](#), in this early phase of the campaign. We have drawings for the project and a good idea of its scope:

- A/C and new heating for the church
- a lift going up and down and stairs going down in the church entry for access to sanctuary and basement (undercroft)
- building out the undercroft and increasing bathroom capacity
- restoring the parish hall and adding A/C

The details can change a bit when we are ready to present it for input from you. Right now we are working on the case for support. What is the project about? Who are our supporters? Where might we apply for grants? What are other things to consider at this phase, like greener energy options?

We could still use more members of the campaign team, so if this intrigues you, please reach out to me. You don't need a background in development, construction, or doing capital campaigns. Just an interest in learning more, and a commitment to this St Martin's community.

Sunday November 1 is All Saints' Day. We will observe All Saints in our morning worship and All Souls in the evening, with a reception in the Columbarium preceding the evening service.

You are invited to bring in photos and mementos of loved ones who have died, or even simply a card with a loved one's name on it, to place on the side altar to the right of our main altar. This will be our altar of remembrance for All Saints and All Souls. Names will be in the bulletin in the morning, and read in the service in the evening.

Consecration Sunday is in full swing, inviting all of us to think and pray about what percentage of our income God is calling us to give in our annual pledge. When we give as a regular practice, it connects us to the faithful ones of the past -- our ancestors, and the St Martin's saints of years ago. Our giving is also a sign of hope and trust in the future of this community. Not just hope that we will have a lift and air conditioning. But a hope that we will continue to grow, and thrive, to be a presence in this neighborhood and beyond, for many years to come.

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