



SAINT ANDREW'S ABBEY

A monastery of the Order of Saint Benedict

All Souls 2026

Dear Friends of the Abbey,

Each November, the Church turns her heart toward the souls in purgatory, and here at the Abbey we are especially mindful of the countless friends, benefactors, oblates, monks and family members who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith. Our annual commemoration of All Souls is one of the most cherished traditions of our community: a season set apart for the offering of prayers and Holy Mass on behalf of our deceased brothers and sisters.

The Church teaches that our prayers can truly help the souls before they enter the fullness of heaven. When we pray for those who have died, we participate in the Communion of Saints, that mysterious bond uniting the Church on earth, the souls in purgatory, and the saints in glory. No prayer offered for the deceased is ever wasted; every Mass, rosary, and act of penance offered on their behalf hastens their joy and draws us closer to them in Christ.

Our life as monks is a life of prayer. So, we take seriously this responsibility to pray, especially throughout the month of November when we remember in a particular way the souls who have been commended to our prayers.

If you would like your loved ones to be included in our commemoration of All Souls, simply return the enclosed card with the names of your deceased family members and friends. Every name will be remembered at our altar throughout the month of November. No donation is required to have your loved ones included in this observance; however, any offering you wish to make is gratefully received and helps support the life and ministry of the Abbey.

Be assured of our daily prayers for you. We are grateful for your prayers and friendship, and we ask St. Joseph, patron of a happy death, to intercede for you and all whom you hold dear.

United in Christ and in prayer for the Holy Souls,

Abbot Damien

Abbot Damien and the monks of St. Andrew's Abbey