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St Francis



November 11, 2015

## What Do You Need?

*And the King will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these of my family, you did it to me." Matthew 25:40*

### ***Martin of Tours***

Today is the commemoration of Martin, Bishop of Tours in 397AD. He is remarkable for several aspects of his life. He was a member of the Roman army during the days of the Roman Empire. Under the ministry of Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, he became a Christian. One day before he was baptized he was asked for alms from a beggar. He cut his military cloak in half and gave it to the beggar. The following night he had a dream in which Jesus

appeared to him wearing half a military cloak and said, "Martin, a simple catechumen, covered me with this garment." He went on to be baptized, ordained a priest, and set up a monastery where he lived a strict rule of life. He was later elected bishop, which he reluctantly agreed to only if he could continue living as a monk in a strict rule of life. He remained a friend and defender of the poor, and spent much time serving the pagan residents of the countryside near his monastery.

### ***The Challenge***

Maybe God is not calling you to live a strict rule of life including poverty, chastity and obedience. Maybe God is not asking you to hold office in the church. However, is God asking you something like this: Do you need all you have? Is there food, clothing, other items you have which you do not need that others do not have and actually do need them? If God is raising that question with you how will you answer? Let Jesus direct your steps. For an excellent article on this check out Adrian McCartney's post on facebook on the Larder, the food pantry of Boring Wells in Belfast, NI.

### **Coming Attractions**

#### ***Wednesday, November 11, 2015***

4:00pm vestry committee

6:30pm Theology on Tap at BJ's

7:00pm Caregivers' Support Group at Hedy Walker's home

([richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com))

***Sunday, October 15, 2015*** Worship at 10:00am

***Sunday, October 22, 2015*** Worship at 10:00am

***Please bring nonperishable food*** to worship to be taken to the Food Pantry of the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services

***Please consider participating*** on Christmas Mother this holiday season. Contact Janice Nelson [cnelson2610@comcast.com](mailto:cnelson2610@comcast.com)

### ***Our Misional Communities***

*The Parke* will meet on November 29, 2015 at 5:30pm for worship and pot luck. Contact Richard Walker at [ruchardsndhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:ruchardsndhedy@yahoo.com)

*Symphony* will lead worship at Symphony Assisted Living on November 22 at 9:00am Contact Bobbie Leviness [bobbiedrew@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedrew@yahoo.com) to participate

### ***Centerville Circle of Prayer***

For Paw's Inn, Debbie Gibson, owner, that business would increase and animals in our community would be safe and healthy.

### ***The Diocese of Virginia***

For the clergy and people of Incarnation, Mineral; St. Clement's, Alexandria; St. Timothy's, Herndon; Emmanuel, Alexandria; St. James, Louisa, that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Metropolitan Richmond***

For all persons in financial need: for healthy marriages; for consructive, safe, and caring households for bringing up children and caring for the elderly.

Grace and Peace

John Maher

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