

Today's Martyrs

Resources for understanding current Christian witness and martyrdom

Events – November 1941

Saturday November 1, 1941



Germany: Anrath bei Krefeld, Willich

Fr Peter Burgstaller OC (aged 55, Austrian, **died**)

http://newsaints.faithweb.com/new_martyrs/Austria.htm

Thursday November 7, 1941



Bosnia and Herzegovina: Mostar

Bishop Alojzije Misić (aged 82, wrote a letter to Archbishop Aloysius Viktor Stepinac concerning Ustase atrocities "People were captured like animals. Slaughtered, killed - thrown alive into the abyss. Women, mothers with children, adult girls, women and children, both male and female were thrown into the pits. The Vice Mayor of Mostar Mr. Baljić, proclaimed publicly, as a clerk, he should be silent instead of talking, that in the town of Ljubinje, into only one pit, 700 Orthodox Christians were thrown. From Mostar and Capljina six full rail wagons transported wives, mothers and girls younger than ten, to the station at Šurmanci, where they were taken to the hills, living mothers with children thrown down steep cliffs. Everyone was tossed down the cliffs and killed. In the parish Klepci, from surrounding villages N. N., 3,700 Orthodox Christians were killed. The poor souls, they remained peaceful. I won't enumerate further. I'd go too far. In the city of Mostar, hundreds were tied, taken outside the town and killed like animals")

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alojzije_Mi%C5%A1i%C4%87

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Prebilovci_massacre

Friday November 8, 1941



Germany: Hanaun am Main

Fr Josef Albinger (aged 29, arrested for circulating a copy of Bishop von Galen's anti-euthanasia homilies, jailed in Frankfurt)

https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Josef_Albinger - with translation

Sunday November 10, 1941



Germany: Sachsdorf

Pastor Paul Richter (aged 47, husband of Johanna, suspended from his parish in [Wilsdruff](#) for six months in [March 1934](#) for his anti-Nazi views, salary reduced by half; fined 200 Reichmarks in [March 1939](#); **UPDATE**: arrested)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Richter_\(Pfarrer\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Richter_(Pfarrer)) - with translation

Thursday November 14, 1941



Poland: Auschwitz concentration camp

Br Adalbert Stikar OH (aged 49, Czech national, **died**)

http://newsaints.faiithweb.com/new_martyrs/Czech1.htm

Tuesday November 19, 1941



China: Tingsuen

Bishop Antonio Barosi PIME (aged 39, Italian national, beaten, **died from strangulation**, thrown into a well)

Fr Girolamo Lazzaroni PIME (aged 27, Italian national, beaten, **died from suffocation** after being thrown alive into a well)

Fr Mario Zanardi PIME (aged 37, Italian national, beaten, **died from strangulation**, thrown into a well)

Fr Bruno Zarella PIME (aged 32, Italian national, beaten, forced to drink boiling oil and water, **died from strangulation**, thrown into a well)

<http://www.pime.org/index.php?l=en&idn=85>



Belarus: outside Barysaw

Fr Henryk Hlebowicz (aged 37, **shot dead** in a forest, had been arrested earlier in the autumn by the Gestapo)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0894>

Wednesday November 20, 1941



Germany: Munster

Fr Heinrich Hennan (arrested for having said in a homily that current books on Church history were not objective)

[https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfarrerblock_\(KZ_Dachau\)](https://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pfarrerblock_(KZ_Dachau)) - with translation

https://openlibrary.org/books/OL26360161M/The_Priest_Barracks

Thursday November 21, 1941

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Russia: Kirov

Bishop Eduard Gottlieb Profittlich SJ (aged 51, arrested in [Tallin, Estonia](#) by the NKVD on [June 27, 1941](#), transferred to prison in [Kirov](#); indicted on [October 14, 1941](#) on anti-Soviet agitation and espionage charges; convicted on [October 25, 1941](#), sentenced to 5 years' imprisonment; **UPDATE**: sentence changed to death)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eduard_Profittlich

Saturday November 23, 1941



Poland - now Belarus: Ternopil

Fr Jan Bas (aged 31, arrested by the Soviets and sent to a labor camp)

<https://biographies.library.nd.edu/catalog/biography-0080>

November 1941, date unknown



Germany

Fr Bernhard Heinzmann (aged 38, arrested [January 6, 1941](#) after publicly condemning "Hitler's idolatry" and "racial delusions"; **UPDATE**: transferred to Dachau)

http://www.microsofttranslator.com/bv.aspx?ref=SERP&br=ro&mkt=en-US&dl=en&lp=DE_EN&a=http%3a%2f%2fde.wikipedia.org%2fwiki%2fBernhard_Heinzmann