

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ and a Very Happy St. Patrick Day Weekend to all of you! In addition to my annual sharing of St. Patrick in his own words, a few parish notes.

10 Video of our Setting of the Cornerstone which was held on March 8 is available on-line. Click on View Sunday Mass to access that recording. Thanks to all who made that day possible, especially Jim Jennings for the livestream!

2) The 222 Meredith Street house was sold after just 1 week on the listed market. Settlement will be on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

3) Our Parish Lenten Penance Service will be on Tuesday of this week March 19<sup>th</sup>. St. Cornelius Parish Penance Service will be Tuesday, March 26 at 11AM and 7PM

Peace, Father Rogers

**A REFLECTION OF ST. PATRICK (In his own words)**

My name is Patrick. I am a sinner, a simple country person, and the least of all believers...I was taken into captivity in Ireland, along with thousands of others. We deserved this, because we had gone away from God, and did not keep his commandments.

It was there that the Lord opened up my awareness of my lack of faith. Even though it came about late, I recognized my failings. So I turned with all my heart to the Lord my God, and he looked down on my lowliness and had mercy on my youthful ignorance. He protected me and consoled me as a father does for his son.


This is why I cannot be silent – nor would it be good to do so—about such great blessings and such a gift that the Lord so kindly bestowed in the land of my captivity. This is how we can repay such blessings, when our lives change and we come to know God, to praise and bear witness to his great wonders before every nation under heaven.

After I arrive in Ireland, I tended sheep every day, and I prayed frequently during the day. More and more the love of God increased, and my sense of awe before God. Faith grew, and my spirit was moved, so that in one day I would pray up to one hundred times, and at night perhaps the same. I even remained in the woods on the mountain and I would rise to pray before dawn in snow and ice and rain. I never felt the worse for it, and I never felt lazy—as I realize now, the spirit was burning in me at this time...

I remained on in Ireland and that not of my own choosing, until I almost perished. However it was very good for me, since God straightened me out, and he prepared me for what I would be today. I was far different then from what I am now, and I have care for others.

I must take care not to hide the gift of God which he has generously given us in the land of my captivity. It was then that I looked for him with all my strength, and there I found him, he protected me from all evils--- this is what I believe---on account of his Spirit living and working in me to this very day....So I'll never stop giving thanks to my God who kept me faithful in that time of my temptation, I can today with confidence offer my soul to Christ my Lord as a living victim. He is the one who defended me in all my difficulties...Whatever comes about for me, good or bad, I ought to accept them equally and give thanks to God. He has shown me that I can put my faith in him without wavering and without end.

(Confessions of Saint Patrick, 1-3;16 28; 33-34)



**St. Patrick Parish  
Rosary  
Sunday Evenings  
7:00 PM  
via Zoom**

**THERE WILL BE NO PARISH ROSARY ON  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17.  
HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE ST. PATRICK GALA!**

**Please join us back again on Sunday, March 24, 2024.**

**Saturday, April 20, 2024  
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
St. Joseph Room**



**WOMEN'S RETREAT**  
*Sponsored by the  
Ladies of St. Patrick*

**"Not Without Your Love"**  
John Paul Kasperowicz  
Ministry of the Single-hearted

*Save the Date*