

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! As we enter this 1st Full Week of March, we celebrate three significant moments in the Life of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. Today, Sunday, March 3rd is the Feast of our own St. Katherine Drexel. This Thursday, March 7, our Archdiocese will gain three new auxiliary bishops; Finally, this Friday, our own parish will celebrate the Dedication of our new Narthex. A brief word on each of these moments.

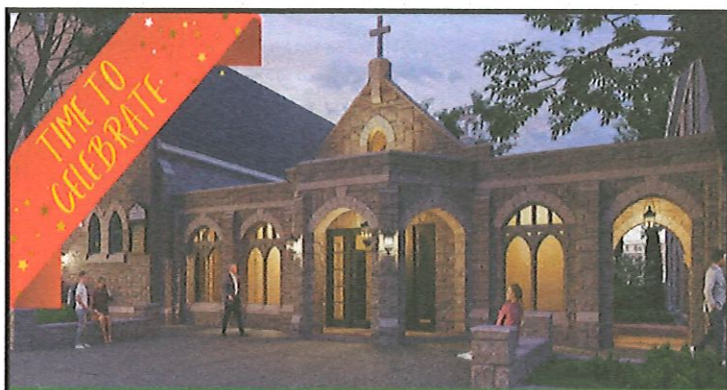
- 1) **St. Katherine Drexel:** The Life of this heroic woman is worth knowing. Not only is she a local girl but she is a Saint, whose generosity, faith and love for God and Neighbor, reached great heights. Katherine spent the last years of her life in the infirmary at the Motherhouse in Bensalem prior to her death on March 3, 1955. I encourage you this week, to look up information about St. Katherine, watch a movie or video about her. Ask her intercession for our local Church.
- 2) **Ordination of New Bishops:** On December 8, 2023, it was announced that Pope Francis had appointed three priests to be auxiliary bishops of Philadelphia: Fr. Keith Chylinski, Fr. Christopher Cooke and Fr. Efen Esmilla. Each had already been a priest in the Archdiocese and each will now be ordained a Bishop on Thursday at the Cathedral in Philadelphia. From there, they will serve in a whole new role/capacity here in the local Church as Bishops, assisting the Archbishop with the work of the Archdiocese. The Ordination ceremony for a Bishop is worth watching and it will be livestreamed on the Archdiocese Website. Tune in for more details.
- 3) **Dedication of our New Narthex:** This Friday, exactly 10 months since we broke ground on our building project, we will dedicate the building, cut the ribbon and placing the cornerstone. All are welcome to join us at 11AM for a brief ceremony outside along Meredith Street. On hand will be various dignitaries, parishioners and so many who made the project possible. I invite you to take some time to be here on Friday for this historic moment. That day will also begin a NOVENA to ST PATRICK, which will conclude on the Vigil of his Feast Day, March 16th. At that Vigil Mass, Bishop John McIntyre will bless our Narthex. The words Gratitude and Praise seem to fall short of all that I want to say and yet those words are what fill me the most at this time. I'm filled with Gratitude and Praise! For now, please hold onto and pray the NOVENA PRAYER published in this week's bulletin & plan on praying this Prayer from Friday, March 8 to Saturday, March 16.

Finally, this Thursday marks the midpoint of Lent. Now might be a good time to make your Lenten Confession, examine and renew your walk with the Lord. His Mercy endures forever and how beautiful that it can be received. Don't wait till the end. Now is the Day of Salvation!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

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ST. PATRICK CONNECTING CORNERSTONES PROJECT



Cornerstone & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony
11:00 AM, Friday, March 8, 2024
ALL ARE WELCOME

St. Patrick Parish, Kennett Square Novena Prayer March 8 – March 16



Lord Jesus, Great Living Stone of the Church,
 with praise and thanksgiving I come before you.

I thank you for the heroic witness of St. Patrick,
 great Missionary of the Gospel.

With humility and trust,
 he discovered your call for his life.

With zeal and courage,
 he embraced it to the full.

With those dispositions, I come before you
 and ask your blessing upon my life
 and the life of our parish family.

(PAUSE AND MENTION YOUR INTENTIONS)

Through the intercession of St. Patrick,
 I ask you to hear this prayer and build me up
 as a witness of your great love;
 for the praise of your glory and the
 salvation of souls.
 AMEN.

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