



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! After many weeks, months, indeed years of planning, we break ground tomorrow on our **CONNECTING THE CORNERSTONES PROJECT!** Alleluia, Praise the Lord!

As we begin this project, among many things, Communication will be important and to that end, I point you to our parish website and Flocknote for the most up-to-date information. Our parish bulletins are written and submitted 10 days before the weekend, so they do not contain the most up-to-date info. (In fact, I wrote this column on April 27th) As the project unfolds, we will do our best to keep everyone posted, I ask you to be alert and attentive to all the news.

Speaking of news ... May is both Ordination & Change Season in the world of Priesthood and Church. This year, Fr. McCabe arrives at 52 years of priesthood, I come to 23 years and Fr. Sharrett marks his 58th Anniversary of Priesthood Ordination: A tremendous blessing for each of us and for the Church at large. As imperfect and mortal as we each are, God has chosen and continues to choose priests to share the life of His Son. I encourage you to remember and thank God for the priests who have blessed your life.

This year, 7 men will be ordained priests for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and two of them lived here: Frs. Randy Kraft and Phong Le. They will be ordained on Saturday, May 20th. Augustine Reimers, our most recent seminarian, will be ordained a Deacon in Lincoln, Nebraska on Friday, May 26. Please keep all these young men and their families in your prayers.

The US Bishops Conference has published its annual a snapshot view of this year's ordination class. I share a portion of it with you here. You may want to view the whole thing on the internet. <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/ordination-classes>

- Most of the ordinands received formation at a seminary in the South and the Midwest (31% for both) followed by the Northeast (17%), West (13%), and abroad (7%).
- Responding ordinands indicate they first considered priesthood during elementary school (32%), followed by high school (26%). Religious ordinands are more likely than diocesan ordinands to first consider a vocation in college (23%) and graduate school (20%).
- Ordinands who attended Catholic elementary school constituted 43% of all respondents, and 34% attended a Catholic high school. Most respondents (93%) were baptized Catholic as an infant and raised primarily by their biological parents (96%) and a married couple living together (92%).

Over half of respondents (63%) cited their parish priest as an encouraging influence on their vocation.

All of this shows us that priests do not come from no-where, they come from families and from the very heart of God! Let us continue to beg the Lord to send laborers into His harvest.

Peace, Fr. Rogers

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LIVING STONES APPEAL
St. Patrick Connecting Cornerstones Project

COMING SOON!

LIVING STONES APPEAL: PHASE II ~ MENDING THE GAP
Thank you to all who are part of our Connecting Cornerstones Project and to all those who continue to help us **MEND THE GAP!**

MONEY RAISED: \$1,561,909
COST OF PROJECT: \$1,966,908
MONIES NEEDED: \$404,999

For more information or to make a donation, please visit our website.
www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal/

St. Patrick Parish Rosary
Sundays at 7:00 PM via Zoom

To join us online visit www.zoom.us. Select JOIN and enter Webinar ID: 878 5447 9881 / Passcode: stpatsksq

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