



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Over the past several weeks, we have had some noteworthy happenings here at St. Patrick and I want to begin this week with gratitude.

On Saturday morning Nov. 6, we held our Annual Mass of Remembrance for family members of those who have died this past year. I express my thanks to all who turned out for that Mass, it was a powerful expression of faith, compassion, hope and love. The grief and loss that is borne by our parishioners who have lost loved ones is real. And that gathering of faith, not only acknowledged it, but did so with great care. My heartfelt thanks to our Ladies of St. Patrick for providing the hospitality after the Mass. The whole

day was a healing and holy experience.

A note of thanks too to our Coffee and Donut Crew! After a year plus COVID hiatus and a Donut Shortage Hiccup! Coffee and Donuts made a terrific return last Sunday. I was delighted to enjoy three donuts that day in its new location, our former school building. This new location allows our parishioners who cannot navigate steps to join us and provides all of us with a brighter, newer experience of our facilities. 2022 marks 10 Years since our St. Patrick School closed, but as you can see the school building remains open and our community quite active. I am thrilled that it can be used so well.

Our Thanksgiving Food Drive was quite impressive and we met our goal of donating 100 meals to KACS in time for the Turkey Delivery. My thanks to all of you for your generosity in feeding the poor.

Next Sunday, our Kennett Area Churches will join together for our Annual Thanksgiving Prayer Service. Do try to join us on Sunday at 7PM at the Church of the Advent on Route 82. It is a terrific way to begin Thanksgiving Week and important to gather in such ways with our Christian siblings!

This week, our U.S. Bishops gather in Baltimore for their Annual Meeting. Please pray for them, their discussions and decisions. Earlier this month, the President of the U.S. Bishops Conference, Archbishop Gomez delivered an address to a Congress of Catholics and Public Life gathered in Spain. It was a terrific address in which he identified the serious realities that threaten our society. His reflection had three parts: 1. He identified the wider context of the global movement of secularization and de-Christianization and the impact of the pandemic. 2. He offered a "spiritual interpretation" of the new social justice and political identity movements in America. 3. He suggested some evangelical priorities for the Church as we confront the realities of the present moment. I whole-heartedly recommend the article to you. I will post the full address on our next FLOCKNOTE and Parish Facebook Page.

We need wise leaders to help us these days. Archbishop Gomez is certainly one of them.

Peace,  
Fr. Rogers

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### KENNETT SQUARE HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE FEATURING ST. PATRICK CHURCH!

#### SAVE THE DATE & CELEBRATE THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS WITH US!



This Holiday Season, St. Patrick Church is joyfully bringing Christ to Kennett Square! Join us for the Kennett Square Holiday Light Parade along State Street on Friday, November 26 at 6:15PM. St. Patrick Church will be sharing the true Joy of Christmas along the parade route and are **seeking 8-10 fellow parishioners to join us**. Tasks would be to simply walk beside our float, pass out candy, and share the St. Pat's Christmas Spirit with our community. Time commitment would be from 4:30PM-

approximately 8:00PM.

If you are interested in joining us and/or would like more information, please contact Jen Keller at 610-444-4326 or email at

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Thank you!