

My Dear Parishioners,

Praise be Jesus Christ! Last week, I shared financial numbers with you from our previous Fiscal Year. This week, I share some attendance numbers from the month that just concluded. Over the past 4 weekends, we had anywhere from 717 to 819 people who attended Mass on a given weekend. Our average Mass attendance for the month was 783 people. While that number is up from last year, it's well below our total population. In fact, by the numbers, it's just 13% of our registered parishioners. For as much good that is being done here, there is much work to be done, especially by those in the pews. Like-attracts-Like; A parish with parishioners that are active, engaged, convicted and in love with Jesus in the Eucharist, is a parish that will grow, in God's time, but it will grow. Lord, make us active, engaged, convicted and in Love with Jesus!

No one loved Jesus better than His Mother, Mary. This week, I leave on pilgrimage to visit a place Mary visited almost 500 years ago. Modern Day, Mexico City. I will be sure to remember you in my prayer at that holy place and I will pray for increased Mass attendance, right worship. This was the very thing that the Blessed Mother invited in Mexico: the building of a temple for her Son. And in revealing herself, as she did there, she got it. Got what? Well, the largest number of conversions to Christ that history has ever seen! In fact within 7 years of her apparition to Juan Diego, 6 Million natives of Mexico converted to Christianity; within 10 years, 9 Million converted!

At a time when millions were revolting and leaving the Church in Europe, God sent His Mother to the New World and the people of the new world responded! How magnificent, the goodness and providence of God! He is SO Good.

I hear it said often, that we live in a new world and it's not so good. I agree. The anger, distrust and hatred are symptoms of a Culture that has grown old and sick, even being called a "Culture of Death". Such was the pagan culture in Mexico, 500 years ago! But the Good News came thru Mary and the rest is history. As America takes a step ahead in her history this week, I remind you to play your part in her history by Voting and by Worshipping the True God, Jesus the Son of Mary.

Peace.

Fr. Rogers

SAINTS WITH THE SEMINARIANS

An Adult Faith Formation Series

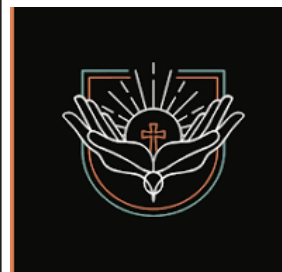
THURSDAYS in NOVEMBER

8:30AM-9:30AM

St. Joseph Room

Thanks to all who joined our Seminarians Michael & Josh this past Thursday, October 31 as they kicked off their faith formation series about the Saints. All are welcome to join us for one or all of their remaining lectures, which will take place in the St. Joseph Room. Light refreshments will be provided.

- Week 2-November 7: Martyrs-Witnesses of the Faith
- Week 3-November 14: "Local Saints"
- Week 4-November 21: Modern Day Saints



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"Those who hope in the Lord will run and not be weary." Isaiah 40:31

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November 23 at 1:00PM

Sheraton Hotel Downtown Philadelphia

Cathedral Basilica of Sts. Peter & Paul in Philadelphia

Various Transformational Activities:

- National Keynote Speakers
- Community Building
- Mass celebrated by Archbishop Perez
- Adoration