



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised be Jesus Christ! As October begins, so too does Post-Season Baseball and once again this year, I hope to RING THE BELL late into October, with every Phillies win! GO PHILLIES!

This month, this week actually, all the priests of the Archdiocese will gather for our Annual Fall Meeting. This year, Archbishop Perez has asked each priest to read and be ready to discuss a book entitled: **From Christendom to Apostolic Mission: Pastoral Strategies for an Apostolic Age.** It's a short little book that it rings a loud and sobering bell. It proposes that we are not simply living in an age of change but we are living in a change of ages; From an age of Christendom, when institutions, culture, civilization were based on Christian terms; To a time similar to that of the Apostles, when paganism ruled.

Some great Saints and Popes have termed this time an Age of Mercy: A time that declares not "I'm ok, you're ok and that's ok" or "Love is Love". But rather, a time that declares and delivers the very Truth of Our Faith. Namely, that you and I are not OK. BUT God has loved us and sent His Son into this world. That that Son loved us unto death; and His death conquered death forever. This is the great work of God, the heart of Christian Faith and it is our great Gift and Mission: To Live the Life & Love of Christ!

Over the ages, depending on the times, Living the Life & Love of Christ has appeared different. At times, it has entailed trial and martyrdom; at other times, it enjoyed blessing and building. What about these our times? What does living the Life & Love of Christ look like/demand? It's a good question and worthy of thought. But whatever it may demand --suffering, courage, generosity -- the Mission of the Gospel must constantly convict, convert and compel us more and more to be more and more Christ Jesus.

A final thought for your thought this week which I think relates to this. British writer Paul Kingsworth says that ***"All day everyday we use narratives to make sense of the ongoing confusion of reality and of the business of being human."*** What is the narrative that you are using to make sense of the confusion that you face each day? Is it the Christian Narrative found above – the narrative of Christian Faith? Or is it something else? We must realize that we are not spectators in the work of God; we are active participants in His saving work. And that work continues, the story of Christian History is being written. Realize your place in the great "Theo-Drama" and allow Christianity to be the narrative, the Good News, the Compass that directs your life. The BELL that rings in your heart.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
MONDAYS FROM 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FIRST FRIDAYS – Join us this Friday, October 6,
2023

If you have never experienced Adoration, you might wonder what do I do when I am there? Here are some suggestions from Fr. Josh Johnson: *"Remember the Pirate's Prayer: ARRR – acknowledge, relate, receive, respond.*

Acknowledge that you are in the presence of the Lord. Relate with the Lord through your own life. Receive the blessings he is offering to you. Then respond by making some resolution to bring God into your life as you leave Adoration." For more ideas, see Fr. Josh's excellent video here.

***here's the link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mbyMeNPddBs>

Our parish offers Eucharistic Adoration on Mondays from 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM and on First Fridays from 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM. All are invited to stop in the church to spend some time with the Lord. For questions or more information, please contact Angela Eyre at 484-753-4801 or by email at reachmorepatrick@gmail.com.

Upcoming events at St. Patrick Parish-Watch for more information in future bulletins

Pray a Public Rosary, Saturday, October 14, 2023 at 12:00PM, corner of Meredith & Cypress Streets

Adult Faith Formation Lecture Series with Father Connolly, Sunday, October 22 & Sunday, October 29 starting at 1:00PM in the St. Joseph Room

Save the Date-Family Movie Night, Friday, October 27

Worldwide Marriage Encounter-Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage! No group sharing required. The next weekend is November 3-5, 2023 at the Brighton Suites in Rehoboth Beach, DE. For information or to register visit our website:

<http://www.wvme.org> or call Tony Massino at 302-648-2228