



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings Everyone and Praised Be Jesus Christ!

Like it or not, we now stand one month from Election Day 2024. While there may be a lot that we don't like about that, one thing that we may all like is the end of political ads! And that day is coming: Wednesday, November 6! ALLELUIA! While we wait for that day to come, I encourage you all to treat yourself to three things this month: **Clarity, Charity and Calm.** (And if needed, Maalox!)

Mother Angelica described living Christian Faith as "having one foot on the ground, one foot in the air and a queasy filling in one's stomach!" She was a woman who lived faith and she drank lots of Maalox! As we get ready to live our faith in voting, consider these three things:

Clarity: Voting with a well-formed conscience does take work, but it's not rocket science. In the coming month, seek clarity in three ways:

- 1) **In Church Teaching:** If you're wondering what the Church teaches about voting, formation of conscience and our duty as citizens, visit the US Bishops Website or read the Catechism.
- 2) **In the platforms of the candidates:** If you're wondering what the candidates stand for, visit their websites.
- 3) **In silence:** If you want greater clarity, try silence before the Blessed Sacrament. Sadly, much of modern media especially about politics only sows confusion. Seek Clarity.

Charity: Years ago, I remember hearing Archbishop Fulton Sheen saying (on an audio cassette) to a group of priests that "In listening to people, it's important to consider not just WHAT people say, but WHY they say it". While both the WHAT and the WHY are important, it's often in the WHY that we discover real conversation, listening and a window for charity. Five Years ago, the US Bishops launched a Let's Civilize it Initiative. You might want to check it out. <https://www.usccb.org/civilizeit>

Finally, Calm: St. Augustine noted that there are 3 characteristics of faithful Christian Disciples: Confidence, Courage and Calm. In an age of so many important issues, in an election in which so much matters, it's easy to lose calm. Remember that while it is our vocation to advance God's Kingdom on earth, His Kingdom is not of this world. Saints have saluted it from afar, with their eyes fixed on Jesus. We are called to do the same. To borrow a British expression: Keep Calm and Carry On! During this next month, Seek Clarity, Exercise Charity, Keep Calm, Vote and Carry On.

Peace, Fr. Rogers

St. Patrick Sunday Night Parish Rosary Returns via Zoom
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Sunday, October 20 at 7:00 PM

Please save the date and keep a watch to the Bulletin & Flocknote for Login Details.
We hope that you will join us in prayer.

PLEASE HELP!-During the month of October, we invite you to join St. Patrick's Respect Life Ministry & our PREP families in donating your slightly used Winter clothing to Birthright in Coatesville, PA. Birthright supports Young & Single parent families in the Coatesville & surrounding areas.

With winter weather fast approaching they are in need of the following:

Coats & Jackets, hats-gloves & scarves, blankets & Diapers

Sizes: Infants to adults

Please bring your donations and drop them off in the St. Joseph Room. They will be collected & delivered weekly during the month of October.

Your generosity will be a blessing and appreciated by those in need.

What a gift it is to receive Jesus in the Eucharist! While many of us receive this gift each Sunday, there are many others who are unable to attend Mass and receive. Here at St. Patrick's, our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion currently bring the Eucharist to approximately 10 -20 homebound parishioners on a weekly and/or monthly basis. Do you have an elderly, sick or homebound family member or friend who lives in the parish and is unable to attend Mass but would like to receive the Eucharist? If so, please let us know so that arrangements can be made to visit with him/her. Please contact the Parish office at (610) 444-4364 or Kathy Reinhardt at kmreinhardt@comcast.net with any questions.



Regional CYO Basketball-CYO Basketball Registration is open until November 3! We are offering both boys and girls teams: JV (Grades 5 & 6) and Varsity (grades 7 & 8). High school grades (Grades 9-12).

The registration fee is \$175 per child.

Register at: <https://assumptionbvmregionalcyo.teamsnapsites.com/registration/>