



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! On this “Mushroom Festival Weekend”, a warm welcome to all our visitors who may be reading this column! We are the only town in the whole world to have such a festival and so our parish community of St. Patrick is truly one-of-a-kind! The only Catholic Church in the world to serve the Mushroom Capital of the world! And we are happy that you have visited and perhaps worshiped with us this weekend. We are proud to serve and to be that Body of Christ here in Kennett Square, PA!

This second week of September marks some significant memorials on both our country and our Church Calendars. 9/11, 9/14, 9/15 are dates that stand in history as we confront, salute and remember the reality of the Cross. While there is something incredibly common to the Cross for all people in all times, there is something incredibly unique to it as well. For each and every one of us has a cross, including Jesus. And it is thru our Union with Him, in Baptism, that His cross and victory is shared with us and becomes forever our great Hope. What then to do with our cross? Exactly what Jesus told us to do:

Take it up and Follow Me. (Mt. 16)

This is exactly what we as Christians are about and it’s happening each and every day – despite what we may think. Each day in hidden and quiet ways, at times in painful and difficult ways, but always in heroic ways, men and women are taking up the Cross and Following Christ. And as a result, Love is growing, God’s Kingdom is extending and men and women are being made holy! As a priest, I see this daily.

Our task is not just to “Take up the Cross” but to assist those with the cross. We can be a Simon or a Veronica to another, perhaps even to ourselves. As we remember the events of 9/11, Celebrate the Triumph of Cross on 9/14 and Honor Our Lady of Sorrows on 9/15 ... all in this week...let us praise God for God, for what His Son did for us. And For Him and for Others: Take up the Cross and Follow Him.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

MARRIAGE WORK & THE TRIBUNAL

The Archdiocese of Philadelphia is blessed with a fully staffed, talented and gifted Tribunal. This is the Office of the Church which brings clarity and light to wounds of broken Marriages. There are many in our own families and certainly in our family of St. Patrick who have experienced broken marriages. You may be one of them. You may even be one of the many in an invalid marriage – a marriage that did not take place in Church. The Tribunal of the Archdiocese is a place where healing happens. Please visit the Archdiocese Website for more information about this subject or call Fr. Rogers who can assist with greater detail. How beautiful it is to have a Valid Sacramental Marriage!

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Become an Altar Server

We need you! All Masses are in need of more servers. Come with reverence and a desire to serve; we will train you on the rest!

- **Who:** 5th-12th graders
- **What:** Serve two Masses/month at the Mass time you regularly attend
- **How:** Attend two 90-minute trainings
- **When:** Tuesday, 9/26 and 10/3 at 6:30p.m.

Most importantly, WHY:

- Grow in faith and love for the Mass
- Learn why we do everything in the Mass
- Meet new friends at St. Patrick's



Contact Deacon Alan to sign up or with questions
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ARE

YOU BEING CALLED?

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SAINT CHARLES BORROMEO SEMINARY
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 100 EAST WYNNEWOOD ROAD
 WYNNEWOOD, PA 19096

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