

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! The month of October which begins this week – begins and ends with the celebration of Saints. At the start, we remember some of the most famous: Francis of Assisi, Faustina, Therese of Lisieux. And at the end, we'll be celebrating ALL HALLOWS EVE: ALL SAINTS.

What is a Saint? Well, a saint is a man, woman, boy or girl who along the course of their life encountered God. And as a result of that encounter, welcomed and espoused God fully in their way of Life. Having lived His Life on earth, they now enjoy His Life fully in Heaven and live with Him forever. In other words, a Saint is the full realization of who we were meant to be. The rich fruit of the encounter with God.

The French Catholic writer, Leon Bloy famously said, ***“The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life is not to become a saint.”*** While that is true in a final way, there are indeed many real sadnesses in life. And we know that in our day. The sadness of violence and War; The sadness of cultural collapse; The sadness of current American politics; The sadness of greed and selfish ambition.

Jesus cried in sadness over Jerusalem, because they did not know the time of their visitation. (Luke 19, 41-44.) ***What might God be doing as He looks upon the world today?***

Of course, His tears are ***not*** an expression of mere sympathy, a divine pity party; Rather God’s tears have great power to rend – tear – into the human heart; to convict it with Mercy, Justice and His Way of Peace. Jesus died for Jerusalem and the whole world. Recognizing this, Tender to His tears, His Saving Death and Love, we can accept His Gift; Advance His Way; Accept and Advance His Kingdom. And this is our Call; this is the work of Discipleship, the Path of Becoming a Saint.

In the middle of this month, we will celebrate two Feast Days that can assist us on this Way. October 19 the Feast of the First Martyrs of North America --- French Jesuits who advanced the Kingdom of God, spilling their blood for Christ on the ground of modern-day New York. And October 22, St. John Paul II, who in the midst of the last World War, advanced the Kingdom of God.

As World War III continues to unfold; as we choose the lesser of two evils in the upcoming election; as we advance on our pilgrimage through this side of heaven in this new month, let take Great Hope in the Saints. Men, Women, Boys and Girls who encountered, welcomed and espoused Jesus. Let us do the same. How important, How wonderful, How necessary that we can do that: we can become Saints. How tragic if that does not happen.

Peace, Fr. Rogers

ST. PATRICK CHURCH




Blessing of the Animals

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024
9:00 AM
PARISH COURTYARD

All pets, big and small,
most welcome!




St. Patrick Sunday Night Parish Rosary Returns via Zoom
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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



MONDAYS:
8:00 AM – 7:00 PM

FIRST FRIDAYS:
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
MONDAYS FROM 8:00 AM – 7:00 PM
FIRST FRIDAYS – Join us this Friday, October 4 at 7:00 PM

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 reachmorestpatrick@gmail.com.