



My Dear Parishioners,

Praise be Jesus Christ! On this Superbowl Weekend with the Eagles in New Orleans, a few Philly/NOLA Catholic Trivia Notes for your SuperBowl Conversations.

- Did you know that Philly’s own, St. Katherine Drexel founded Xavier University in New Orleans in 1915. Xavier U. is the first and only, Catholic institution of higher education for blacks in the United States.
- Did you know that New Orleans’ 12th Archbishop was Philly’s own Bishop Francis B. Schulte? He served there from 1989 to 2002 and is buried in the St. Louis Cathedral.
- While not connected to the city of New Orleans, how can we not forget, Phillies own...AARON NOLA! Another connection. Go Birds!

With the first full week of February complete, a few important notes for your calendars:

- 1) Archbishop Perez has asked parishes to hold a **TOWN HALL** Meeting in regards to his recent Pastoral Letter. I do hope that you read his letter and by way of this writing, I invite you to join our parish leadership in this special TOWN HALL Meeting. A facilitator from Catholic Leadership Institute will be here to lead us in the discussion and I have asked all our parish leaders to be here as well. It will be held on **SUNDAY, MARCH 23rd from 1 to 3PM.**
- 2) In addition to the TOWN HALL, all parishes have been asked to participate in **the DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX**. This is VERY familiar to us already at St. Patrick as we have participated in this twice in the past 8 years. It has proved helpful for us in identifying Pastoral Priorities and I believe this time around it will be helpful in showing forth how much we have grown. The DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX will be available beginning in LENT – which beings on March 5th.
- 3) Finally, this SPRING, we need to have the back outside stone of our Church re-pointed. Over the past few months, we’ve noticed some water leaking into the “candle closet” which sits behind the St. Joseph Statue. While not visible or damaging the body of the Church, it soon could be, with summer rainstorms. And that would be a disaster! The re-pointing project is tricky in terms of scaffolding and workers’ safety. For that reason, it’s also costly, one estimate has come in at \$28K. While not a terribly exciting project, like building an addition, it’s necessary and hopefully will be underway in SPRING. MORE TO COME.

PITCHERS AND CATCHERS are underway this week in Clearwater, a sign that whatever happens to the Eagles this weekend, SPRING is on the way in the weeks to come. Praise God!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



St. Patrick Parish
Rosary
Sunday Evenings
7:00 PM
via Zoom

THERE WILL BE NO ZOOM ROSARY THIS SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025.

Join Deacon Alan and Jen Keller on Sunday, February 16, 2025.

An Introduction to Prayer

Book Discussion with Seminarians Michael and Josh

Begins Thursday, February 13, 2025

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM-St. Joseph Room

“You say you don’t know how to pray? Put yourself in the presence of God, and once you have said, ‘Lord, I don’t know how to pray!’ rest assured that you have begun to do so.” — St. Josemaría Escrivá

At Christmas, our parish distributed 300 copies of Bishop Robert Barron’s book entitled *An Introduction to Prayer*. This book explores the answers to questions like: *Why should I pray? What should I say or do when I’m praying? How can I establish as solid routine of prayer?*

It is now time to unpack this book and learn more about prayer with our Seminarians Michael and Josh. This discussion series will be held for **four weeks on Thursday evenings from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the St. Joseph Room. Dates are as follows: February 13, February 20, March 6, and March 13.** All are most welcome. For questions, contact the Parish Office at 610-444-4364. 236