



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As I write this column, Tuesday Morning, our community is waking up to the tragic news of a double murder-suicide here in our community. In light of this, if nothing else, I ask you to pause your reading right now for a brief moment of prayer. Pray God’s great mercy, healing and peace for all those involved...Lord make us instruments of your peace.

There is no greater bearer of peace than our Blessed Mother, the Queen of Peace. As we turn our calendars into May, we enter her month and have the great task of remembering the beautiful gift of Motherhood and the particular person of our mom. In this first week of May, consider making a Novena for Mothers. The University of Our Mother (Notre Dame) has a terrific Novena on their website, invoking our Lady with her various titles. Possessing many titles, may she possess each one of us and may we know her more and more as the tender mother, powerful intercessor and friend.

The month of May is also the month of Ordinations for our Philadelphia Seminarians. This year, we celebrate the ordinations of each seminarian who has lived with us in the past four summers. On Saturday, May 14, Randy Kraft and Phong Le will be ordained transitional deacons. And On May 21, Andrew Auletta and Ryan Nguyen will be ordained priests. These ordinations will take place at the Cathedral Basilica of SS Peter and Paul in Philadelphia and can be viewed via LIVESTREAM on the Archdiocese Website. Deacon Randy is scheduled to be with us the last weekend of May to preach at the Sunday Masses. Stay tuned for details. Pray for all these men in this great month.

Finally, on this first day of May, with our Religious Education Year completed, our parish celebrates and salutes Marianne Kane, our Parish Director of Religious Education. Marianne is retiring from her position after 34 years of dedicated service to our parish. Whether it was teaching religion, math or English; teaching catechists, students, those entering the Church or the new priest, Marianne has been a leader and guide, serving an invaluable role in the life of our parish community for a generation of young people and those not so young. Having served in all these roles, I pray that retirement will afford her more time to be who she is at heart, a good mother and faithful grandmother. Join me in thanking Marianne for all these things. She will be with us till July.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



**The Little Sisters of the Poor**

Next weekend, our parish is happy to welcome back to St. Patrick’s the LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR. After a two year COVID hiatus, the Sisters will be back to share their good work serving the elderly poor. Plan on sharing in their work next week as they will be collecting money at the doors.

**Annual Archdiocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass**

**Saturday, May 7, 2022-5:15 PM Anticipated Mass**

**Cathedral Basilica SS Peter & Paul, Philadelphia, PA**

All couples celebrating their 1, 5, 10, 25 or 50 year Wedding Anniversary milestones are invited to Mass with Archbishop Nelson Perez on Saturday, May 7 at 5:15PM. Wedding vows will be renewed. Friends and family are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please RSVP at [www.phillycatholiclife.org](http://www.phillycatholiclife.org) or call The Office for Life and Family at 215-587-0500.



First Friday Adoration on Friday, May 6, 2022 at 7:00PM in church.

Please join us. All are welcome!

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**MOTHER’S DAY CARDS**



Mother’s Day cards are currently available for pick up in the back of church. Please drop off your completed card and donation to the Parish Office. All of our moms will be remembered throughout the month of May. Envelopes with their names will be placed and will remain on the Altar throughout the month.