

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This past week, I began my eighth year as pastor of St. Patrick. I remain grateful to God the Father and to each of you, for your goodness, patience and kindness through these years. You have taught me a lot about myself, being a priest and the winding but certain Way of Holiness, Christ Jesus.

As I begin year 8 and time presses forward with a vengeance, (yes...I have seen the Halloween décor already out in the stores)...I think it's worth taking a look at up-coming items, especially as September knocks on the door. So please note the following:

- 1) **The Start of our Parish Religious Education Program:** Our year will begin with a Family Mass at 6PM on September 11<sup>th</sup> and our opening class weekend September 17/18. New this year to the program is not only our new Directory, Maria Miller but an updated Family Commitment Pledge. This summer, one of our parishioners Kelly Pin received Level 1 training in a Montessori-type religious ed. called Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and we hope to introduce this gradually to our parish families this year. In addition, we hope to form both a Family Advisory Board and Family Catechesis Program. I'm looking forward to developing these items with our families.
- 2) **The Start of our Adult Faith Formation:** In the coming weeks, our Small Groups will be forming again and new learning opportunities will be offered. Father Connelly will be presenting some Sunday Lectures on the Eucharist; This year, we may have a seminar with us on Thursdays of the school year and I hope to offer with him a series on Courageous Conversations. Be on the lookout as the schedule is set.
- 3) **Our Pastoral Council Term** begins in the end of August and we will be unpacking/unveiling the results of our Disciple Maker Index (from the Spring of 2022) and forming a Pastoral Priorities/Plan as we move forward.
- 4) Finally, The Fall will see the **Unveiling of a Major Plan for a Church Addition** which will include two handicapped Accessible Bathrooms, Interior Gathering Space, Confessional Room and new cement on the front apron of the Church/sidewalks. Since the Winter of 2020, our pastoral council has been planning a vision for a next capital project and we have landed on an exciting one which we will provide not only for the immediate future but contribute well to the ongoing future of our parish community. The time has now come to share this good news!

As you can see, there are great happenings here at our parish and as we re-group ready for the Fall, we stand committed to our Mission and Vision:

**Parish Mission Statement:** Saint Patrick Church, in the process of strengthening its Catholic Community, seeks to make the gospel of Jesus Christ better known and loved through prayer, stewardship and good works.

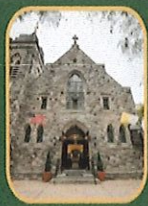
**Parish Vision Statement:** Receiving and Giving the Love of God.

Let us remain grateful to the Lord for being so good to us and in turn share His goodness with others.

Peace, Fr. Rogers

## ST. PATRICK CHURCH

Welcome to our  
Parish Family



We would like to welcome the following new members to our Parish Family:

Mr. & Mrs. Albert Forte

The Bowes Family

The Burns Family

**Are you new to our Parish and would like to register? We would love to have you!** During October-May, you can register on the first Sunday of the Month after Mass during our Coffee & Donuts social. You can also stop in the Parish Office during the week or visit our parish website for a registration form. For more information, please call 610-444-4364.