



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! One of the giant and silent figures of the Advent Season is St. Joseph. While his presence was critical to Mary and Jesus in that first Advent, it's important to note that his presence is not limited to the Seasons of Advent and Christmas. In fact, Joseph was present as father to Jesus throughout those important seasons of Jesus' life on earth: his years of human growth, maturity and formation. Psychologists today tell us that the early years of life and formation set the stage and make difference in whole of life. In light of that, what a start, what a beautiful formation, and a remarkable example, Jesus had in Joseph. He provided fatherly love, good teaching, excellent leadership and wise guidance to Jesus throughout the years! What a wonderful father Jesus had in Joseph!

In this past calendar year 2020-21, the Church has invoked and called to mind the patronage of St. Joseph. We have celebrated a year dedicated to him and this week on December 8, it comes to a conclusion. Here at St. Patrick's, we have marked this year well. We held a Consecration to St. Joseph, engaged a year-long novena, welcomed a 40 Hours Devotion with his theme and even enjoyed St. Joseph Cakes on his Feast Day! As the year comes to a close, I am happy announce one more tribute, this one, a lasting one. This week, I will dedicate and name our school meeting room to St. Joseph.

It was in our Jubilee Year 2019 that we converted two of our former school classrooms into a meeting room. This room served as an air-conditioned chapel in the Summer of 2019 and since then it has served as a new meeting space, equipped with a kitchenette, wi-fi and technology. Over the past two years, many have asked me to give it a name and now the time has come. This week, I will bless a new image of St. Joseph that will hang in that meeting room and in so doing the room will be dedicated to St. Joseph! All of this is fitting not just to close out this year, but to remember the many years and the many Sisters of St. Joseph who taught in our school building. They taught a generation of St. Patrick parishioners and I pray that through that same great Saint many more generations may come to know the Way of the Lord.

As we enter this Second Week of Advent, invoke and draw close to St. Joseph. Ask him to be your father in the way of faith, hope and love.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



Enjoy a cup of coffee and your favorite donut after Mass this weekend. Come check out our new location in the Parish Religious Education Center and our new "grab and go" set up. All the donuts are individually wrapped and your cup of joe is pre-poured and ready to go with a travel lid. There is plenty of room for seating so stay awhile and make some new friends! We hope to see you there!



Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

Mass Schedule

Vigil Mass, Tuesday, December 7, 2021-5:00PM

Masses on Wednesday, December 8, 2021

7:30AM, 9:00AM, 12:00PM, 7:00PM