



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This last full week before Lent is a special one for our parish community as we get ready to welcome into the Church a new member, Perrin (Perry) Bentley. Next Sunday at the 10:30AM Mass, Perry will be received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. A young husband, father and son, Perry has been discerning entrance into the Catholic Church for some time. Baptized in the Episcopal Church, he met his bride Lauren and married in 2018. In 2020, they welcomed their daughter Emilia into this world and she was baptized here at St. Patrick. Over the past several months, Perry has participated in our parish Order of Christian Initiation for Adults and has learned more about the Church and the faith we profess. Next Sunday, after professing that Christian Faith with us, he will make an Act of Faith in the Catholic Church and be confirmed, receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Consider attending the 10:30AM Mass this week to witness this happy moment in the Life of the Church.

This happens in the context of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7 to 14). Celebrated around Valentine's Day, this week is a reminder to all of us of the Gift, Power and Good of Marriage. We see this in the life of Perry and Lauren and their growing family. How good to know that amidst the challenges of marriage, marriage remains a great good for us, our society, our lives. Irish Singer Phil Coulter described it as a boat. I share His Song – VOYAGE -- with you below. As we ready to enter the Season of Lent, now is a good time to renew our gratitude and love for God and His Church. May it lead us closer to God!

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Peace, Fr. Rogers

Voyage Lyrics

I am a sailor and you're my first mate
 We signed on together, we coupled our fate
 We hauled up our anchor determined not to fail
 For the heart's treasure together we set sail
 With no maps to guide us we steered our own course
 We rode out the storms when the winds were gale force
 We sat out the doldrums in patience and hope
 Working together we learned how to cope

Life is an ocean, love is a boat
 In troubled waters it keeps us afloat
 When we started the voyage
 There was just me and you
 Now gathered around us we have our own crew

Together we're in this relationship
 We've built it with care to last the whole trip
 Our true destination is not marked on any chart
 We're navigating for the shores of the heart

COMING 2023

LIVING STONES APPEAL
 St. Patrick Connecting Cornerstones Project

WE ARE GETTING CLOSER TO OUR GOAL OF \$1.5 MILLION!
 Thank you to everyone who is part of our Living Stones Appeal to date. The Living Stones Appeal continues throughout 2023. For more information on how you can participate, please visit www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org/living-stones-appeal/

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

THERE WILL BE NO PARISH ZOOM ROSARY
ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2023.