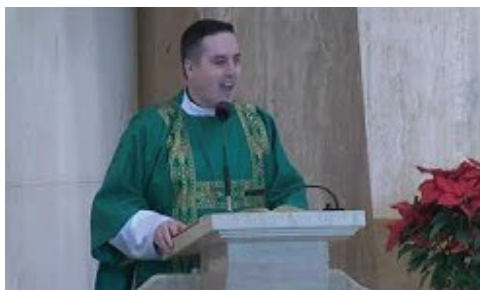


My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! Next Sunday at the 10:30AM Mass, we will welcome Christine An Abate and Deanna Huber into Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Each will make an Profession of Faith, be Confirmed and receive the Holy Eucharist for the first time. I encourage you to attend the 10:30AM Mass next week, to witness this happy occasion. Both Christine and Deanna come to us through the grace of God at work in their lives, their marriages and in the Church. They are women who have discerned the Way of the Lord Jesus in their hearts, have acted on that discernment with their decisions and are now ready to become Catholic. I thank them for their witness and courage, their faith and reason and for their “yes” to the Lord generously heeding His Call. Welcome Christine and Deanna!



The following Sunday, March 6th, we begin the First Full Week of Lent and welcome to our parish Deacon Andrew Auletta, who will be preaching our 40 Hours Devotion. Four years ago this Summer, Seminarian Andrew was assigned to our parish. We were his “rookie” parish, the first of his summer assignments and since that time Andrew has flourished in the Lord. He went on to serve St. Aloysius in Pottstown and most recently St. Eleanor in Collegeville. Ordained a Deacon in May of 2021, he will complete his study to the priesthood and God-willing be ordained a priest in May. I’m delighted that Deacon Andrew will be with us to preach our 40 Hours. See the schedule below and mark your calendars. Help

us to welcome Deacon Andrew.

Finally, the Theme of our Forty Hours and the coming Lenten Season is CALLED FOR MORE. This theme can resonate with us in various ways. But as we come out of the Pandemic, it’s worth our careful examination. To assist with that, our parish together with every parish in the Archdiocese will be participating in the DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX. This survey is proven to assist parishes and Archdioceses in concretizing where we are at this time and help plan for the future. In the coming weeks, you will have the opportunity to participate in this 15 minute survey and I ask that you do so. I’m grateful for parishioner Ed Zaloga for spear-heading this initiative here and I look forward to the results.

In the meantime, ready yourself for Lent. Mark your calendars. And Be Well.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

40 HOURS AT ST PATRICK

SUNDAY, MONDAY, TUESDAY

March 6, 7, 8

Adoration All Day with 7PM Homily/Benediction

Please visit the Parish Website or Flocknote for more details and to sign up for an Adoration Time

The Marianist Family Retreat Center-A Retreat for Widows, March 11-13, 2022. Join with other widows as we look at our own individual stories for courage and wisdom. We hope to discover how in the sharing of our stories we continue to find strength and hope. There will be time for sharing in small groups, eucharist and other appropriate liturgies. Beach walks, socials and nice conversation are included! **Cost: \$145pp.** The retreat center is located in Cape May Point, NJ (609-884-3829). Sign up online or call to register. www.capemaymarianists.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Looking for an in-person or virtual experience getting closer to your spouse? Learn tools to revitalize romance and deepen communication in your marriage! There will be an in-person weekend in Wildwood, NJ May 13-15, 2022. Many more options for virtual events can be found on our website www.wwme-delmar.org.

For additional information, please call Tony and Linda Massino at 302-648-2228.

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