



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! We are familiar with the phrase, ***“misery likes company”*** and certainly, in our modern day, misery has a lot of it. There’s no shortage of “miserable” situations out there. While it may like company, what misery really needs is compassion, understanding and grace. In short, it needs Jesus and Jesus-filled people to respond to it.

In Lent, we look toward Jesus in His misery and we find His company. St Theresa of Avila said it this way:

*“When we are overcome by sadness, fear, or suffering;
when the pains of loss overwhelm us;
when evil seems to have taken power;
let us look to the cross and be filled with peace,
knowing that Christ has walked this road and walks it now with us
and with all our brothers and sisters.”*

Such looking is not just comforting to us but it transforms us so as to give to others. Looking upon His cross helps us to see Him in every cross. Thus, the power of Christian Faith.

Last week, I wrote about prayer, the importance of the daily examen. This week, consider the nature of penance and fasting. Through penance, we choose to be with Jesus, to come out of ourselves and to come over to Him. Fasting and penance has a form of feasting on Him so as to be available to others. Consider The Lenten Litany on Fasting and Feasting found in this bulletin. More than a poem, there is wisdom here and direction that can make our penance a real gift to others.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



St. Patrick’s Young
Adults Social

Saturday, March 13,
2021 at 6:00PM

Braeloch Brewing

Calling young adults, mid-20s to mid-30s, married and single! Have you always wondered how to befriend that other person or couple you see each week at Mass? Trying to contact with others your age from St. Pat’s? Join everyone at Braeloch Brewing (225 Birch Street) on Saturday, March 13 at 6:00PM for a casual meet up! Individual bar tabs for food and beverage. Children welcome. Please visit the parish website to RSVP. We hope to see you there.

Villa Maria Academy High School Spring Admissions Events

Learn about what the Villa Maria sisterhood has to offer! Villa Maria Academy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school in the tradition of the sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, invites young women in 6th and 7th grade to attend the school’s spring events. Located in Malvern, Villa Maria will offer a 7th Grade Practice Exam on Saturday, March 13, on campus. Additionally, two spring Virtual Preview Breakfast events will be held Tuesday, April 20 and Wednesday, April 28, for 6th and 7th grade students and their parents/guardians.

For more information or to register, please visit vmahs.org or contact the Admissions Office at 610-644-2551.