



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! With February now here, we find ourselves in the shortest month of the year but it sure can feel very long as the cold of winter continues. What's more, this year February may feel even longer as Spring Training Baseball may be delayed a Lockout/Strike. In light of that, I share a few hope-filled things not to be delayed but rather to be noted for your attention, care, and prayer.

#1) **FLOCKNOTE:** Six years this year, our parish first made use of the FLOCKNOTE Communication Platform. It's time to give it a boost. If you are reading this and are NOT signed-up for ST PATRICK FLOCKNOTE, I ask you to sign up now. Instructions are simple and can be found on the back page of the Church Bulletin. In signing up, you will be connected to the parish happenings/announcements. It is a safe, private and important way that we communicate to you, our parishioners.

#2) **SYNOD/CALLED FOR MORE/ DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX:** In 2018, our parish participated in an evaluation tool called the DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX. This was before our 2019 Jubilee and that INDEX helped shape the happenings of that happy year. In the coming month, we are doing it again: this time in coordination with the Archdiocese. This endeavor will: assist in the work of the International SYNOD taking place; provide a resource to the Archdiocese for planning; and afford us a greater grasp of who we are as a parish, our strengths, areas of growth especially after such a challenging two years. Be on the lookout for more information to be shared in the next few weeks.

#3) **DIRECTOR OF PARISH EDUCATION:** As announced via FLOCKNOTE two weeks ago, Marianne Kane, our Director of Religious Education, is retiring from that position in July 2022. This marks a significant change to our parish and I am asking for your prayers for the discernment and hiring process. By March, a job description will be ready to advertise. But already, I invite and ask for our entire parish to pray.

Lord, God, it is your will that we know, share and grow in your Gospel. And You assist us in that work. Grant our parish, your wisdom and grace as we seek a Director of Religious Education. May our hearts and the heart of this new hire be open to the Way of your Holy Spirit so our families and our young people may advance in the Way of Faith, Hope and Love. We Ask this through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

#4) **CONNECTOR:** In recent weeks, I've mentioned some planning for a new project for our Church/ School/Courtyard areas. It would greatly enhance our existing property with first-floor handicapped bathrooms for the Church, a larger narthex/vestibule, an interior heated/ac gathering space, a confessional room and magnificent façade to our Meredith Street Property. By the end of February, I hope to have a better scope of the project. But suffice it to say, it would provide a great asset and shot of hope not only for the immediate now but well into the future.

So keep these intentions in your prayers! An exciting and eventful SPRING does lie ahead.

Peace, Fr. Rogers

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"Among all the devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favored by so many miracles as the Rosary devotion."

~ Blessed Pope Pius IX

February Dates:

February 12

February 19

February 26

No SoulCore on 2/5/2022

Time:

9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Where:

St. Joseph Room

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries

Post-Abortion Healing Retreat

March 4-6, 2022

IHM Spirituality Center

Malvern, PA

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