



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised Be Jesus Christ! At this point in the Christmas Season, as the trees and lights disappear and the Season comes to a close, I'd like to express my gratitude to all who made this Christmas so special here at St. Patrick. That includes everyone who worshipped with us at home or in Church, but special thanks go to the following:

Our **Church Decorators** led by Marge Korn. Wednesday, December 22nd was an incredible day here in Church as a team of parishioners arrived at 7AM ready to decorate. By 12 Noon, the job was done and our beautiful Church was made even more beautiful, ready to welcome Christ Jesus. If I had just one dollar for every person who told me how beautiful the Church looked, I would be a rich man! My great thanks to our team of Church Decorators!

Our **Music Ministry** from our Adult and Children's Choirs to the Guitar Group and Owens Family and all the cantors ... how prayerful and joyful our music was. I heard some say, the best ever! My thanks not just for the quality but the quantity, our music ministry provided music for nine Masses over the course of three days.

Our **Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers and Priests**. Thank you. The Word was heard this year, good order kept and the Sacraments celebrated in such a meaningful way. To one and all, thanks!

Now, with today's Feast of the Lord's Baptism, two things happen: the Season of Christmas comes to a close and the reality of Christmas, God with Us, continues in us through Baptism.

Calendar Year 2021 saw a record number of baptism here at our parish: 38 Baptisms. That is the most we have had here in 10 Years. It's evidence of Life and Growth, Love and Grace at work in the human family here in Kennett Square. How beautiful and How Important! No doubt, we see that Life and Growth as we drive through the parish: New homes, developments and families are all around. Despite the increased traffic, etc. such growth is good. Societies and Towns where there is no growth have problems. What's important now is that the Love and Grace of God grow with it. And that's our job, our happy and sacred mission: To share the Love and Grace of Jesus Christ.

Having celebrated and witnessed his Love and Grace for us in this Christmas Season, I look forward to living and sharing that same Love and Grace with you in the year ahead! Thanks for sharing it with me.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers