



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! Over the past several weeks, as our country has experienced greater turmoil and restlessness, I have highlighted the heroic witness of Fr. Augustus Tolton, St. Katherine Drexel, St. Junipero Serra. All of whom lived in our beloved country and experienced the reality of racism first hand, not only in our land but in the Church. This week, I'm happy to add another name to that impressive list: the beautiful Native-American "Lily of the Mohawks", Saint, Kateri Tekawitha. Her feast is Tuesday and I recommend her story and friendship with all my heart. But in addition to that, I want to highlight for this week, Thursday's Feast, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel.

In recent weeks, I have heard it said that racism is America's Original Sin. While I don't think racism is unique to America, I think the reference to Original Sin is valid and can provide a way for us as Christians to approach this deep wound which is upon all of us. How did God deal with Original Sin? While the personal sin of Adam and Eve, He recognized it as something far more. It was the de-construction of His masterpiece, a wound that cut deep into His Creation. And in response, God went deep. He promised a Savior, a New Adam who would come to us thru a New Eve. In short, He began the saving work of redemption which continues now and which provides the reason for Christian Hope. We need as Christians to appreciate even more this deep work of God. Not only repenting of our own personal sin, but being ever more grounded in the Good News of Christ's victory as we live in the Garden of our Modern World. I share this in the context of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel because Carmel means the Garden of God. And despite all the dangers, Earth is God's Garden. And we need to be better stewards of our part in His Garden Work. Not blind to problems or fearful, but courageous men and women who cultivate the fruits of God's Victory.

St. Kateri Tekawitha and Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, pray for us.

Peace,
Fr. Rogers



The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of July 12 for Arthur Tuinstra, requested by Carl and Frances Tuinstra.



The Flame of Love Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 1:00PM in the Church.

Saturday, July 25, 2020 at 8:00AM-Save Our City's Children with Archbishop Perez. Join us as we unite in prayer with our new Archbishop to uphold the sanctity of life! The 8:00AM Mass at the Cathedral Chapel is followed by an ecumenical prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood on 12th & Locust. 236



Join St. Patrick Parish for a Family Movie Night!
Friday, July 24, 2020
(Rain date: Saturday, July 25)

Movie: "42"

In 1947, Jackie Robinson becomes the first African American to play in Major League Baseball in the modern era when he was signed by the Brooklyn Dodgers and faces considerable racism in the process.

Parish Grounds between Parish Office & Buffington House on Lafayette Street

Movie will begin at 8:30PM

BYO-Chair, blanket, snacks and beverages