



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This week, Major League Baseball returns to the ballparks. The long absence has been a strange one and the absence of fans in the stands this year may prove stranger still. Nevertheless,

baseball is back, Praise the Lord!

This week, we also celebrate the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene, the first disciple to see Jesus come back from the dead. How awesomely strange that must have been, to be the first to see the Risen Lord. Talk about a comeback! Yet that event, is the central even of our Christian Faith, the Resurrection of Jesus. And Mary Magdalene was there. Over the past several weeks, I have watched and re-watched Season 1 of "THE CHOSEN". I highly recommend it to all. It's a series that portrays the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the events of Jesus' Life, the unfolding of revelation. One of the interesting characters is Mary Magdalene. She's present not just at the end, at the Resurrection, but at the beginning. In fact, in this series, she is the first to encounter Jesus as Lord. He calls her by name, she is healed of her demons and she is never the same again. Jesus is there.

That my friends is the Good News and our Mission: To bring Jesus here. Mother Theresa said, ***Where Jesus is not, put Him there; Where there is not love, put love; Where there is no light, put light.*** This week, I invite you to join me in putting Jesus in our community in two very special ways. Specifically, to join me and the Christian Churches of Kennett Square in awareness and prayer to ask the Lord to bring himself into the wound of racism. Here's how:

1) ***COME TO OUR OUTDOOR MOVIE NIGHT.*** This Friday, at 8:30PM, we will be showing the movie 42, the Jackie Robinson Story. It will be held outside on our land behind the Church, plenty of social distancing room. Bring your own chair, bug spray and drinks. We'll watch this baseball movie which shows how Jackie Robinson dealt with the sin of racism. It's PG-13, because it deals with a serious issue, and has cursing. But it can provide good sober talk for parents and teenagers.

2) ***JOIN AN ON-LINE PRAYER SERVICE FOR RACIAL HEALING.*** Sunday, July 26 @6PM. The Churches of Kennett Square including our own will hold a special prayer service for our community. It will include a recognition of sin and readings from Scripture. We will plead God's Mercy and make an amendment of Life. We will put God where he is not and see what his Holy Spirit does.

How powerful, how important, how necessary.

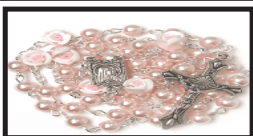
My friends, join me in this special week, let us be Christians together.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of July 19 for Rosemary Russo, requested by Carl and Frances Tuinstra.



Children's Rosary Group
will meet Monday, July 20
6:15-6:45PM
In Church
All are welcome

SAVE THE DATE

Join St. Patrick Parish and the First Baptist Church, Unionville Presbyterian Church, Episcopal Church of the Advent, Willowdale Chapel and the Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square for a Virtual Ecumenical Prayer Service for Racial Healing on Sunday, July 26 at 6:00PM.

The link and additional details can be found in the bulletin in the upcoming weeks. Please save the date and keep connected through Flocknote for further details.