



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! ***Before anything else, I ask that you join me and our area pastors this evening, Sunday at 6PM, for the Online Prayer Service for Racial Healing.*** Coordinated by eight of our local Churches, I could not be more proud of this initiative. It is not an exaggeration to say that thousands of

Christians live in the Kennett Square Area. That reality is a great blessing for our area and it gives us an opportunity to bless. So together we will do just that, as we gather in prayer to invoke God's blessing, mercy and healing upon our land, our community and one another. The wounds of injustice cry out for God's Presence and as Christians, we can invoke His Presence and whenever we do, good things happen. For more information and the link to join us, visit our website.

It was eight years ago this weekend that Msgr. Nelson Perez, the pastor of St. Agnes in W. Chester, was ordained an auxiliary Bishop of Long Island, New York. I'm certain that he never dreamed that the Lord would bring him back to Philadelphia as our Archbishop. But it happened! Last weekend, Archbishop Perez received the Pallium, a piece of fabric, worn over the shoulders of a major Archbishop, woven with lamb's wool and blessed by the Holy Father. In the words of Pope Francis, the pallium is "a sign of unity between the sheep and the Shepherd who, like Jesus carries the sheep on his shoulders, so as never to be separated from it."

During last Sunday's Mass, the Papal Nuncio of the United States delivered a passionate homily addressed not only to our Archbishop, but to the entire Church of Philadelphia. As pastor, I share a portion of his words here with you. Next weekend, marks five years since my Installation as Pastor of St. Patrick. I pray that these words may convict all of us in heeding the great call to discover, welcome and love God's Kingdom:

*Your Excellency, the Faith has been in a process of maturation in this Ecclesiastical Province for more than two hundred years. The contributions of the lay faithful, the bishops, priests and religious cannot go unrecognized, and yet in recent years the spiritual and cultural patrimony of the Church in this region has been clouded by shadows, obscured by sin and darkness. It will be your task as Metropolitan Archbishop to help the Bishops and People of God rediscover the beauty of the Faith, to rejoice anew in finding this hidden treasure. The person who does the discovering must have the desire for the search and the determination to invest all his energy in the endeavor for the sake of great gain in the end (the harvest, the bread, the precious things mentioned in these parables).*

*The vocation and mission of a Pastor is challenging and rewarding. At its core, it helps people see that in the hands of God, everything is different – that living in communion with Christ is more than something merely human; that the Church as the family of God lives mercy, love, and communion; that the family of God is called and sent to help others discover the hidden treasure of faith.*

Peace,

Fr. Rogers



The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of July 26 for John Tuinstra, requested by Carl & Frances Tuinstra.

#### 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.



It is time to submit your scheduling dates for the upcoming fiscal year and reserve your meeting space. The calendar will run from August, 2020 thru July, 2021.

**NO LATER THAN JULY 31, 2020**