



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! A Happy Fathers' Day to all our dads! We remember them all in the Masses this weekend and will continue to pray for them throughout the next several weeks. In many countries Fathers' Day is fittingly celebrated on March 19th, the Feast of St. Joseph. But here in the USA, we save it for this 3rd Sunday of June, perhaps to off-set the celebration of Mothers' Day a month earlier. Whatever the reason, there is a happy coincidence this year in that Fathers' Day falls on Corpus Christi Sunday: The day when we honor and call to mind the Mystery of the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of our Lord! His Real Presence, Sacrifice and Providence which hopefully is experienced in the reality of our Fathers. Of course, this is not always the case and it does seem that the reality of Father-less-ness is more common than not in our American Culture. Certainly, it is a big source of many of the problems that plague our society. How good it is on this weekend, then, to honor and salute the **SOURCE & SUMMIT of our Catholic Faith, the Self-Gift of Jesus for us in the Eucharist**. In the midst of all the roaring waves, Jesus is present in the Eucharist reminding us that He is more powerful than all. His great desire to heal, renew and unify the Church and the world is real, as is His Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever;

and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world. JOHN 6:51

Because the Church needs healing and the world needs the Church, the Bishops of the United States have called for a Eucharistic Revival and it begins this weekend. This is no ordinary initiative, a flash-in-the-pan experience. Rather it is an effort to unite us once again around the source and summit of our faith—the Holy Eucharist. The National Eucharistic Revival is the joyful, expectant, grassroots response of the entire Catholic Church in the U.S. to this divine invitation. It is a vocation, our Vocation to union with God. This specific revival allows three years for discernment, encounter, and grassroots response on the diocesan, parish, and individual levels. Here at St. Patrick, we will have various endeavors to mark this revival: A Theme which will be highlighted in the Fall, Opportunities for education, a regular section in the Bulletin on Eucharistic Etiquette and much more. Of course, this is all about letting God possess more of us and growing in greater Holy Communion with Him in every aspect of our lives. For now, I highlight a few resources here: www.Eucharisticrevival.org or www.phillyeucharisticrevival.org

Perhaps you can check them out. But most of all, Let's praise God for the Source and Summit of our Christian Life: Jesus Real presence in the Eucharist!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

A BONFIRE ON THURSDAY EVENING

Did you know that it is an ancient tradition of the Church to build a bonfire on the night of June 23, the Vigil of St. John the Baptist's Birth?

Well, I did not know it either...But I learned of that last year, so this Thursday, you are cordially invited to join us for a Bonfire to mark the occasion, learn some history and enjoy the company of good friends. Smores will be available!

Bring a chair...we'll have the bonfire in the Fr. Sharrett Courtyard.

7PM till 8:30PM

