



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! With the first full week of June now here, a few parish updates as we enter Summer time!

- 1) This coming Saturday, we celebrate the Ordination of Alan Haley. Alan will be ordained a deacon at the Cathedral Basilica and the following day will preach at the 9AM Mass here at St. Patrick. You can watch his Ordination live on-line on the Archdiocese Website. Following the Mass, Alan will receive his appointment letter from the Bishop and I do hope that it will read St. Patrick, Kennett Square! If you would like to join us for the Sunday Luncheon we will have for him here, please contact the parish office ASAP.
- 2) Fr. Ryan Nguyen, one of our former summer seminarians and now a newly ordained priest, will be with us next Saturday to offer the Vigil Mass.
- 3) In light of various new happenings here this summer, I've decided to say "no" to mentorship for a seminarian this year. As much as I enjoy that experience, this summer will find me welcoming several new people onto our parish team. Maria Miller, our new Director of Religious Education, and Deacon Alan (I hope) will be with us too. In addition, I'll be taking a retreat for a week in July and completing a week-long class in Spiritual Direction. Perhaps, next summer, we will welcome a seminarian.
- 4) Our Parish Pastoral Council is looking for three new members this summer. I would ask you to consider this invitation. In the current time, our council is assessing and laying out a plan for our parish moving forward, in light of our parish survey. Those survey results along with some other initiatives will be laid out in the coming months. If you feel a desire to serve and are interested in sharing your talents, consider Pastoral Council.
- 5) A few weeks ago, I wrote in regards to forming a work group to discuss what a post-roe parish church could look like. And specifically, how to better support women and families who find themselves in difficult pregnancies. A work-group is now forming. Be on the look-out this summer for more information.
- 6) Finally, perceptive eyes may notice the stone on the side of the Church building. Our plans for a major Church Project are coming together and by summer's end, I hope to have a BIG announcement. Please keep that in your prayer.

Continued gratitude for your goodness!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

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**St. Patrick Welcomes
Father Ryan Nguyen
Saturday, June 11, 2022
Celebrating the 5:00 PM Vigil**