



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! One of the beautiful aspects of the Lenten Season is its ***communal character***. This was on display in a powerful way in our Church on Ash Wednesday and if you were with us that day, you experienced it. With standing room only at all 3 Masses, people patiently waiting in line for ashes, seeing the long line of people of all ages and variety, there was no doubt that we have entered a Season in which we are not alone, but we are with many. We enter this Season with many people, as God’s People, the Church, each and every one of us! Praise God!

In the desert, Jesus may have been alone 40 days in prayer and fasting, being tempted by the devil, but we were on His mind. He did that for us, to give us hope, to reveal His power. In Lent, we are not alone. Jesus is with us and we are with one another. How important and beautiful this is to remember, to know and to believe.

This week, we have an opportunity to experience this once again in our Parish Mission. I encourage you to come to the Mission, use this as a special time, a retreat time, a time to receive God’s Love. Together, we will hear a different voice from the pulpit, a good voice that will challenge and encourage us in our Christian Walk. We have invited other parishes and I know that people are coming in from afar to listen to the preaching and the words of Fr. Emmerich.

In addition, this week, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia is having a CONFESSION WEEKEND, Friday and Saturday. Confessions will be heard Friday, March 10th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm and 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Then again on Saturday, March 11th 9:00 am – 11:00 am at St. Gabriel’s in Avondale. Take advantage of this Archdiocesan Wide, Communal experience of coming back to the Lord, with your sins and walking away in His Saving Grace.

Finally, so many are taking advantage of living this Lent with and for others. From our daily Mass attendance to the Stations of the Cross, many are joining us in prayer, in sacrifice and in charity. Each Tuesday Evening, our Bible Study on St. Mark’s Gospel has 19 people in attendance. They are learning about our faith and it’s historical, divine roots. We have a total of 80 people meeting each night of the week in Small Groups.

For all of this, we give thanks. We keep aware of our community and our beautiful opportunity to live this Holy Season well.

May God continue the good work He has begun in us for the Salvation of those in need.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

ST. PATRICK PARISH MISSION

Eucharistic Principles of the Spiritual Life

March 6 - March 9, 2023

Fr. Emmerich comes to St. Patrick for the Mission to reflect on the goodness, beauty, and truth of the faith with which God has gifted us.



FR. EMMERICH VOGT, OP

<p><u>Monday thru Thursday</u> Two Daily Options Morning Conference: 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM or Evening Conference: 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p>	<p>Daily Mass 7:30 AM</p> <p>Confessions after Morning Conference</p>	<p><u>Monday thru Wednesday</u> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM</p>
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ST. PATRICK PARISH WELCOMES FR. EMMERICH VOGT, OP.

Please join us this week for our Parish Mission:

Consider attending Mass (please note there is no 7 PM Mass this Wednesday), attend one of Fr. Emmerich’s conferences, make a good confession, and visit with our Eucharistic Lord. Of note, this Mission WILL NOT be Livestreamed. All conferences will take place in person in Church.

Although NO SIGN UP is required to participate for any part of the Mission, a sign up has been created to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. If your schedule permits, please consider making an appointment with our Lord and sign up for an Adoration time by visiting our parish website or www.signupgenius.com/go/stpatsmission2023.

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