



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised be Jesus Christ! A Happy Lent to each of you! If those two words “Happy Lent” sound strange together, you may be a bit like me. They do seem strange. More harmonious is “Sad Lent”, Yet “Happy Lent” is the more truth-filled greeting. For this entire Season is in the business of orienting us to a Happiness, a Blessedness beyond this world. And it has begun!

The vehicles that move us toward this Happiness are Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving. And the goal is Generosity. So on this First Sunday of Lent, in this First Week, I share with you here below a beautiful prayer for generosity from St. Ignatius. Make use of this prayer, pray it from the heart and see how it convicts you to live more

fully this week.

This week, be sure to join us for our 40 Hours Devotion. Fr. Dilulio will be preaching each evening at 7PM. It will be like a parish retreat. In addition, fill out the Disciple Maker Index. And pray for our confirmation students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Saturday. Lot’s happening here, May God be Praised! Happy Lent!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

**Prayer for Generosity from St. Ignatius**

Lord, teach me to be generous.  
 Teach me to serve you as you deserve;  
 to give and not to count the cost,  
 to fight and not to heed the wounds,  
 to toil and not to seek for rest,  
 to labour and not to ask for reward,  
 save that of knowing that I do your will. Amen.



**INTRODUCING THE SYNOD**

***Called to Build a Synodal Church, Called for More***

Pope Francis invites the whole Church to participate in the preparatory process for the upcoming Synod of Bishops on Synodality (October 2023). This unprecedented opportunity will

facilitate discussion and reflection to help shape the Church’s understanding of herself and her mission of evangelization and forming disciples.

Don’t miss the chance to participate in the local synodal process. Archbishop Perez is inviting all Catholics to participate in this global opportunity. Engagement sessions are being offered throughout the Archdiocese. Participants can attend any of the 26 engagement sessions held at a variety of times and locations, including 9 sessions offered virtually through Zoom and 16 sessions offering in-person at parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Registration is necessary to ensure adequate space for in-person sessions or to receive a Zoom link for virtual sessions. For more information about the Synod and to register, visit

[www.archphila.org/synod](http://www.archphila.org/synod)

**The sessions closest to St. Patrick are as follows:**

- Sunday, March 20, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM  
St. Peter Parish, 2835 Manor Road, West Brandywine, PA 19321
- Saturday, April 2, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM  
St. Cornelius Parish, 1060 Ridge Road, Chadds Ford, PA 19317
- Sunday, April 3, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (YOUNG ADULT SESSION)  
Connelly Center, Villanova University, 800 Lancaster Ave, Villanova, PA 19085 236



**IT’S OFFICIAL –  
 THE PARISH SURVEY IS  
 NOW OPEN!**

All parishioners ages high school age and older are invited to participate in a parish survey conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. Please take time to visit our parish website and complete this survey. We are trying to get the highest response rate as possible and set parish goal to have 500 responses by April 4. As such, we need your help!

**A few key points:**

- The survey takes **10-15 minutes to complete** and will provide a great benefit to both our parish and to you, personally.
- All responses are **confidential**.
- The survey can be **accessed online from March 2 - April 4** at [www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org](http://www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org) or you can download a paper copy.
- Paper surveys will also be available in the back of Church or please see a member of Parish Council out front of Church after Mass this weekend.
- Completed paper surveys may be returned to the box in the back of Church labeled “DMI PARISH SURVEY” or to the Parish Office.

**THIS WEEKEND ONLY....**

***You can take the survey after Sunday Mass with a cup of coffee and a donut in St. Joseph Room. Laptops and tablets will be available for parishioner use and paper copies will also be available!***

**Thank you for helping with this important project!**