



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised be Jesus Christ! Each year, the Church provides an entire Season to ready us for the Coming of God at Christmas. That Season, called Advent, is familiar to us all. Far less familiar is the time we find ourselves in right now...this time when we await the coming of God at Pentecost. And while not a whole Liturgical Season, what a beautiful week we are now in, this week before Pentecost, when we can prepare to receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is as much God as Jesus is God! And He is coming upon the earth! How best to prepare? Simply welcome Him "Come, Holy Spirit". Expect Him, be on the look-out, make room for the Holy Spirit. Perhaps pray a novena, call to mind the Fruits and Gifts of God the Holy Spirit and ask Him to share them with you. So much of life is crowded, busy and filled up and yet, so many do not know the fullness of God. So many are empty. This week, allow your hearts to desire the fullness of God, for He arrives next week!

Speaking of arrival, next week, we will welcome Deacon Ryan Nguyen to our parish. Ryan was with us all last year and now he will be back as a DEACON, ready to preach at the 5PM Mass. That Mass will be live streamed. Deacon Ryan has been assigned to serve as a Deacon at St. Bede's Parish in Holland, Bucks County. He will be there this summer and the weekends of the coming school year. We wish Deacon Ryan, every good blessing. Deacon Andrew Auletta has been assigned to St. Eleanor Church in Collegeville. Hoping to welcome him here soon.

At this time, I'm happy to announce that we will be receiving another seminarian to live here at St. Patrick's for this summer. His name is Randy Kraft. Randy arrives June 1st and will be with us thru the summer, then on the Thursdays of the school year. Like Ryan last year, Randy just completed his Second Year of Theology Studies and has two more years to go! Randy is studying for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and with you, I look forward to welcoming and meeting him in June.

A word of thanks to all who have remembered or will remember the Little Sisters of the Poor. Any donations and envelopes dedicated to them will be forwarded to them at the end of May. Next week, the KACS FOOD TRUCK will be outside of Church awaiting all of our food donations. In years past, we were able to fill the truck. Let's do the same next week! Bring your canned and dry food items to Church next weekend!

Finally, we are looking for two new members for our Pastoral Council. It's a three year appointment and gives a chance for parishioners to see a different side of parish ministry. Pastoral Council provides a birds-eye view of parish happenings but also helps to form and shape parish activities, planning and undertakings. This year, we will be looking more carefully at our parish facilities and properties, as well as our outreach to families and young people. It would be terrific to get some parishioners with interest in these items on board as we continue to advance our mission and vision of Sharing the Good News.

Grateful to all who have donated toward the STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT. Still waiting word as to when that will begin.

Enjoy this week! COME, HOLY SPIRIT!

Peace,

Fr. Rogers