



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! As we arrive to the last weekend of May and enter the month of June, the days are at their longest and we engage in the important exercises of **remembering and welcoming**. Both of which are important acts and have special meaning for us this week.

1) Remembering: On this Memorial Day Weekend, we remember with our whole country, those men and women who served and gave their lives in service. But here in Kennett Square, our remembering is personal as our town salutes one of our own, Artilo "Tillie" J. DiAndrea, Sr. Tillie was not only a lifetime Kennett Squarian but a St. Patrick Parishioner. He served in the Army under General Patton in the Battle of the Bulge in the 86th Blackhawk heavy weapons division. Tillie passed away in 2020 and while there will not be a parade this year, the traditional Kennett Square Memorial Day ceremonies will honor Tillie DiAndrea with a service at our cemetery. I encourage all of you to attend this beautiful tribute at 11AM on Monday. Let's exercise some St. Patrick Pride, American Pride and Christian Hope. Let's salute and remember all those who served.

2) Welcoming: This week, we welcome Randy Kraft to our parish family. Randy is a Philadelphia Seminarian who has been assigned to our parish for this year. He is entering his third year of theology and God willing will be ordained a deacon in May of 2022. Randy is the fourth seminarian to live and work with us at St. Pat's and will make a great addition to our community. While here, he will visit homes and neighborhoods, learn things that the seminary/classroom cannot teach him and he will be present at all the special moments of people's lives. As we see the witness of these young seminarians, perhaps it could evoke the vocation in others. Moms and Dads, do not be afraid to invite your sons to be priests to consider God's Call. How beautiful it is to welcome Jesus!

These two acts of remembering and welcoming are truly human acts. They exercise the mind, will and body in healthy ways. And after a year of pandemic, we all need some form of exercise. The lack of it has taken a toll on many and it is felt in the body and spirits of many. The amount of depression, anxiety and fear in our parish homes has skyrocketed; the lethargy and sloth has taken its toll. Realizing this, I encourage all of you in these summer months to get out, exercise and care for the body. Summer is a great time for that.

One way of doing this is joining our SoulCore Program. I am so very happy to welcome SOULCORE to our parish. Heather Smalley, a member of our parish, has pursued certification and is now making this wonderful program available to us and I'm excited to see what it might produce. In our Gnostic world, Soul Core is a great vehicle to help us grow in true strength, right faith and in more perfect love of God and others.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

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