



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ and a Heartfelt Happy Mothers' Day to all our beloved moms: Including all those women who have mothered us in life; whose feminine presence has not only enabled but enriched our lives. In a culture that espouses the fluidity of gender and tries to replace motherhood, Mothers' Day is a great reminder and panacea for our times. Motherhood is an absolutely irreplaceable gift of God most high! Cardinal Mindszenty said it best:

“The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral -a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. .. What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?”

~ Venerable Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty

Some items to note for this week:

- 1) Monday to Wednesday, all the priests of the Archdiocese will be on our bi-annual Convocation in Hershey, PA. This gathering with our Archbishop provides a chance for us priests to pray together, speak with one another and be with our Archbishop in a fraternal way. The theme of this year’s Convocation is **“Discerning Our Path of Hope Together”**. We will hear from Fr. Mark Toups about “Remaining Rooted in Our Priestly Identity” and Dan Celucci from Catholic Leadership Institute. Some of those talks include Building Hope in Priestly and Parish Life. Please keep me and all the priests in your prayers this week. I’m grateful to Fr Sharrett who will cover the Tuesday morning Mass for me here this week.
- 2) This Saturday is Ordination Day for Randy Kraft and Phong Le. I strongly encourage you to set a reminder to watch their ordination on the Archdiocese website. A link will be provided in this week’s Flocknote as well. Remember these good men and their families in your prayers this week. It is a very joyful day for the Church and for St. Patrick who helped to form these men.
- 3) Finally, as we enter this Week 2 of May, be sure to draw near to our Blessed Mother. Join us on Sundays for the Rosary on Zoom and make room for our Blessed Mother in your car ride, your day time and your heart. She has many graces to give and we need them all.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

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FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

With the PA Primary Election approaching, a reminder of our duty as citizens to vote and our duty as Catholic Christians to form our conscience properly. This requires knowing who we are voting for especially in matters of human life. Christian Faith is not limited to Church.

I encourage you to make use of Voting Guides that list positions of the candidates. Political Leaflets left on cars or in Church during/ after Mass are not from the church and should be discarded.

**HAPPY
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