



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This Sunday, October 4 marks the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. By most accounts, Francis is one of the most universally celebrated of saints. Yet, at the same time he is so little known. Often relegated to gardens and bird baths, the truth is that Francis was a radical reformer, a stigmatic, a Christ-marked man. His story is worth

knowing and ignorance of it does serious harm to those who celebrate him. The same can be said of almost anything. Ignorance is fertile ground for abuse especially by those in authority. This brings me to an important item of our day: Religious Freedom.

Some define freedom of religion as the mere freedom of worship. Thus, relegating faith and religion to the confines of a church, a mosque, a temple. (Like Francis in the birdbath.) But our Founding Fathers, Constitution and certainly our Church have a much wider view. Religious freedom is the freedom to live one’s faith in every aspect of life, both in and out of Church, while always respecting the freedom of others. (Like Francis on the streets of Assisi). Religious Freedom enables so many wonderful things and the absence of that freedom creates so much harm.

I close with a listing of some of the many blessings that our Catholic Christian Faith has been to the world beyond Church and from Church. And ask that among all the important issues on the ballot, you remember the importance of religious freedom.

Thanks.

Fr. Rogers

**PRAY A PUBLIC ROSARY**

You are invited to pray a Rosary on the sidewalk next to St. Patrick’s Religious Education Center on **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10 AT 12PM** to commemorate the 103rd anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. Everyone is welcome-including non-Catholics and children. FREE Rosaries will be provided. Contact Susan at 610-388-6334.

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**SANCTUARY CANDLE**

The Sanctuary Candle will burn the week of October 4, 2020 for intentions of the Stingel Family, requested by Ken Stingel.

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**BLOOD DRIVE**

We would like to thank all our donors who participated in our Blood Drive on September 17. We had 34 donors come out to donate and collected 29 donations. The donations will go on to help 87 local area hospital patients.

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**ST. PATRICK CHURCH CLEANING TEAM**

The House of the Lord humbly asks for an hour of your time once a month to help refresh his Sacred Church. Laughter and joy will surely fill your hearts. **WHEN: THURSDAY MORNINGS AFTER THE 7:30AM MASS, ONCE A MONTH.**

Have some time? Thank you for your consideration. Please contact the parish office if you are interested or would like to learn more. Shout to the Lord for He is good!

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**“THE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER STAYS TOGETHER”**

Join the St. Patrick Parish Family online, by phone, or in spirit as we pray the Rosary on Sunday evenings at 7:00PM via Zoom. Each week there will be different guest hosts and special intentions. We hope that you will join us beginning this Sunday, October 4 as we ask the miraculous intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary for the needs of our parish, our community and our world. Please visit the Parish Website or refer to your Parish Flocknote for more details and how to log-in.

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**FREE FLU SHOTS**

Rite Aid Pharmacy will be at St. Patrick Church on Sunday, October 18 from 10AM-12PM to provide the flu shot at no cost for those in need. Flu shots will be given in the church basement with appropriate health and safety procedures in the age of COVID. Rite Aid asked that we provide a list of names for those who plan to receive the flu shot. In order to receive this service, St. Patrick must guarantee a minimum of 20 persons. Please register online or call the parish office. This service will be cancelled if we do not receive enough registrations. 236