

My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! My heartfelt thanks to everyone who made last weekend’s Parish Ministry Involvement Fair such a wonderful experience. From the weather to the worship, the people to the pretzels, what a wonderful weekend and a visible display of who we are and what we do here at St. Patrick: Receiving and Giving the Love of God in so many unique ways. Special thanks to Jen Keller, our Director of Parish Engagement, for organizing and making the event possible. And to each of our ministry leaders who rallied the troops, my special thanks. If you missed it last weekend, you can still grab a ministry guidebook and find ways of being involved here at St. Patrick.

This Sunday falls on the 19<sup>th</sup> of the Month and that gives us a special opportunity to salute St. Joseph. This Universal Year of St. Joseph continues in the Church and here locally this month we pray: **For all those who teach and pass on the Catholic Faith especially to children.** This is a fitting intention as families begin the School Year and as we begin our Religious Education Program today. At the same time, it’s a great reminder that Catholic Faith is taught and passed down not just in the classroom but first and foremost in the family. St. Joseph is a terrific model of such witness, passing down and teaching faith to His Son, Our Savior!

Here in our Church, we are blessed by the stained glass window on the right, closest to St. Joseph which depicts this truth of teaching/learning. It depicts the Child Jesus in the Carpenter Shop and communicates a wisdom that should not be overlooked, namely the value of witness. Is it not ironic/providential that the very tools (wood, hammer and nails) that Jesus worked with as a child/young man with His Foster Father would be used to effect our salvation, his obedience to the Eternal Father?

As we enter into this month, let us consider once again the value of our witness and allow our Lord to teach and lead us in all things closer to His Kingdom. In the coming weeks, Fr. Connolly will be here to offer two talks on St. Francis DeSales and St. Joseph, I encourage you to attend those sessions and for your own prayer this week, you might consider listening to country music singer Rodney Atkins, his song **Watching You** is worth the listen!

Peace,

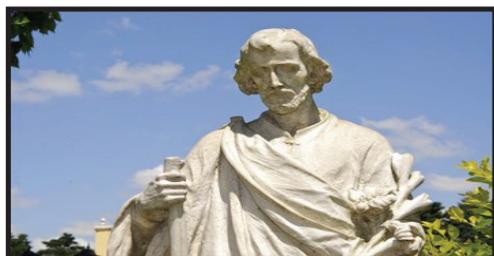
Fr. Rogers

Pope Francis declared 2020-2021 a year dedicated to St. Joseph! What a mysterious figure in salvation history! What do we know about this man, St. Joseph? And what are we to derive from him in our own times? St. Francis de Sales had some fascinating ideas about this shadowy figure who played such a significant role in salvation history. Why is St. Joseph the Patron of the Universal Catholic Church? And what does that mean for us today? Come and explore this “mystery man”!

Come and appreciate what St. Joseph means for our world and for each of us!

Father Michael Connolly, O.S.F.S. Series

After 12 Noon Mass Sunday, October 24 and 31



**Stand for Life with St. Patrick Church**

**Respect Life Sunday**

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**Respect Life Chain**

**2:30PM-3:30PM**

Please join us this day along both sides of Cypress Street for a powerful, prayerful and peaceful demonstration to defend LIFE. Please join your fellow St. Patrick parishioners to bear witness and share with the Kennett Square community your commitment to the culture of life.

