



My Dear Parishioners,

Greetings and Praised be Jesus Christ! With Election Day 2020 one month away, I'd like to take a moment to address a few items in that regard:

#1) The Church does not endorse any candidate for election. Rather, we stress the importance of voting **for issues not candidates** and this is a serious moral duty. Thus, we have an obligation to be informed about the issues and in the coming weeks that is our responsibility. To assist in that regard, I will make available shortly the approved Voter's Guide provided by the PA Conference of Catholic Bishops. This guide lists many of the important issues in this election as they relate human life and human rights. Be on the lookout and familiarize yourself with it in the time ahead.

#2) Once you have informed yourself of the issues and positions held, one has a duty to follow his/her well-formed conscience. A well-formed conscience for the Catholic Christian is one that has been formed under the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, studying Scripture and honestly informing oneself about the moral teachings of the Catholic Church. Such a conscience recognizes that while there are many issues to be considered, not all issues carry the same moral weight. In addition, the moral obligation to oppose policies promoting intrinsically evil acts has a special claim on our consciences and our actions. Preeminent among all these intrinsically evil acts are abortion and euthanasia.

#3) Finally, having informed yourself and formed your conscience according to the Gospel, it is your duty to simply vote.

Throughout this time, let us turn to the Lord in prayer for our country and for all those who are on the ballot. And let us turn to one another with the charity and patience that love demands. We can respectfully disagree with another, but we can never respectfully hate or resent. While here on earth, as Christians, we are "the King's good servant but God's first" and we have the happy call of doing our best to live the Gospel well here on earth --- both in and out of the voter's booth --- so as to enjoy God's goodness forever in heaven.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

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The 2020 fall 40 Days for Life campaign begins Wednesday, September 23 and runs through Sunday, November 1. This is an internationally coordinated 40 day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40 day, 12 hour a day prayer vigil outside Planned Parenthood in West Chester. It is a peaceful and educational presence.

Do you feel called to stand witness during this year's campaign? If so, please stand alongside your fellow parishioners of St. Patrick Church on Thursday, October 1 as we co

-sponsor a day of prayerful vigil with our brothers and sisters from St. Patrick Church in Malvern On this day, we seek **volunteers to offer one hour** of their time between the hours of 7:00AM-7:00PM to stand prayerfully and peacefully outside of Planned Parenthood located at 8 S. Wayne Street, West Chester. Those interested in participating are first asked to read and agree to sign a **Statement of Peace**.

To sign up to participate in this worthy cause and to get more details and information about 40 Days for Life, please see the St. Patrick website:

www.stpatrickkennettsquare.org