



My Dear Parishioners,

Praised be Jesus Christ! This past Monday, the topic at our weekly RCIA class was “The Church”. In teaching that class and reflecting on the subject as found in Catechism, I was deeply moved and thought to myself and aloud: **“Wow! How beautiful the Catholic Church is! And how under-appreciated, overlooked and misunderstood she can be!** (Even by priests!). I suppose there are many reasons for this. For starters, we who make up the Church are flawed people! But nevertheless, as Church, we are His Body, His Bride, His Spouse and that IS THE TRUTH.

So this week, I want to take the opportunity to do three things:

- 1) Express my thanks to all of you who are the Body of Christ here in Kennett Square and who serve His Body so well: From Coffee and Donuts to church cleaners to Catechists. A lot of volunteer service is done to here to transmit, share and live JESUS on a daily basis.
- 2) For several years, we listed the names of our parish council members in the bulletin. They are fully initiated Catholics in good standing who advise and assist in parish decision making. I welcome more such people at the table and value their expertise. As we ready our parish to take the next step in a big --Church Addition Project-- I share the names of our parish council members:

Pastoral Council: Deacon Alan, Marie Elliott, Jen Keller, Maria Miller, Jeannie Astifan, Ed Zaloga, Dave Bolton, Tony Basilio, Jim Jennings and AnneMarie DeCarolis.

Finance Council: Fr. Rogers, Doug Singo, Marie Elliott, Arlene Shock, Mike Piergalline, Ed Sarno.

- 3) Finally, for all the scandal, bad news and prejudice against the Church. Keep this in mind. Every single day the Catholic Church feeds, houses, and clothes more people, takes care of more sick people, visits more prisoners, and educates more people than any other institution on the face of the earth. That’s something to be proud of and it’s time to be proud in being Catholic.

Peace,

Fr. Rogers

**CLARITY IN A CONFUSED WORLD-A FORUM ON THE
TRANSGENDER PHENOMENON INFLUENCING OUR CULTURE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022**

ST. PETER CHURCH, 2835 MANOR ROAD, WEST BRANDYWINE, PA

9:00AM-4:45PM-LUNCH IS PROVIDED

\$20 PER PERSON-\$30 PER COUPLE

WHO SHOULD ATTEND? Parents, Educators, Clergy, Youth Ministers, Legal Professionals, Medical Professionals, Mental Health Professionals

WHY SHOULD YOU ATTEND? The Transgender Movement has been sweeping across our country largely through social media and our schools.

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ST. JOHN CARDINAL NEWMAN, PRAY FOR US

One of the leading Churchman of the 18th Century was a convert to Catholicism and October 9 is his feast day. It’s the day when St. Cardinal Newman entered full communion with the Catholic Church. In doing so, he lost friends, prestige but gained peace in mind and conscience. He wrote: “Catholicism, is a deep matter-you cannot take it up in a teacup.” I consider the Roman Catholic Communion the Church of the Apostles.” For Newman, Roman Catholicism didn’t just claim to offer the truth; it was the Truth. He had dedicated his whole life to the pursuit of truth, wherever it might lead. Change is never an easy thing, but for Newman it was an essential component of authentic personal growth.

He wrote: “In a perfect world it may be otherwise, but here below to grow is to change, and to be perfect means to have changed often.” May God grant us the grace to become perfected. 236