



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK
Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: SEPTEMBER 4-5, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

STAFF DAY — This past Wednesday, the Core Staff gathered for a day of prayer and planning as we look to the year ahead. We are not trying to make more work, but to work smarter and more creatively as we look to the future. Hopefully, as a parish, our efforts in building new relationships and reflecting on our ministries will foster greater vitality and faith development.

The first part of the day focused on The “Renew My Church” (RMC) Initiative and its implications for St. Patricia. While we are a “stand alone parish,” we are still expected to “read the signs of the times and take up the work of renewal,” as the RMC Vision Statement articulates. “We are called to renew the confidence of our bold traditions, adapting our parish model for our ‘new missionary age.’”

The second part of our time together was taking care of more immediate concerns regarding meeting dates and clarifying roles and responsibilities.

Finally, we socialized over lunch and celebrated Mass together.

LEADERSHIP NIGHT — I plan to gather all the Parish Leadership together on Wednesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. to celebrate our accomplishments and review some of the goals for the year. The “Renew My Church” Document will be reviewed and discussed. The Parish Pastoral Council and Staff will be invited to help organize the evening. And yes, all interested parishioners are welcome to attend. Please call the rectory to register. The evening will permit me to become acquainted with all of you and understand how best we can begin to implement the RMC goals and objectives. Remember, these first steps will take time to become an integral part of the parish culture. I am sure you have heard the wise saying: “Rome wasn’t built in day!” With this being said, we have to start somewhere and be patient as we move through the ups and downs, which is part of any major endeavor.

INSTALLATION MASS — I am pleased to announce that my Installation Mass will be on Saturday, October 2, at the 4:00 p.m. Mass. Bishop Andrew Wypych will be the presider. A reception will follow. More information will be forthcoming.

Finally, I want you to know that in the little time I am with you, I find your support of St. Patricia Parish and School as truly amazing and a concrete way in which you build the Kingdom of God right here in our own country and in our own time.

Amid so much uncertainty, pain and conflict that we have witnessed in these past few months and weeks, Catholic faith communities like ours are ensuring that prayer, sacrifice and hope never dies. You have continued to bear witness to the power of God's love in your households, in our school and religious education program, and on the streets of this community.

Enjoy the Labor Day weekend, and stay safe! - *Fr. Mike Meany*

