

A Word from Father Victor ...



December 31, 2017

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Another year will have passed by Monday and we continue to unfold our personal stories and our journey as a faith community and family. We pray that 2018 will lead us closer and deeper in our relationship with God and, by God's bountiful blessings, our lives may bear more fruits and more meaning. Happy new year to everyone!

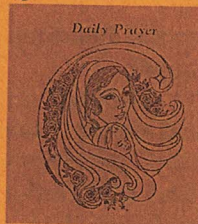
The celebration of the feast of the Holy family invites us to reflect on the extraordinary witness to spousal love and parental care. We see on this family the simplicity of life and the strength that comes from their faith and their support for one another. They found their happiness and comfort not in material things but in their availability and solidarity with one another. They were not defined by earthly values but was founded in faith, loving relationships and simplicity.

Let us welcome the new year reminded by Jesus, Joseph and Mary about the values that truly matter in life. Let us begin anew recognizing how blessed we are with persons whose lives are impacted and impacts our lives as well. We are grateful that God is with us and continue to bless us. Let us rediscover our gifts and our capabilities.

Let us do every effort to be a family and a community, journeying to joyfully discover Jesus in our and through each other's lives!

For Your Spiritual Journey ...

You will find little blue booklets called 'DAILY PRAYER' on the tables behind the pews and on the kiosk. Feel free to take and use them daily in your own prayer time. We hope you keep them and enjoy using them.



RELIGIOUS ED NEWS

YOUTH GROUP - January 7 & 21
after 9 a.m. Mass. Grade 6-12 welcome

Eucharistic Adoration In the chapel
at St. Patrick 6:30 - 7:00 p.m. each
Wednesday of religion classes. Parish
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Another Year is dawning
With the chance to start anew
May you be kinder and wiser
In all you say and do
Not so caught up in selfish gain
That you would fail to see
The things in life that mean the most
Cost not a fancy fee
The warm kind word that you can give
The outstretched hand to help
The prayers you pray for those in need
More precious these, than wealth
You know not what may be ahead
Of laughter or of tears
You only need to know each day
That our Lord is walking near
You should be thankful for
This brand new year
As you humbly pray
Your hand secure in our dear Lord's
Each step along the way.