

Pastor's Updates

October 27, 2023



Things you may want to know this week

1. From the airport straight to the computer! I just came back from a 4-day gathering of the **National Association of Filipino Priests - USA**. About 380 Filipino priests from different parts of the United States were assembled and billeted at Hilton Meadowlands in Rutherford, New Jersey. We had a concelebrated solemn pontifical Mass at the St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York, considered as America's parish church. With 4 other bishops, the Mass was presided by Most Rev. Edmund Whalen, auxiliary bishop of New York. We also had a Mass at the Cathedral - Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark, presided by the Most. Rev. Gabriel Caccia, the Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the United Nations. There were 7 other bishops in attendance. At the opening ceremony, I got the chance to perform the theme song, "One in Christ," that I co-wrote with Fr. Ricky Manalo. It was also sung at all the Masses.
2. Last Sunday at the 11:30 a.m. mass, a Vietnamese choir from the different parishes around the Archdiocese sung in their vernacular language. This Sunday, a **Filipino choir** will sing at the 11:30 a.m. as we wrap-up our celebration of the **Heritage-Diversity month** in our parish.
3. Our **Youth Ministry** will be having its next Youth Group this Sunday, October 29 at the Hennessy Hall from 2:00-4:00 pm. Make new friends, expand your understanding of our faith and serve our parish by being a part of the Youth Ministry. Please encourage our young children to attend these meetings.
4. This Wednesday, November 1st, is **All Saints Day** - a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be two Masses, one at 8:15 a.m. and another at 7:00 p.m.
5. Thursday, November 2, is **All Souls Day** or the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed. Besides the regular 8:15 a.m. Mass, we will celebrate a special **Mass of Remembrance at 7:00 p.m.** for those who died from November of 2022 to October of this year and are included in the Wall of Remembrance. We invite all of you to join this special Mass especially the families and relatives of the deceased.
We thank Judy Kerrigan and the Grief and Consolation Ministry for their hard work.
6. Next Friday, we will have our **First Friday Devotion** to the Sacred Heart after the 8:15 a.m. Mass with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. We will also have our **First Saturday Devotion** with the Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary next Saturday.
7. I am happy to announce the key leaders of the **Implementation Team** of the Next Generation Parish project. Taking on the 3 parish priorities identified by our Envisioning Team are: **Cecile Sabater** for Evangelization; **Una Uniacke** for Communication, and **Kevin Nerney** for Participation. We thank them for accepting this important role and responsibility. The first meeting will be next Friday, November 3, with Lori Tedjeske from the Catholic Leadership Institute. Pray for these 3 new leaders who will take us to the next phase of the program.

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear St. Robert's parishioners and friends,

We were born in one day.

We will die in one day.

We can change our fate in one day.

So value each "one day" of your life.

A Reminder:

"One day, we will all travel in a journey free of cost.

Don't worry about seat reservation- it is confirmed;

The flight is always on time.

Our good deeds will be our luggage.

Humility will be our passport.

Kindness will be our visa.

And

Lots of love will upgrade us to business class."

God bless us all!

-Fr. Arnold