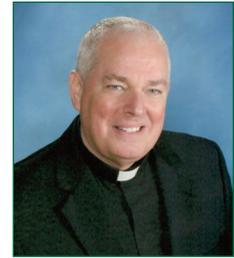


## *Letter from our Pastor*



Dear Parishioners,

Jesus is speaking about being put to death. And along the way the disciples are arguing over who is the greatest. Two quite different sets of concerns, and two quite different images of grasping what really matters. It would be understandable for Jesus to do a reset – maybe time for choosing a more focused group of disciples.

Jesus chose to go with His decision, but He teaches the disciples that greatness is found in service. Our lives are most faithfully lived as children in God's sight. So much can get in the way. Arrogance, pride, anger, selfishness, ambition. But Jesus keeps the focus on our calling. Be like Him. Be a child of our loving Father. Come to Him that He may embrace and encourage us.

Our greatness is found in our living where we belong. We belong to Him. Jesus comes to meet us and walk with us and speak with us. In the end it's not what or how much that makes us great. It's following the One whose arms outstretched on the cross hold us in great love.

Starting in October we will begin a revised schedule of weekend Masses as we continue to monitor the best ways to move forward. Masses beginning October 3<sup>rd</sup> will be 5:30 p.m. anticipated (inside), 7:30 a.m. (inside), 9:30 a.m. (outside) and 11:30 a.m. (outside). The 9:30 Mass will be focused on the faith formation and catechesis of our children from Kindergarten to Confirmation. Information will be emailed to parents and posted on our website in the upcoming weeks. The core catechesis we build on is our gathering for the Eucharist. Throughout the Covid experience we have had to 'fast' from the Eucharist, seek Mass live streamed or on television, and recognize our hunger for the Bread of Life. From this core belief we can learn about God's Word, our church and sacraments, our commitments and service. Our catechesis touches all these, empowered by our sharing in the Eucharist at Mass. All are welcome at the 9:30 Mass where the message will focus on communicating the energy and joy of God's grace. After Mass there will be opportunities for children and families to grow in faith. Please check out the video detailing this.

We look forward to a year of hope and grace.

*With every good thought and prayer,*

*Fr. Harahan*