

Pastor's Corner

“Homecoming”

When I pulled up to the rectory last week, I was brought back to my years at my first assignment as a priest at St. Patrick's. I remember that, despite being very “wet behind the ears” how warmly I was welcomed by the people of the parish. Now as Holy Angels Parish with the communities of Saint Matthew's and Most Holy Redeemer, I can say that I already feel the same warm welcome; it is testimony to what a great parish Holy Angels is. Although not getting to greet you like I would have liked because of COVID-19 at the Masses this past weekend it was great to recognize some familiar faces and also to meet some new ones.

These are challenging days we live in at the moment, that's for sure. But I know if we keep close to the Lord and to each other, we can get through anything that comes our way as we continue our pilgrimage of Faith. I am truly honored to be here at Holy Angels. I know that Father Ed is a very caring and loving priest and was well loved here and I'm sure he will be missed. I also know he had accomplished quite a bit in his short time here to make this an even greater parish. I hope to build on Father Ed's accomplishments so that Holy Angels can continue to grow and thrive into the future.

The reason we have been created by God and redeemed by the Cross and Resurrection of Christ is so that we can share in God's divine life for eternity in heaven. This is the reason for our existence. Faithfully following Jesus who is “the Way, the Truth and the Life” is the sure route to the eternal life with God that is offered to us. We should always have this as the lens through which we look at our lives. It is my hope and my commitment to do my best as your Pastor to keep that view always in your line of sight. I will do my best, aided by God's grace, your prayers, and the intercession of the Holy Angels of God, to care for you and serve you as the Lord wishes.

Over the next weeks and months I look forward to getting to know you. I am truly excited to be here at Holy Angels! I know it's going to be great.

God bless you,
Father Joseph Byerley

