



Dear Parish Family,
November! The month that brings a reflective air and a quickening of seasonal change. The Church uses this month to remember the Saints and those who have gone before us. It also will bring to a close the Church Year. By the end of the month we will celebrate the last Sunday of the Church Year with the Feast of Christ the King...a King who is both victor and victim, hailed and crucified, put to death and Risen! He is no earthly sovereign but the Living Son of God whose

Kingdom has been opened to those who accept His love and His mercy! So November brings a panorama of emotions, memories, opportunities for thanksgiving and gratitude and a realization that the year fast ends and the Season of Advent will come again to renew within us the miracle of life! I wish you a good November and may the abundant blessings of God fill your days with peace, harmony, and love!

November 2020 will offer us the opportunity to cast our vote for men and women we trust will serve the people of this nation in fairness, justice, and truth. The Church does not tell you how to vote or who to vote for. The ballot you cast is your own secret and yours alone to know. The Church, however, does remind you that as believers we are a people of peace, a people of good-will, a people of truth and a people of life and for life. The Church leaves it to your own conscience and your own consideration on who will best follow the Law of the Lord and the Law of the Land. Vote with your mind and your heart. Vote with gratitude that we live in a free Nation, a democracy that affords us the privilege of voting. America remains the envy of so many others but it also lives free because of the sacrifices made by so many men and women since its very founding.

On a personal note when I vote I remember my young Uncle who in his 20's gave his life in a B17 over Germany during World War II. I remember my treasured friend who shortly after returning from Viet Nam, lost his young life in an accident—never to know the outcome of those gray days. I remember the encounters I have had with veterans who reject the notion of personal glory yet, in my eyes and so many others, they are heroes! I've mentioned before the cemetery in Pennsylvania (where I had a cottage till recently) and the grave sites of men who had fought in the American Revolution and the war of 1812. Among my most favorite places to visit is Gettysburg—never as a tourist but as someone who walks grounds made hallowed and sacred by the >

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countless number of men whose blood stained the grounds of that Pennsylvania town. You see, I believe that when we cast our vote it is a vote that is born in the heroism and valiant sacrifices of our forefathers and the generations that built this country. It is also a vote for those yet to come—for those who follow in our paths and count on us to keep America the land of the free and the home of the brave. It is also a vote for the present as we live in uncertain times and we need the stability and security of a Nation at peace with itself and at peace with the world. I honestly find voting a moving and emotional privilege!

These have been trying times. The division and discord in our nation has led to bitterness and anger — a meanness that I have never seen the like of. The men and women we vote for as Leaders in our Nation must be true leaders: honest and just men and women who have our common good in their hearts and minds. That seems like a lot to ask for—but it is imperative if we are to remain the strong and solid Nation that has been built on the blood and sweat of those who gave their lives for the Red, White and Blue.

In July of 1956 a law was passed in a Joint Resolution by Congress and approved by President Eisenhower that requires “in God we Trust” appear on our currency. This became our National motto.....

We remain committed to this motto with a ‘firm reliance’ on God who has blessed this Nation abundantly. May we be proven worthy of the blessings and worthy of the freedom we enjoy as citizens of a great nation under God with liberty and justice for all. Oh that we had the patriotism that we had on September 12, 2001!

God be with you!

Fr. Krizner

Vote well. No man or woman is perfect. I think we can take solace in the fact the Jesus chose as his 12 leaders men who were frail, faulted and sinners. It is when we ‘put on Christ’ that we become real and we live then in the truth that darkness is banished by light and truth always prevails. Light and life!

Your vote counts but it is not for you alone that you vote!