

### ***Thoughts from the Rectory ...***

Dear friends of St. John the Evangelist,

Continuing our way through Lent, we are blessed in our growing relationship with the Lord. May our practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving continue to give us opportunity for deeper intimacy with the Lord and a share in His Christian Mission with the virtues of faith, hope, and love.

Similarly, we are blessed in our growing relationship with one another, especially the candidates and catechumens preparing for Christian initiation and full reception in Christ's Church. Here at St. John's we are blessed with baptized men and women who are completing their studies and inquiries so as to be received into full communion. These candidates participated in the Rite of Election last Sunday with Bishop Byrne at the Cathedral, and were supported by family, friends, and the great volunteers of our RCIA team. Congratulations on your continuing journey and God be praised in our faithful volunteers and teachers!

You've probably heard the phrase before, "March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb". Beginning a new month tomorrow, may we feel less the ferocity of winter and more the docility of spring. Even more, may we keep the enthusiasm and fierce drive to make our way through this next month, knowing that the Sacred Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil awaits us in the first days of April.

Let this be a good and holy month!

*St. John the Evangelist, pray for us!*

**Fr. Pierz**