

FATHERS DAY 2016

June 19, 2016—This weekend all throughout the nation, we pause to honor the man in our lives that we hail as our father. In this imperfect world, there are no perfect people and this applies to our fathers, a fact that is more obvious these days with family issues and situations that can be complex. And, we can never repay the debt we owe as sons and daughters of the man who, with God's help and along with our mothers, gave us life and helped to guide our steps toward who we've become today. All of the fathers in our parish, living and deceased, are remembered at all Masses this weekend.

As often is the case in many households, the father is the one who guides the details of family living and sometimes the financial issues, so how fitting that this weekend in my role as FATHER of our great parish I would discuss with you for a few moments the new financial opportunities that are now available.

As you know, last year we participated in the INCREASED GIVING PROGRAM that helped us all reflect on our gifts from God, our parish needs and our weekly commitment and support of this parish we love. Thanks to the clear and common sense talks by JUDY O'NEIL, one of our trustees; JOHN REIS, our Parish Finance Committee chairman and your terrific response, those efforts met with great success—as you can see each week in the bulletin.

As part of the Increased Giving Program many parishioners asked about online or automatic giving, since it is used by so many families now for bill-paying. Online giving is a great help to the parish so that when you are away or when winter storms prohibit Mass attendance or Masses are canceled, our income remains constant and sound. And so, with the encouragement of our parish finance council and the help of our new bulletin company, we are now participating in the PARISH GIVING PROGRAM—a simple, secure, confidential and convenient way to support our parish and allow stewardship to continue guiding our individual gifts of time, talent and treasure. Your commitment to sharing with St. Kevin's your many God-given blessings is an investment in your family, our parish family and will ultimately help future generations of St. Kevin Parish which has served our faith community for almost 60 years. Now it is our turn to be sure that the future is as bright as the past.

The online giving option can be found on our new website, saintkevinri.org, and is already meeting with success as parishioners respond to the challenge and use this electronic payment method. As when Stop & Shop introduced the automated checkout stands but assured their cashiers that they were not going to lose their jobs anytime soon, so too, let me assure our ushers JOHN and LOU and their helpers at 5 p.m. Mass; TONY and JOE at 8 a.m. Mass; JOE and ED at 10 a.m. Mass; and ED and JACK at the noon Mass that they will not find themselves in the unemployment line anytime in the future since this is just another option for supporting our parish.

Our thanks to those who have already committed to automated giving and our thanks to those who will go home today and be part of this. Please consider it for your household, on this FATHERS DAY WEEKEND, as a way to thank our heavenly Father for all the gifts that He has given and now continues to give us—in a 21st century way—this opportunity to respond. For the next few weeks, the easy

instructions from the recent insert will be printed in the bulletin to help you and your family take advantage of this new option for giving.

To all hearing this, please continue to pray for the success of this ongoing campaign that St. Kevin Parish, in all its endeavors, may continue to grow in spiritual and temporal grace and strength.

Thanks to all, HAPPY FATHERS DAY and God love you.