

November 6, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

Welcome to November and Eastern Standard Time. We've completed a very exciting week of sports for Philadelphia, and by the time you read this column the winner of the World Series will have been decided, and the Eagles and Union will be continuing their efforts towards wins and success as well. This brings a good spirit and feeling to all of us.

This week after many months of political battling we have the opportunity to cast our votes on Tuesday. We can become tired of the constant advertising and fighting, and the lack of progress that really seems to happen. But it is an important freedom and privilege we have to vote for our leaders from local to national leaders. Spend some time praying about your vote, and praying for our state and country, and make your voice heard by casting your vote.

Friday of this week, November 11, we celebrate Veterans Day. This is an important reminder of all those who have served our country. Many of these men and women have returned home to take up their lives, and some carry the physical, emotional, and psychological scars of their military service. We are becoming more and more aware of the PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) many of our veterans suffer. It is always a very moving couple of minutes at a funeral when the military honor guard plays Taps and presents the folded flag to the spouse or family. Thank you to all our parishioners who have served in the military, or are currently serving and protecting us.

Thank you, again for all you do for St. Luke's and your active participation at Mass. Be assured of my prayers, as I depend on yours. Have a good week. Stay close to God, and God will be close to you.

St. Luke, pray for us,

Father Joe Brandt