

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JULY 1, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

Living on Route 30, I hear many a siren go by en-route to the hospital. At times I wonder what happened to lead to the ambulance call. Maybe it was a car crash, a fall, a lawn mower mishap, a heart attack. In many instances, "911" sets the ambulance wheel into motion as victims or witnesses make the emergency call. But as the ambulance/siren pass by, I remember that there are more than E.M.T.s and victims in that ambulance; Jesus is with them too. Yes, the all-healing one, Jesus, embraces all the sirens of our fragile humanity including the death sirens and brings new life into the traumatic situation.

There may be times when we might want to call an ambulance on a daily basis because life challenges can get overwhelming more often than at a formal crash or fall. However, rather than run up "911" calls, we are wise to call upon Jesus in His constant presence. Jesus hears us in our daily "siren" and guides us in the Holy Spirit to more peaceably face life's challenges, for in Jesus the "yoke is easy and the burden light". "The Lord is our refuge and strength". "Trust in the Lord whole wholeheartedly and at all times".

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry