

PASTOR'S COLUMN—JULY 22, 2013

Dear Parishioners:

In recent days, the Railroad Crossing on Rt. 30 by our Church has been repaired. During a 5 day period, Rt. 30 has been closed in the RxR Crossing vicinity. As I stand in the Rectory kitchen washing dishes, I observed during those 5 days that many a car or truck disregards the "Road Closed" signs blocks before and went to the RxR Crossing and ended up turning around. I was amazed at how people wanted to drive up close and personal to the "Road Closed" sign with its flashing yellow lights 50 feet from the RxR Crossing being repaired.

What I observed says to me that we people are not that trusting of signs and we want first-hand knowledge of an obstacle literally. This approach may do us fine on Rt. 30 but with Jesus we are called through Baptism to trust Jesus as the sign of salvation for the world. Our trust in Jesus is to flow out of our faith in Jesus' realness within us and the faith community (Holy Communion). In Jesus the road is open to forgiveness of sins and eternal life. With Jesus there are no yellow flashing lights but rather the glow of the Easter Candle of hope for all nations. Once we embrace Jesus as his disciples, there is no turning around, for Jesus is the open "road" to salvation.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry