

Message from the Rector

Dear People of God,

We need each other. We need a Faith Community we call Church. We are the Body of Christ reaching out to a broken world and through our Baptism are challenged to love this world back into life. Many people are still not comfortable coming to church. I totally understand. I pray as time moves forward more and more people will again fill the pews (social distancing of course!). However, you are the Church. We are the Body of Christ.

God speaks to us in many ways, often in the wonders of nature. How many times have we marveled at the wondrous flying formation of Canada Geese? I know golfers and people strolling through the park have a different opinion of the geese! However, what I have tried to convey many times as your Rector about a true Faith Community, God has already said it better through one of creation's spectaculars.

True Lessons from Geese

As each goose flaps its wings it creates an "uplift" for the birds following. By flying in a V-formation, the whole flock adds 71 percent more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

Lesson: People who share a common direction and sense of community can go further and get where they are going quicker and easier because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone and quickly gets back in formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed where we want to go.

When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into formation and another goose flies at the point position.

Lesson: It's important to share with others in one's community.

The geese in formation honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

Lesson: We need to make sure our honking from behind is encouraging – not hurtful.

When a goose gets sick or wounded or shot down, two geese drop out of formation and follow it down to help and protect it. They stay with the downed goose until it is either able to fly or dies, then they launch out on their own with another formation or catch up to the flock.

Lesson: If we have as much sense as geese, we will stand by one another and fly together as they do.

We call those birds wild geese. I submit they are not the wild ones. Rather we are, when we try to go it alone.

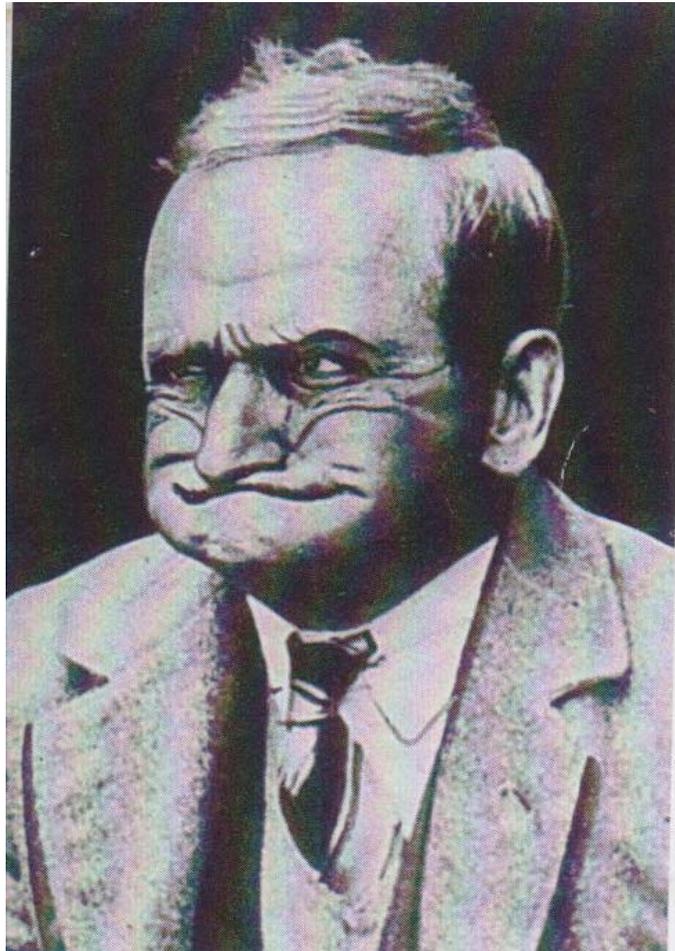
May we pray for each other as we move forward with the Spirit of the Lord guiding us. May we also continue praying for an end to COVID-19 and civil unrest.

On the journey with you,

Fr. Greg

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Humor from the Rector



“If it is true that stress brings on weight loss, why am I not invisible!?”