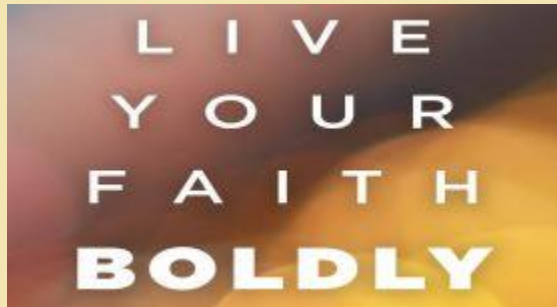




From the Desk of Father Peter

What Happens When We Come Together



We come together in liturgy to celebrate the rhythms of our life. Liturgy is a shared experience. Liturgy is a physical action. In it we must be present to participate. After all, most of its images and

symbols relate to the human body which serves as a metaphor for the assembly as the Body of Christ. The more senses the liturgy involves, the fuller the participation. We see seasonal colors, the areas in church better lit than others, the pictures and statues, etc. In our church in particular, we touch the wood of our seats, each other, the water of the font at church entrances (returning at Easter), the chalice (the cup) and we become part of the celebration. We stand and kneel at specific times. We hear the Word of God proclaimed, and we hear ourselves respond as a people, in song and in spoken prayer. We taste the bread and wine which becomes the Body and Blood of Christ.

We smell the incense, the flowers, burning candles, and one another's colognes. As you know, smell is the strongest sense and all of these sensory stimuli help to bring us into communion with our past, with God and with all other Catholics as the Body of Christ—the Church.

The Eucharistic celebration is the place where we celebrate our sacred narrative (Sacred Scripture) as the people of the risen Christ—after all, we are our stories. We are the Body of Christ at all times, but at liturgies we publicly acknowledge our past and

present, and our belief in our future as saved people. Identity is not lost in crowds, but in isolation. The community is essential to worship and to our growth as women and men of faith. Every Mass is a celebration of the rhythms of our life in the paschal mystery of Christ.



*With peace and love to all,
Fr. Peter Enyan-Boadu*