



*So we step into our 1st full week of the New Year. This is a perfect time to 'take stock' of where we have been, what we are doing, and where we are going. You have heard me say, "Life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer to the end, the faster it goes!" We know death is naturally reserved for the elderly. **BUT**, we also know that such is not always the case. So, we would be wise not to put off words and acts of love until later. We just do not know how much time we have.*

Speaking of time: If we live to be eighty years old, we will spend about three and a half years reading, five years talking, six years getting an education, six years riding in a car, seven years eating, eleven years watching television & recreating, fourteen years working, and twenty-seven years sleeping. If we live to be eighty years old and spend one hour attending Mass every Sunday and five minutes praying every day...it adds up to six months! How is it that we give so little to a loving God, Who has given us so much...even, promises life without end?

"To laugh often and much, to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children, to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends, to appreciate beauty, to find the best in others, to leave the world a little better--whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition, to know that even one life has breathed easier because you have lived: this is the meaning of success!"

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

I pray that our parish family grows and prospers in 2018 and that we all enjoy, in the eyes of God, TRUE success.

*Sincerely and in Him, born-in-a-manger,
Fr. Tusky*