New Year’s Day 2018

Since we are approaching a new year, I think the following is a good basis for this year’s New Year’s Resolutions

It is called “Priorities – 21 Suggestions for Living Wisely and Well, by H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

1, Teach by example.

2, Bless everyday with a generous act.

3, Never waste and opportunity to tell someone you love them.

4, Do something every day that maintains your health.

5, Take family vacations whether you can afford them or not.

6, Stand up for your principles even if you stand alone.

7, Judge your success by the degree that you’re enjoying peace, health and love.

8, Be there when people need you.

9, Be devoted to your spouse and dedicated to your children.

10, Be of service to your community and your country.

11, Have courage when things go wrong.

12, Tell the truth.

13, Maintain a grateful heart.

14, Manage you resources wisely.

15, Don’t overlook life’s small joys while searching for the big ones.

16, Discover the power of prayer.

17, Discover the power of forgiveness.

18, Love people more than things.

19, Look for the good.

20, Hope for the best.

21, Use your church envelopes.

 I threw in that last one.

Now for members of our parish, we could resolve to live by the words of our Patron Saint, Blessed Mother Teresa.

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self-centered;

Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;

Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;

Succeed anyways.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;

Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;

Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;

Be happy anyway.

The good you do today. People will often forget tomorrow;

Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;

Give the world the best you’ve got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and God,

It was never between you and them anyway.