



Pastor's Message

April 17, 2020

Sixty-four years ago on this date, in Washington DC, during a major league baseball game against the Senators, a New York Yankee, Mickey Mantle, hit a home run. That is not unusual. Every day during a typical major league baseball season, home runs are hit. But, this one was an extraordinary feat. Below is one description of what he did.

“The towering shot flew over the 391-foot mark on the fence, clearing 32 rows of bleachers in left-center field, and bounced off an advertising sign 460-feet from home plate. The ball cleared Fifth Street directly behind the left field wall and proceeded to roll until finally stopping 565-feet from home plate in the backyard of 434 Oakdale Street a few blocks down.

To put it into perspective, a ball that travels that far off a baseball player's bat would measure almost 190 yards. A football field is 100 yards! So, the home run was almost two football fields in distance.

Or, to put it in another way, one mile equals 5,280 feet. So, Mickey mantle hit a home run over a tenth of a mile!

All of us, every day, do ordinary things, no matter what is our profession. However, sometimes, extraordinary things can be done which people will never forget! Mickey Mantle did so on April 17, 1956.

Today, do the extraordinary! Be all you are called to be by God. If you do so, then more likely than not, one person will never forget what you have done for him or her.

Hit it way out of the park, today!

God bless you.
Fr. Marc