

From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's Gospel we hear the call of the disciples and then these men ask Jesus:

"Where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see."

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. JOHN 1:38-39

A few years ago, before I became a priest, I made a private silent retreat at St. Ignatius Retreat house in Manhasset and used this first chapter of St. John as a meditation during the retreat. This beautiful passage is a great teaching moment for you and me. First, the disciples ask Jesus where he is staying. Maybe another way we might ask the question is, "Who are you, Jesus? What are you about?" Secondly, Jesus responds with a welcoming invitation, "Come and see" – pretty direct wouldn't you agree? Then we see the result. The disciples take him up on the invitation. They go and spend time with Him. Brothers and sisters, isn't this what our faith in Jesus Christ is all about? Being open to the Lord – not only inquisitive but persistent, following the call to holiness so Jesus moves our very being. It's about openness and fidelity to his message once we learn about it. God bestows his grace upon us, but we also need to cooperate with His grace within us. We need to go to Jesus, to see Him, to love Him, to follow Him. Why not respond to Jesus' invitation to know more about Him, to get closer to Him, to love Him and allow His love to permeate every moment of our lives. What a beautiful world we could help to create, the City of God here on earth!



Again, all who have Come Home for Christmas think about Staying With Us!

If you're interested in learning more about practicing your Catholic Faith, we are interested in helping you. Drop me a line in the mail, or send me an email at: fatherems@optonline.net; or call Father Maddaloni, Father John, Deacon Chris or Deacon Jim or myself at 631-728-9461 for an appointment. You are welcome at St. Rosalie's.

The March for Life January 19, 2018

Join the parish on our pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the March for Life. January 22, 1973 marks the anniversary of Roe vs. Wade which legalized abortion in our country. Life is precious from the moment of conception until natural death! Mass for Life will be celebrated at 4:15 a.m. at St. Rosalie's Church before our bus departs St. Rosalie's promptly at 4:45 a.m., stopping at Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach to pick up parishioners and other students from McGann-Mercy HS. En route we will make a stop, arriving about 11:30 a.m., attending the Rally for Life and then the March to the US Supreme Court, finishing at St. Joseph's Parish on Capitol Hill. We will connect with others from the Rockville Centre Diocese then upon receiving the Blessing from our Bishop, we will embark on our return trip to Long Island, arriving home at about 11:30 p.m. Please join us, parishioners and young people, so that our voices may be heard. Please call Jim Drew at 631-728-6144 or email me at the parish office if you are able to join us, or you have a question. What a blessing for our witness in solidarity with Catholics and people who share our values regarding life!

Mardi Gras/Carnivale scheduled for February 13

Save the date for our Annual Family and Parishioner Get-together, fun for all ages. Interested in being part of our Family Ministry Committee? Help! We need you to be part of this rewarding Family Ministry Committee which runs this yearly Mardi Gras party. Please join us! Please call the Parish Center at 631-728-9461 to let us know you want to be a part of this planning committee. This Annual Mardi Gras party the day before Ash Wednesday is a fun evening with families and parishioners.

World Meeting of Families

In August of this year we welcome the World meeting of Families in Dublin, Ireland. In 2015 the meeting took place in Philadelphia, which Pope Francis attended. How blest we all are to reverence family life here in our Church. Let us ask God to bless all Families especially those in need of God's love and embrace now and in the future!

Prayerful wishes for a peaceful and mild winter and Healthy New Year 2018!
Father Ed