

# From the Pastor's Desk

*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."* MARK 1:17



## Extraordinary Time

Brothers and sisters, now that the holidays are over the tree is taken down, the poinsettias taken off the altar, the crèche put away, we are back in Ordinary Time. But this ordinary time can be extraordinary for all of us. All we have to do is keep focusing on the fact that our God loves us so much that in the fullness of time He sent His only Son so that we could have life and have it to the fullest. He invites each and every one of us to follow Him just as the disciples were invited to follow Him. We need, in a very real way, to fasten our seatbelts for the journey; we don't know what the world has in store for us, just as the disciples did not know. But what we do know is that as long as we keep following Christ, we are in good and yes in great and holy company. Let the Cross of Jesus Christ lead us throughout these routine days, these days of winter.

## Faith, Food and Fun Dinner Discussion Series — Winter 2018

Want to have a stimulating evening with other parishioners on a cold winter night? Why not have dinner and be engaged in learning more about your faith! This idea started a few years ago from Gaetano at one of the local restaurants, suggesting a dinner venue and discussion about our Catholic Faith. Due to the successful gatherings, I have decided to continue this year. So, we are going to have four dinner meetings on the following Wednesday evenings: **February 21, February 28, March 7 and March 14**. It will take place at Cucina's Restaurant in Hampton Bays. Maybe you came back to the Church at *Christmas! This is a way to think about Staying With Us!* Or maybe you love practicing your faith but would enjoy having dinner with fellow parishioners and enjoying a conversation about our faith?

The topics will be related to our Catholic Faith. Perhaps you have had questions, but maybe you were afraid to ask. Topics will be announced in next week's Bulletin. For now, just know what's coming and **Save the Dates!** I hope to enjoy dinner and discussion with many of you! More details to follow! I am very open to other venues and creative ways to talk about our faith to others in our community.

## March for Life January 19

Thanks to Jim Drew and Bob Gilgio from Our Lady of the Hamptons School Faculty for helping us on this March for Life trip. We had a number of seventh and eighth graders with us. I celebrated Mass for Life at 4:15 a.m. at St Rosalie's and then we picked up the group at the Immaculate Conception parish in Westhampton Beach, and then on to Washington D.C. The bus departed St. Rosalie's parking lot promptly at 4:45 a.m. What a great witness with hundreds of thousands of witnesses converging on our nation's capital to Witness to **Life**.

## World Meeting of Families

In August of this year the World Meeting of Families will be in Dublin, Ireland. How blest we all are to reverence Family life in our Church. If you are interested in attending this event in Ireland, contact me, Father Ed, for more details. 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!*

*Father Ed*