

From the Pastor's Desk



We begin all things – In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. On this Trinity Sunday we celebrate this great mystery of our faith. We believe by this mystery that there is one God in three persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It is a mystery, that we embrace and through the richness of practicing our faith, we become caught up in the Trinitarian life we celebrate!

In today's gospel we hear that the disciples approached the mountain to which Jesus ordered them:

*Then Jesus approached and said to them,
"All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."* MATTHEW 28:18-20

Jesus speaks to us of evangelizing through the Blessed Trinity! We baptize in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit! It is the Love of God we celebrate today on Trinity Sunday. This love is expressed so beautifully by the love of God the Father in sending His only Son as well as the invocation of the Holy Spirit, when Jesus Christ returns to the Father. That's what we celebrated, last Sunday on Pentecost Sunday – the coming of the Holy Spirit.

St. Rosalie's Parish Life

Please participate in the St. Rosalie's Parish Gala on Saturday July 14, in some way:

- Buy a \$100 raffle ticket and be eligible to win some \$17,000 in prizes
- Buy a Dinner ticket and enjoy the great food, fun and ambience
- Be a Dinner sponsor (\$5,000; \$3,000; \$1,500) to support St. Rosalie's

Your participation big or small will help us to complete some needed renovations at St. Rosalie's Church.

The Priesthood-Today

June is Ordination of new Priests in our Diocese! God Bless them! It's hard for me to believe that on this year's ordination day, June 9, I will be celebrating my Eleventh Anniversary as a priest. It is amazing how fast these eight years have gone and already eight years with all of you! I am so blessed to be your pastor and to journey with you! Thanks for helping me to be a good pastor and your priest! Also, how blessed we are to have Father Maddaloni recently ordained who will be celebrating his second anniversary of priesthood on June 25, 2016! Father John, our newly-ordained priest, is also such a blessing for our parish. Father John's first anniversary will be on June 24. Seminarian Matt Browne who was with us last two summers will be at St. Elizabeth's in Melville studying and working there. God willing, he will be ordained to the transitional diaconate in November and to the Priesthood in June of 2019. Please keep all in your prayers. Deacon Leo Song will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Rockville Centre on June 23, at 11 a.m. at Saint Agnes Cathedral. We pray especially for soon to be Father Leo Song who will be ordained that day for our Diocese and for our own soon to be Deacon Matt Browne. Congratulations to all our Priests! *Ad Multos Annos!*

The Road to Priesthood

As you know we have also welcomed other seminarians in past summers. Father Michael Plona in his first year is now a priest at St. John's in Center Moriches. Father Mike is a classmate of Father John. Father Jeff Yildirmaz is now a priest at St. Aidan's in Williston Park finishing his third year. I take this as a very important responsibility in mentoring as well as learning from our new priests and our seminarians!

I am grateful to Bishop William Murphy, our Bishop Emeritus and Bishop John Barres for assigning these young priests of the future to us. I am very blessed to be a mentor here at St. Rosalie's and I know you are also very welcoming. Yes, St. Rosalie's is alive – alive in the faith!

*God Bless You All!
With prayers,
Father Ed*