

# From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

In today's second reading: We are asked to follow the ways of Christ and not of the world but, that you should

*... put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth.* EPHESIANS 22-24



As the summer is a time to re-charge our bodies it is also a time to re-fresh our souls. It is a time to reflect on Scripture, maybe reading a passage such as this reading for Ephesians, and then take a gently meditative walk on the beach. Or maybe pray the psalms and sit in the backyard after dinner relaxing with a gentle breeze and the stillness of the evening. Sometimes prayer can be just quiet time. Just listening and asking the Lord to speak to us is a starting point! In any relationship we have to invest time. Why not spend some of this time refreshing your soul with the beautiful comforting words:

*The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want; in verdant pastures he gives me repose, by restful waters he leads me; He refreshes my soul!* PSALM 23

Last week we watched the Catholic Ministries Appeal Video. As I mentioned, a picture is worth a thousand words. Thanks to all who have helped by making their pledges. If you have not yet made a pledge we do encourage you to consider it. Remember as we make our CMA goal, the funds pledged over the goal will come back to the parish in a significant rebate. 80% of what is received over our goal of \$81,500 comes back to Saint Rosalie's for our local programs such as our Food Pantry and Seminary Formation.

## Repairs in the Church

Our 2018 Parish Gala was a huge success. We are in need of fixing the floor in the Church. Also, the Church needs to be painted and secured. There is an issue with the expansion joint from the Blessed Sacrament Chapel to the middle of the church. The profit from the Gala should secure approximately \$50,000. This can assist with the beginning of this project as we begin repairs. We are looking at what other work needs to be done. It is important to keep the church and our other parish buildings in good shape.

## The Rogers Organ

As you know we have been without the proper use of our Rogers organ for about 11 months. It has been determined that the organ electronics had been hit by lightning. The repairs are almost completed, and we hope to have the organ back by September.

## July 30 Saint Mary Magdalene Day

On Monday, July 30, we celebrated the gifts of women in the Church. Thanks to Marion Boden and her volunteers, for all their efforts. Dr. Joanne Heaney Hunter who currently works with the parish of Saint Raphael's in East Meadow and a professor at St John's University for many years was the keynote speaker. We pray for all those contributing to this annual event.

*Wishing you Summer Breezes and Blessings,  
Father Ed*

**Special shout out to Carol Carey, our official photographer for the beautiful Gala photos.**