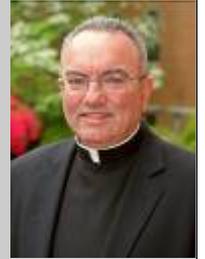


From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” MARK 10:42-45



Jesus gives us this great example of what it means to Follow Him. He, Jesus Christ came to serve, as we saw so beautifully at the Last Supper. I have an image inscribed in my heart of Holy Thursday, here at Saint Rosalie's Church, washing the feet of young and old, men and women, following the example that Jesus gave to all of us. That's what it's all about! Service and Love!

Catechists

Thanks to all who have returned or are stepping forward for the first time in this important ministry. We can use two or three more. Take a risk help us teach the young!

October is Respect life month.

Join us at St Rosalie's Church at Adoration every Monday at 5 – 7 p.m. with Benediction at about 6:45 p.m.; and Wednesday after the 8 a.m. Mass with Benediction at 11:45 a.m.

Announcement

As you heard last weekend, Bishop Barres has appointed me as the Vicar of Clergy Personnel in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, effective November 1, 2018. It was difficult for me to make this announcement last weekend. I have been your pastor since June of 2010, and I have loved walking this journey with you here at Saint Rosalie's Parish. I will miss you dearly but I know that I am being asked to assume an important role to help minister to all the priests and deacons of our Diocese. Father Steve Maddaloni will be appointed the Temporary Administrator of Saint Rosalie's. Father Maddaloni will be the Administrator and will be assisted by Father John and our great St Rosalie's parish Staff.

I look forward to celebrating a Farewell Parish Mass with you on Sunday, October 28 at 11 a.m., followed by a reception in the Community Center. I hope to be able to pray and speak with all of you on that day as well as on Sunday, November 11, when I will celebrate the Spanish Mass at Saint Rosalie's at 4 p.m. I hope you can join us on October 28 or November 11.

Maintenance Update

Last week I updated you on the fact that we are getting all the ducks in place to replace the doors and do some necessary repairs including painting in the Church in January. As you know we just received our Rogers Organ back from the company after many months of diagnostics and replacing electronic components. I am sorry to say that **Tom spoke to me this week about a concern he has with a continuing intermittent problem with this Rogers organ.** We are waiting for the Level 2 support to connect with Tom. We will keep you informed of the organ status. St Cecelia is the patroness of Musicians, let's pray through her intercession that the organ will function properly.

*With prayers and blessings
Father Ed*