



From The Pastor's Desk

In this week's gospel we hear more of how we can allow ourselves to be transformed in following Christ more fully:

*“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again;
but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst;
the water I shall give will become in him
a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”
The woman said to him,
“Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty
or have to keep coming here to draw water.”* JOHN 4:13-15

Do we allow ourselves to get lost in those things of the world? Do we allow ourselves to get into a "Catch 22" of sorts by losing our focus by trying to draw water from the well of the world which dries up? Sometimes the wells that we draw water from seems plentiful: success, money, position. Everything seems to go our way, but then we hit a dry spell: one may lose a job, someone gets ill, we are hurt in a relationship by a loved one or friend. You know because you have been there. We need to ask God for his help. Sometimes we are all in need of healing.

We need to remind ourselves that Jesus gives us the Living Waters that do not dry up. It is wonderful when we are blessed with a good job, family, the means to live and help others. Let us remind ourselves that through our Baptism we have been united with the Living Water and united through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving this Lent will help us to be blessed by the Living Waters of Jesus Christ! It will give us the armor to be strong and to follow Christ more closely.

Faith, Food and Fun: Dinner Discussion Series, LENT 2017

A number of parishioners participated in our first stimulating evening on Wednesday, March 15. I gave a presentation on "How Faith Helps Us Deal with Anger – An invitation to our Parish Mission." The next dates include: Wednesday evenings March 22, 29 and April 5. It will take place at La Cucina Family Style Ristorante and Pizzeria, 674 Montauk Highway, East Quogue NY. To reserve a place please call Linda at 631-728-9461.

Lenten Parish Mission

Join us for a very timely and truly spiritual time with the Lord, Sunday, March 19 – 21. Dr. Margaret Schlientz, will be leading us on Letting Go of Anger, the Healing of Memories – asking Our Lord for healing and forgiveness. Dr. Margaret Schlientz will speak at all the Masses on the 18 and 19 of March.

The Mission begins Sunday, March 19 at 7 p.m., Monday, 20th and Tuesday, 21. Join parishioners for our Lenten Mission with Dr. Margaret Schlientz – on Anger, Forgiveness and Healing. I found Dr. Margaret Schlientz' lectures and interaction very helpful. Margaret was my mentor during my three year program in Spiritual Direction for Diocesan priests which I just completed in January. This mission will be great. Please join us! Don't miss this opportunity to grow in the Lord's healing touch!

*Blessings during this Lenten Season...
Father Ed*