



From The Pastor's Desk

"I Am The Resurrection"

In Today's gospel we hear: "I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me, even if he dies will live." In the last few weeks I must say it seems that we have had more funerals than normal. Sometimes when death is unexpected, when our loved one is at the prime of his or her life, or the number of funerals seems higher – it makes you stop and think. It's important to recognize that when a loved one dies no matter when, it is a terrible blow to those family members or circle of friends. It is at times just like these that we must remember that God loves us, that God created us for eternity, to love not only on this earth but also in heaven with Him. In today's Gospel, Martha questions Jesus. She tells Him if he had come sooner, her brother would not have died. That interchange sets the stage for Jesus to leave with us this beautiful prayer-like statement: "I am the Resurrection and the life. He who believes in me, even if he dies will live!" This is our faith. May the faith of Jesus and the apostles bless and console us always.

Faith Food and Fun, Dinner-Discussion Series



A number of parishioners participated in our stimulating evenings in Lent the last two years. March 22, the crowd grew as we began arriving at the Ristorante. Father Maddaloni kicked things off with throwing out some questions that people are asking about. He also took some questions from the audience, in which we both commented on. Unfortunately there wasn't enough publicity for last week so we cancelled the first night on Wednesday, March 15. The last of the evening dinner series will be April 5. The dinner-discussion will take place at La Cucina Family Style Ristorante and Pizzeria, 674 Montauk Highway, East Quogue. To reserve a place please call Linda at 631-728- 9461.

Lenten Parish Mission

What a fabulous Lenten Mission we just conducted here in our parish. It was truly spiritual time with the Lord; Sunday, March 19 thru the 21. Dr. Margaret Schlientz lead us on Letting go of Anger, the Healing of Memories – asking Our Lord for healing and forgiveness. 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 was a great opportunity to experience the Lord's healing touch!

Blessings during this Lenten Season...
Father Ed