



## From The Pastor's Desk

**O**n behalf of the priests, deacons and staff of Saint Rosalie's parish I wish all of you a very happy and Blessed Easter! Alleluia, alleluia, we have completed our Lenten journey! Today we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection and we recognize that the Paschal Mystery is the central focus of our faith as Catholics. Jesus died and rose from the dead so that we might have life and have life to the full. Each Sunday in a very real way we celebrate the Resurrection. But today on Easter Sunday and during the Easter Season, with all the lilies and other fragrant-filled flowers around the Church, we have a greater SENSE OF NEW LIFE: the Spring! During this Holy Week, 2017, we have celebrated and re-presented the mysteries of our Catholic faith: We have journeyed together to the Upper Room celebrating as Christ did the Last Supper. We walked the Way of the Cross with Christ to Calvary and waited by the tomb.

Together as a parish family we entered into these celebrations and therefore brought these mysteries of our faith closer to our hearts during the Holy Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. This Triduum is the culmination of our faith as Catholics. On Easter Sunday morning we celebrate the fact that Christ is Risen! As in the last few years we also celebrate His Resurrection down at the Shinnecock Inlet. As we celebrate by the ocean, could this not have been the scene at the Sea of Galilee? What a beautiful setting against the backdrop of the fishing boats and the sea!

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday, April 23, is known as Divine Mercy Sunday, or the Second Sunday of Easter. Three years ago Pope Francis canonized two of our recent popes of the 20th and 21st Centuries: Pope John Paul II and Pope John XXIII. Blessed John Paul had just been beatified (made blessed) in 2011. This was a very quick turnaround after an investigation of the Holy Father's life and the encouragement of the faithful since John Paul's funeral with the echoing cries: *Santo Subito!* (Make Pope John Paul II a Saint immediately). Pope John XXIII was beatified by Pope John Paul II on September 3, 2000! Let us join together in prayer remembering these two men who have made such a dramatic contribution to life in the church and the world as we know it today!

### The Gifts of St. John Paul II

We do remember the great gift St. John Paul II gave to us and the great example for all of us on how to live and die! He lived with excitement and he died with dignity. What an example of living the Christian life to all of us and to the world! Pope Saint John XXIII is perhaps the most influential pope of the 20th century known as "The Good Pope" who surprised the world with his reforming spirit calling the Second Vatican Council and the author of such beautiful encyclicals as *Pacem In Terris* (Peace on Earth).

We continue to celebrate with Joy this Easter Season which actually includes Seven Weeks of Easter.

### My Wish for You

I wish you and all those you love: Easter Peace and a Joy that does not end! Celebrate your Faith these Easter Days with joy and exuberance! Peace to you and your families as we celebrate this great mystery of our faith: Christ has died, Christ is Risen, Christ will come again!

Again with continued prayers for a Blessed Easter Day and Season,

*Father Ed, Pastor  
Priests, Deacons and Staff*