

From The Pastor's Desk



Today's scriptures speak to us about the vineyard:

There was a landowner, who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. MATTHEW 21:33

Perhaps we might look at this as the life and the gifts that God gives us. We know what happens in this parable. They beat those servants and the son who goes to collect the produce. What will be our response when God asks us, did we use our gifts? What good did you do on earth? Did you share the faith of your ancestors? Did you teach your children well about our faith in God; the Trinity in Christ Jesus, in the Father who loves us, in the Holy Spirit within us?

Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes'?"

Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit. MATTHEW 21:42-43

No, I think we all will want to hear: Enter the kingdom of God prepared for you!

Disaster Relief

We stand together in prayer with our brothers and sisters in our country and in the Americas after these horrific storms and natural disasters. On the weekend of September 23, a group of parishioners gathered some supplies for our brothers and sisters devastated by the Mexican earthquake.

Regarding the hurricane victims in the Caribbean, the Southeast and Southwest: We sent about \$7,900 to them because of your generosity. Thank you so much! I want to say Thank You for all you continue to do! The Church in the United States has asked us to continue to raise funds for our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico and in the Virgin Islands, Mexico and beyond. We will place collection boxes designated Natural Disaster Relief for those who may be able to help. Every little bit helps. In Puerto Rico, Sister Kathy is on the Board of the Josephite Sisters school, Maria Arena. These are real people with limited resources and power since Hurricane Maria. It may take months and longer to restore these services throughout the island. This is just one example. I want to thank you for your prayers and support for the Natural Disaster Victims. Thanks to the group of families in our parish who gathered some supplies to send to the earthquake victims in Mexico. St, Rosalie's is a wonderful parish which responds so positively to our community and the Church overseas. Thank you!

San Gennaro

I was the Grand Marshal for the San Gennaro Feast this past weekend. I was honored that I was asked by the Committee. Little is known about Saint Gennaro. He was the Bishop of Benevento, and it is believed that every year on his Feast Day of September 19, his blood liquefies in a reliquary which contains his blood. He was martyred in the Fourth Century. He is a very popular Saint in Italy and the San Gennaro Festival is celebrated in New York City as well as now here as the San Gennaro East Feast in Hampton Bays.

Security System

There is a new security system being implemented starting October 6. After a Security Inspection from the Diocese Risk Management Office, it was recommended that we make some changes to our Parish Complex. We will now have the front door of the Parish Center locked at all times with a security camera and intercom system. To enter you will need to identify yourself to gain access. There will be new cameras placed around the Parish Center outside doors and parking lot. The Church will have new cameras around the church, inside the church and the parking area for better security. Also cameras will be placed around the Community Center building. After discussion with the Diocese Risk Management, we decided we needed to move to the next level of security for the safety of all of our parishioners.

God Bless you all for you do and who you are: The wonderful People of God of St Rosalie's

Father Ed