

From The Pastor's Desk



In Today's Gospel we hear Jesus speak of the two greatest commandments: to love God and to love your neighbor. Our Lord tells us that this is the greatest of commandments. If we look at the Ten Commandments, we can reduce the Ten Commandments to Two, and these Two Commandments are about Love.

“A scholar of the law tested him by asking, ‘Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?’ He said to him, ‘You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.’” MATTHEW 22:35-40

Our God is a God of Love. Everything we do is based on Love. Let us ask God to help us to live more fruitfully in Love with God and one another.

Te Deum Dinner

The dinner will be held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception is a wonderful Fall Event. This year Father John Wachowicz, our newly ordained priest will be one of the honorees with his four other classmates and Monsignor Jack Alesandro who is being honored as a senior priest of our Diocese. The evening will include dinner following Evening Prayer (Vespers at 4 PM) followed by cocktails in Borromeo Hall and dinner in the Refectory (Dining Room). Monsignor John Alesandro will be presented with the 2017 Immaculate Conception medal in recognition of his lifetime of priestly service. Our five newly ordained priests, Fathers Michael Bissex (St. Patrick, Huntington), Liam McDonald (Holy Family), Michael Plona (St. John the Evangelist), Chris Sullivan (Our Lady of Victory) and John Wachowicz (St. Rosalie), will be introduced and acknowledged as they begin their journey as the newest members of the Rockville Centre presbyterate. **For tickets and information**, please contact Beverly Malone at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at 631-423-0483 ext. 102, or call or email me at St Rosalie's.

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Brothers and Sisters, this year we are about \$5,500 short of our goal in making the CMA Goal. We have never missed the goal. The good thing about the CMA is the work it helps to accomplish along the way. In addition to participating in the many ministries in our Church doing this great work, we also receive some of those funds back on our local level. Yes, we receive significant rebates. For example, once we reach the goal, 80% of the funds over the goal come back to the parish which we can use for the local level ministries such as our Food Pantry and religious education, just to name two such important Ministries. Thanks to all of you who have given and those who are praying about this important ministry appeal. Your generosity is most appreciated. Next Sunday we will ask for those who may not yet have pledged to do so in this 2017 Catholic Ministry Appeal. Thanks for all you do!

New Bulletin Pages

After consultation with my staff, I have decided to add another section to our weekly parish bulletin. Each week there are an additional number of updates and information that we would like to get into the bulletin. Kudos to Bruce Doscher who started out as our graphics editor and now organizes the publishing of the bulletin. On my staff, I want to particularly thank Linda Magagnoli my Administrative Assistant, Mary Howell our parish Business Manager, and Eileen McPhelin our Religious Formation Coordinator who have worked together with Bruce and J. S. Paluch to make this process more efficient, informative yet cost effective.

Fall Blessings,
Father Ed