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IN THE PARISH SPOTLIGHT

Guest Columnist: Fr. Edward Sheridan

am so happy and so humbled to be appointed as your new pastor here at St. Rosalie's in Hampton Bays! I thank God for all of you, and for your families, each of you, for who you are and what you do. I look forward with anticipation and excitement to working with you for the Glory of God at St. Rosalie's!

I am particularly thankful to Monsignor Regan (Father Dennis), a trusted seminary professor, pastor and

friend for all that he has been doing at St. Rosalie's in the past six years. I am thankful for the work done by Father Sabby and Father Joy, Father Dahm in East Quogue, the Vincentian priests, and all of the priests who have helped to make St. Rosalie's a wonderful prayerful parish and a church to celebrate our faith in Jesus Christ. I met the staff recently and am very excited to work with your wonderful deacons and staff members making St. Rosalie's a place of prayer and Christian hospitality.

I am of Irish-Italian descent. I grew up in Queens, and also lived in East Meadow. I taught seventh grade briefly after graduating Cathedral College, and worked at the United Nations. I worked in business for a number of years and returned to the seminary. I spent two summers doing pastoral work at St. Francis of Assisi parish in Greenlawn. I was ordained a transitional



Father Ed Sheridan with his sister, Eileen.

deacon in 2006 and did pastoral work at St. Mary's in Manhasset. I taught Religion there to the 8th grade in the elementary school two days a week. I was ordained a priest in June 2007 and assigned to St. Catherine of Sienna parish in Franklin Square. I was appointed the Administrator of St. Catherine's during Monsignor Tom Groenewold's terminal illness.

At St. Catherine's I have also been the spiritual director for the Youth Group, Moderator of the Altar Servers, Spiritual Director of the Padre Pio and Light of Christ Prayer Groups, as well as Moderator of the Cenacle of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. I have offered Mass for the School and the Youth Group at St. Patrick's Cathedral, been the Spiritual Director on youth Ski Retreats. I have covered our local hospitals as back-up for hospital chaplains each month, and celebrated

regular Masses at our local nursing homes and senior residences. In the last few years I have taught religion to the fifth, seventh and eighth grades in our parish school, and also in our Religious Ed program.

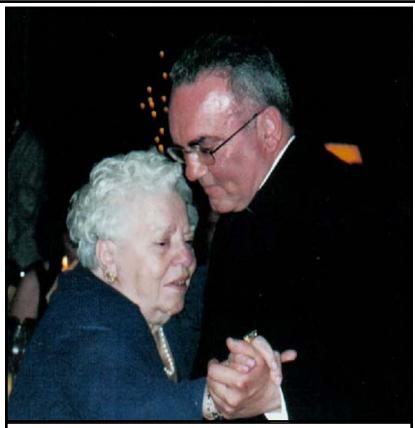
I have a Bachelor's Degree in Philosophy from Cathedral College of the Immaculate Conception, and two master's degrees from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception: a Master's in Theology and a Master's in Divinity. I can celebrate Mass in both Italian and Spanish. I am an active member of the Knights of Columbus and Assistant Chaplain of our council. I am a chaplain for the New York State Troopers. I am an honorary member of Citizen from Pozzallo and other Italian-American associations.

Having participated in World Youth Day in 1993 and again in 2008 in Sydney, Australia, I look forward to working with the Youth Group in planning for World Youth Day with our Holy Father in Madrid, Spain in 2011.

I hope to continue the good work of Father Dennis and our previous pastors. I am most happy to be your Pastor and your priest! I see my role as working together with you to articulate more fully the mysteries of our God and of our faith in our parish. In reflecting on my vision of the parish I like to

keep St. Paul's analogy in mind: we are all one Body in Christ. We are all members of the Church universal gathering us as a diocese and as a parish ultimately as family.

Please introduce yourselves to me when I arrive. I look forward to meeting each of



Father Ed dancing with his mother, Kolline after his ordination.



Father Ed is all smiles at his ordination reception.

you and working with you to build up the Mystical Body of Christ at St. Rosalie's and in Hampton Bays.

Blessings during this Easter season!

~Father Edward Sheridan~