

From the Pastor's Desk

With love from your Pastor!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is the first weekend with our new Mass schedule. I have received more compliments, and also a couple of people came to me with their concerns regarding the new schedule.

I know some of us are used to certain Masses and are emotionally connected with it and the people who attend those Masses. Certainly, it is difficult to part with those situations, moments, and even people. It can sometimes disturb us and throw us off our comfort zones and make us uncomfortable. It can be a challenge to some of us, and I feel it as part of the community.

I would like to let you all know that these changes are not meant to make any of us feel uncomfortable. It is a need (sometimes a challenge) that we have to face gracefully and happily as part of the process of growing and moving forward as a community. We have to move to a *thriving mode* as a parish community from where we are currently. Now we have a *Mission and a Vision*, which means we know where we are and where we want to be. We need to move together and march forward to where we really want to be as a Catholic parish, therefore I need you, and we need each other to strengthen, to encourage, to motivate, and to move forward sharing our strengths and challenges.

My special thanks to all of you for adjusting to the new schedule and moving forward as a Parish community to make it a living, loving, vibrant, and Eucharistic community. Thank you and God bless.

Our New Ministries

Potluck with the Pastors

We are starting a new ministry called **“Potluck with the Pastors,”** beginning from the month of July. It is meant to build up our parish community and create a living, loving, vibrant, and Eucharistic community by sharing a common meal and to foster spiritual and healthy relationship between the Pastors and the faithful of our community.

It will be on the 2nd Wednesday of every month, beginning on July 11th, after the evening Mass, at 7:15 pm, in Farabaugh Hall. This is a potluck meal where everybody is encouraged to bring some food where we can share and spend some quality time with one another as members of our parish family, which is our Second Home. This will also be an opportunity for recognizing the birthdays of those of us who are celebrating their birthdays in that particular month. We will also try to offer the Mass intention of that particular day for those celebrating birthdays.

The coordinator of this ministry is **Mercedes Baldwin**, and she will be available at Farabaugh Hall by 5:00 pm so that you may drop off your food. Sign up sheets will also be available in the Narthex two weeks prior to the event so that you can sign up for the dish you are planning to bring. Mercedes can be reached at 770-317-3794.

Welcome Ministry

We are launching an additional new ministry next month. The **Welcome Ministry** will recognize the presence of newly registered parishioners within our church community, our Second Home, by inviting them to a welcome reception. New parishioners who registered within the 1st year of Fr. Tomy's pastorate, July 2017-July 2018 will be invited to the very first Welcome reception to be held on Saturday, August 4th immediately following the 5:30 pm Mass in Farabaugh Hall. Welcome kits containing necessary information and documents from our parish will be given to each family.

Diana Shepherd is the coordinator of this ministry. Hereafter, she will organize quarterly receptions for the newcomers of our parish. If you are interested in joining this ministry, Diana can be reached at 678-873-3973.

Thank you all for your help and service to our parish and may God bless you all.

Lovingly, your Pastor,

Fr. Tomy Puliyanampattayil Joseph, MSFS

