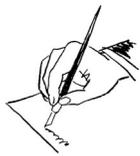


From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**10 Days of Rosary, Benediction, and Novena Prayer!**

As you all know, the month of October is dedicated to praying the Rosary. The Rosary is a family prayer that we all have to pray at home on a daily basis. In the month of October, St. Marguerite d'Youville community will have the opportunity to pray the Rosary together for 10 days as a faith family. It will begin on Monday, October 22nd at 7:00 pm until Wednesday, October 31st. All the weekdays (including Wednesdays), it will be at 7:00 pm with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary, and ending with the Holy Mass. I request each and every one of you to come out as a family and pray the Rosary as a church family to express our devotion to the Blessed Mother. (There will not be morning Mass Monday through Friday. Saturday morning there will be morning Mass; the Rosary and Benediction will follow the Vigil Mass. On Sunday, the Rosary will be after the 8:30 am Mass.)



**Stay Tuned for Our Stewardship Commitment Weekend!**

Our Parish Commitment Weekend will be on November 3rd & 4th, 2018. There will be lay speakers addressing the congregation during the previous weekends, and communications and brochures will be sent home to the parishioners. Please stay tuned!

**Our Picnic!**

Our Parish Picnic of 2018, which was held at Bethesda Park, on Sunday, September 30 afternoon, went very well. We began the picnic with Holy Mass in the park, which was a different experience for many of us. We had very good participation from the parishioners. The food was good, and everyone had a quality time. I received a lot of positive comments from the parishioners about the picnic. I want to thank the parishioners and especially the Parish Council members for working hard to put on our first Parish Picnic. Thank you one and all! May God bless you all for your commitment and dedication to our parish community.

**Commissioning of the Finance Council!**

The new Finance Council was commissioned on Sunday, September 30 during the 8:30 am Mass. Following are the members of the Council: David King, David Swint, Mark Wirt, Diane Rutledge, and Frances Stark.

**Thank you for praying during my home holidays!**

I want to thank all of you for praying for me during my home holidays of 2017-2018. I had some quality time with my family and friends back home in India. During the vacation, I did two weddings and two baptisms of my family. I also attended two major meetings of our religious community back in India. It was pretty much a working vacation. Thank you for your prayers and continuing support. I prayed for my parish during my holidays, and I am glad to be back to get on the schedule. God bless you all!

Lovingly, your Pastor,

Fr. Tomy Puliyanampattayil Joseph, MSFS