



## New Year with New Perspectives!



Dear Parishioners,

Wishing every one of you a blessed and grace-filled New Year 2019! We have several reasons to thank God for the several blessings that we received from the year 2018. Now, we welcome the new year joyfully and happily and look forward with hope for new things to happen in our lives. New perspectives, new attitudes, new vision, and renewed commitments are essential components of making the new year a bright year. I wish and pray that we all receive the grace and blessings that we need to make the year 2019 a special year.

### **DeSales Volunteer Appreciation Lunch: January 12, 2019**

I would like to thank every one of you for your dedication and commitment to our church which is our Second Home. One of the outstanding characteristics of our parish is that it is a parish with a lot of volunteers, and they are the life stream of our community. It is through their help and service that we are able to function as a community. I would like to thank each and every volunteer of our parish for doing what they do.

The pastoral and administrative staff of our church will be hosting a DeSales Volunteer Appreciation Lunch in connection to the feast of St. Francis de Sales, the patron saint of the MSFS/Fransalians (*Missionaries of St. Francis de Sales whose feast is on January 24*) for all the volunteers of our parish to let them know how important they are as part of our parish community. The date of this appreciation lunch is Saturday, January 12, 2019, at 11:30 am, in Farabaugh Hall. The sign-up sheets will be available in the Narthex for this weekend also. Please do not hesitate to sign up. We want all the volunteers to join this family meal of our parish. We gather at 11:30 am, share fellowship, listen to a brief talk on the spirituality of giving back to God, and enjoy the lunch. There will also be certificates of appreciation handed out those who sign up and attend the event.

### **Silver Jubilee Year of Fr. Tomy: December 27, 2018 to December 27, 2019**

I just entered into the Silver Jubilee Year (25 years) of my priestly ordination on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December, 2018, and the year will continue until December 27, 2019. Silver Jubilee Year is always a mile-marker in the priestly journey of any priest. I am so thankful to God for holding me safe in his palm throughout the past 24 years. Out of past 24 years of priesthood, I worked in India as principal of a high school for 5 years and rector for seminary for 3 years. The rest of my priesthood is spent in the United States in pastoral ministry as Associate for 30 months and the rest as Pastor in different churches in the Diocese of Nashville, TN, and the Archdiocese of Atlanta, GA.

Now I am here in St. Marguerite as the Pastor in this particular time in my priestly journey. I am glad to be here as your Pastor and thankful to each of you for your prayers, support, and love. It is a joyful experience of being the Pastor of a wonderful community. Thank you for walking with me in our attempt of taking our parish to the next level of growth and development. It is our mission to make our parish a destination parish of our area.

I request you all to pray for me as well as for all the priests, especially those in our parish. We need to pray for our bishops, Cardinals, and Pope, that we all may stay committed as Holy men of God for Christ the High Priest, His Church, and His people.

Lovingly Your Pastor,

Rev. Tomy Puliyanampattayil Joseph, MSFS