

PASTOR'S COLUMN—MAY 23, 2016

Dear Parishioners:

Embracing a new assignment as a priest is a lengthy process that has been unfolding for me since last October. Bishop Hying has honored my request for a new assignment which begins July 1st. Part of this transition process includes Bishop Hying wanting to come to St. Joseph's to celebrate Mass at 8:00 am on Sunday, June 12th. The Bishop wants to come to St. Joe's to publically thank me for my 11 years of priestly ministry at St. Joe's. What a kind gesture by Bishop Hying!

So, on the heels of Bishop Hying's request, St. Joe's will have a farewell reception for me in the Gathering Room of the Church on Saturday, June 11th after the 4:30 pm Mass and then also after the 8:00 am (Bishop's Mass) and the 10:00 am Mass on Sunday, June 12th. I invite you to come and celebrate God's faithfulness to St. Joseph Parish during my 11 years here. The 3 receptions are for me to personally thank you for being loyal and faithful parishioners during my time at St. Joseph's.

Part of transition to a new assignment as a priest is to say "Good-Bye" to those at the current assignment. Please join me either June 11th or 12th so that I can praise and thank God for you and your loving support of St. Joseph's.

Loving you in Christ,

Fr. Terry