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Trinity Sunday

This week I want to tell you about several changes that are happening in our parish on a staff level. As you know we have been blessed with a very wise, long serving and generous staff for many, many years. I've looked forward to the day when we had to say good bye to our wonderful staff members. But the time has come for several to enter into the next phase of their lives. Like most of us, I have been comfortable with the way things are. But this year we are going to be making some changes to our staff. At the end of this month Cathy Tocci enters into another phase of her life when leaves her position as the Director of the School of Religion. We've been preparing for this change for a number of years.

Most of you know that Bethany Lyle will be taking over the faith formation position that Cathy has held for almost 30 years. We will be honoring Cathy's years of service on next Sunday June the 18th after the 11:00 Mass. I hope you will come to come and express your gratitude for literally thousands of young people whose hearts have been touched by Cathy's generous service.

As we celebrate Cathy's departure and Bethany moves into Cathy's chair, we will be hiring a new person to become the assistant faith formation director who will work with Bethany. We are in the process of interviewing candidates right now and we will keep you posted as to those developments.

Also during this time we are going to be reducing our full time staff positions by concluding the service of one of our Pastoral Associates. Sheryl Zabel, who has served our Parish for many years, will no longer be serving as Pastoral Associate but rather will assume responsibilities in a part time way for the coordination, recruitment and development of our RCIA (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults). This part time position will be shared with Resurrection. Sheryl will begin this new job starting in July. She will be coordinating a team composed of parishioners from both Assumption and Resurrection. This new position joins the other shared positions (Evangelizing Communications Coordinator, Finance Director and Bookkeeper) in addition to all of the clergy staff that are already shared between the two parishes.

Starting next month Janie Marini will have a new title and new responsibilities. Beginning next month she will become the Director of Music and Liturgy and will be responsible for working with our Liturgy Committee, the scheduling of liturgical ministers, preachers and presiders. As you well know Janie is very organized and extremely competent to fill this expanding role. I look forward to working with her as the seasons unfold. She and Fr. Sergio will be working closely with the liturgical team which has been assembled over the years. This team provides us with our wonderful liturgical celebrations as well as the Art and Environment group which prepares our church building for our worship and praise of God.

Finally I am happy to announce that Bishop Matano has appointed a newly ordained Deacon, Marcelo De Rizio to join our staff. Marcelo, who is a parishioner of St Joseph's in Penfield, has special interest and devotion to the social ministry of the Church and will be working in our many social outreach projects. He will also be on rotation in the preaching, baptizing and assisting at the Eucharist cycles.

Thank you to all our staff who have served so generously and so faithfully as together we worship the Lord in Faith, Love and Sanctity. May the Lord continue to bless our departing staff members and enrich their lives with His love.

Have a great week!
