Dear Members and Friends of St. Joseph Church,

I offer greetings to all during this season of growth and grace. We enjoyed the Faith Fiesta on Saturday, July 15. It was a wonderful day with beautiful weather. The Parish Picnic is on Sunday, July 30. We hope it will be well-attended. The Committees did a marvelous job in organizing and executing these fun days. Thanks to Pat Castronova and all who made the "Nine and Dine with St. Joseph" a great success! The only thing that could improve any of these events would be greater participation by our parishioners. As we will repeat these activities in July 2018, please mark your calendars now!

I have highlighted some of the important events for this month.

- ✓ The Parish Worship Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 2 at 6:30 pm.
- ✓ Friday, August 4, is our bus trip to the Indians vs the Yankees game.
- ✓ Sunday, August 6, the Parish Planning Day will begin at Noon. Please consider attending this important event as we begin the process of continuing our development as a parish with more input from our parishioners.
- ✓ Tuesday, August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We will celebrate the vigil Mass on Monday, August 14 at 6:00pm. Mass for the Holy Day of obligation will be at 9:00 am on Tuesday.
- ✓ Sunday, August 20, the CCD Staff meeting will take place.
- ✓ We will celebrate a Mass of Anointing on Thursday, Aug 24, at 4:30 pm. A light meal, provided by the Knights of Columbus, will follow in the Social Hall. Even if you do not wish to be anointed, come join in our prayer and fellowship!

As we move into the school year, we will face some new challenges and some new opportunities. Carol Craven has retired so we will have a new staff member to help with our adult education and formation. With God's help and grace we will continue to be a thriving Catholic community for another 50 years!

Sincerely,

Rev. Gregory F. Fedor Pastor