

A Word from the Pastor

The Road to Renewal update

The Diocese of Buffalo has embarked on a journey to reinvigorate Catholic faith, more fully optimize parish and diocesan resources, and increase the impact of our varied ministries throughout WNY.

Many of you already know that our parish is a part of the 36 families of parishes in the Diocese of Buffalo. We are connected to St. Gregory the Great Church in Williamsville and St. Pius X Church in Getzville. The Leadership of the Road to Renewal has informed us that sometime in June we should know who the Pastor will be in our family. I did apply for the position, however, there are no guarantees that I will get it. I did apply to two other families. The Leadership asked us to choose three families that we would be interested in becoming a pastor. After a pastor is named for our family then the pastor will select individuals to represent each parish on pillar committees (stewardship, liturgy, spiritual, and administrative).

Currently, we have five priests serving the three parishes. When we officially begin as a family we will have four priests assigned. Each family of parishes (36 families) will have a centralized parish office...most likely St. Gregory the Great will be that parish for our family. It would be up to the new pastor and representatives to make that decision.

Many of you are most likely concerned about the scheduling of Mass times. Because of the decrease in clergy for our family...the Mass times would change. The new pastor and his representatives from each parish would make that decision.

These are challenging times for the church, our diocese, our priests and each of you. My advice is to remain calm and trust in Jesus....and pray to the Holy Spirit! Pray that the Holy Spirit may guide and direct our leaders. We ask Mary, the Mother of the Church, to intercede for us!