

A NEW YEAR'S NOTE FROM YOUR PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

God bless you and your loved ones as we enter a new year!

This last year may have been difficult for you. In my ministry I have walked with people who have suffered. Dear ones have died. Illnesses and injuries have occurred. Politics have weighed heavy on some. Plus, employment and financial issues have worried others. My prayer is for the new year to be a new dawn. May we be blessed to experience God's goodness as we start each day of 2018.

This is the message found in the Old Testament Book of Lamentations, "...I will call this to mind, as my reason to have hope: The favors of the Lord are not exhausted, his mercies are not spent; they are renewed each morning, so great is his faithfulness." [3:21-24].

CONDOLENCES TO THE PAWLOSKI FAMILY

On December 28, Greg Pawloski passed away at age 61. He is the brother of our pastoral associate Chet Pawloski. On behalf of the parish family, I extend condolences to Greg's family. After his parents Deacon Chet and Ronnie Pawloski died, Chet gave his constant attention to the care of Greg (who had special needs). We have reflected on a sort of sweetness that he died on the Feast of the Holy Innocents, since he lived his life in childlike innocence. I would reflect also that Greg's parents and siblings were exemplars of Christ's unconditional love.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY

Since January 1 falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Yet, it is still the Solemnity of of Mary the Holy Mother of God, so at Saint Pete's will will have a special schedule with Masses 7, 9, and 11 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION

The correct date for the Parish Board of Directors election is **February 4**. Please excuse the printing error in the announcement on the last page of today's bulletin.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Father Patrick M. Crino
Pastor