

Dear Friends in Christ,

November 11, 2018

“Lord, it is good for us to be here!” - Matthew 17:4

The above quotation was spoken by Saint Peter during the Transfiguration, a remarkable moment in the life of Jesus. Saint Peter’s words reflect my feeling as this new chapter begins in our area, and throughout the Diocese. I am very blessed to be a part of the clergy team assigned to serve in Butler. As the Senior Parochial Vicar, I will be assisting Fr. Kevin as he leads our parishes in this time of transition and opportunity. I have enjoyed working with Fr. Kevin, as well as Fr. Dan and Fr. Will. Our team has come together quite well, and we are looking forward to the future.

I am originally from the Greenfield section of the city of Pittsburgh, and Saint Rosalia is my home parish. Since my ordination on May 18, 1991, I have served as either parochial vicar or pastor at various parishes in the counties of Allegheny, Washington, Lawrence, and now of course, Butler. Priesthood is a joy; a true gift given to us by Jesus. Walking with people during times of celebration, as well as times of difficulty, is a privilege and a blessing of ministry.

I very much look forward to getting to know the people in our respective parishes, and I am very happy to feel so welcomed by the people of Butler. May God continue to lead us and guide as we seek to follow His will.

Christ’s Peace,

Fr. John

