

9 June, 2019 (Pentecost Sunday)

Dear parishioners of St. Michael's, St. Joseph the Worker, and Blessed Trinity,

My name is Fr. David Tedesche. I am a native of Wayne County, having grown up in Ontario. I am very happy to have ministered for the past three years in my native county as the Pastor of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Lyons, Clyde and Savannah. I look forward to continuing to serve the Catholics of Wayne County as Pastor now not only of St. Joseph the Worker but also St. Michael's in Newark and Blessed Trinity in Wolcott, Red Creek, and Fair Haven. I am here as your priest. I am dedicated to you.

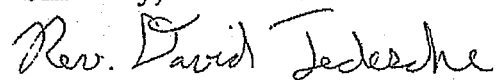
Serving you along with me will be Fr. Matthew Walter, just ordained last weekend. Fr. Walter is a native of Rochester. He spent several years with a religious order in Europe before returning back home to us to become a diocesan priest. He is a talented and bright young priest with a music background. He is very excited to start his ministry. Both of us are ready to work!

There is not a place on this earth that is absent the unseen activity of God's grace. Wherever we find ourselves, it is our calling as Christians to be sensitive to this activity and to cooperate with it as God seeks to unfold his Kingdom in this world through us. I see my initial time with you all in this new cluster as a period of discerning this already active grace in our parish territories so as to facilitate what the Lord has already been doing and will be doing among us. This will be a time of listening and learning for us all. Together, we can continue doing the Lord's work in the world.

On the back of this letter you will find our new Mass and Confession schedule which will go into effect the day of June 25th, the day I officially start as Pastor of St. Michael's and Blessed Trinity. This schedule, for the most part, is the result of much deliberation on the part of all three parishes. Some final decisions were made by me in these last few weeks in consultation with many others. I would ask us all to regard this as an experiment. Before Lent of 2020, we will ask for feedback from parishioners as to how it is working out with the possibility of modifying things by Ash Wednesday of 2020.

Please pray for me and for Fr. Walter. We have you all in our prayers. May the Holy Spirit fill our hearts with His grace this Pentecost Sunday and may we all be inspired by Him to continue building up the Body of Christ in Wayne County.

Sincerely,



Fr. David Tedesche