St JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

† J.M.J.

June 16, 2013 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

My sisters and brothers in Christ,

Thank you for the wonderful send-off you gave me last weekend! Your words of support and your generosity are much appreciated. Thank you also for your kindness to my parents who were visiting from New York. They will miss the people of Saint Joseph Parish almost as much as I will!

As my last item of "business" here at Saint Joe, I wanted to share with you the following information.

Ms. Charmaine Torma, Saint Joseph's Director of Stewardship and Development since July of 2012, will be resigning her position to accept the Director of Development position at Holy Cross College. As our Director of Stewardship and Development, Charmaine played a central role in the success of Saint Joseph's *Living Our Faith, Building Our Future Campaign*. Though we are sad to see Charmaine leave our parish staff, the Director of Development position at Holy Cross College is a wonderful opportunity for her and one that she is well suited for. Charmaine and her family will, happily, remain parishioners of Saint Joseph; indeed, Charmaine looks forward to continuing to give of her time and talent in support of our church and school development and fundraising efforts. Thank you, Charmaine!

Secondly, you have probably seen the work happening on the exterior of our school building. We are in the process of tuck-pointing the entire school (both the original building constructed in 1925 and the McCartney Administrative Annex completed in 1999). The tuck-pointing will repair the mortar joints between the bricks which have flaked and loosened due to water penetration. At the same time, the school is being power-washed and sealed to protect against future water penetration and to remove years of accumulation of dirt and grime. The work is being performed by Ziolkowski Construction, Inc. at a total cost of \$151,000. In this and other capital projects performed at the parish, we are supported by the wise and knowledgeable counsel of our parish Buildings and Grounds Committee and by our outstanding Facilities Manager, Mr. Gary Mason. I thank you, the parishioners of Saint Joseph, for your generous support of the parish, which makes possible the upkeep and improvement of our parish facilities and grounds.

May Saint Joseph, Protector of the Holy Family and Patron of the universal Church, pray for us and for our parish named in his honor! God bless you, my friends!

Devotedly yours in the Lord,

Fr. John M. DeRiso, C.S.C. Pastor