

Dear Parishioners:

As you know, we hosted our annual Italian Family Feast a few weeks ago. I think it was fantastic and I hope you and your family had a great time. As you can imagine, that success can only come about with a great deal of “behind the scenes” work. That took a lot of time, energy and commitment. While I apologize for possibly missing out on a few people, I would like to thank the following: **Frank Antonawich and Richard Maher**, our Feast Chairpersons. They put in an incalculable number of hours before, during and after the Feast. I also would like to thank the following Feast captains: **Rita Vandenburg and Frank Curry (kitchen), Loretta Howe (tickets), Debbie Meyer (money room), Lisa Farney (gambling), Kevin Hahn, Rich DeMotta and Dottie Purdue (food)**. In addition, I would like to thank the Parish Council members, under the leadership of **Eileen Rega**, for taking care of the sales of the Super Raffle. Also, thanks to the **Rosary Christian Mothers** for hosting the Shrine tent.

Moreover, there were numerous people who worked every hour of every night; I counted at least 30 people who put in all those hours. Think about volunteering next year; put it on your calendar now. One woman said to me, “This is the first time I worked the Feast. I had a great time; I’m coming back next year!”

While I cannot list everyone who helped out, I deeply appreciate all the hard work and effort of so many parishioners. They certainly lived out our parish motto: Together, we can do something beautiful for God! I do not know what the final results are yet because we still have bills to pay, credit cards to process, etc. We will not know the results until the end of October.

I would also like to thank our sponsors who donated so much to our Feast. Please consider using their services and thank them for being sponsors when you see them. The sponsors were: **i-DELIZIA DELI, MUNCH LANDSCAPING, WEST ISLIP WINES & LIQUORS, SERGEANT B LANDSCAPING, CHAPEY & SONS FUNERAL HOME, BOYD SPENCER FUNERAL HOME, ANTHONY’S PIZZA AND PASTA, CAFÉ EUROPA, ATLANTIC AUTO MALL, MORELAND HOSE, OAK NECK DELI, OUR LITTLE ITALY RESTAURANT, AND P.C. RICHARD & SON.**

Remember: Together, we can do something beautiful for God.

In Christ,

Fr. Brian

PS: Don’t forget the **CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**. This is the annual appeal to help the great work of the Diocese, such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, Seminary formation, etc. Once the Parish reaches its goal, the parish also receives a rebate from the Diocese. Your contribution helps the Diocese and the Parish at the same time! Currently we are at 73% of our goal.

### ***Special Collection - World Mission Sunday***

Next Sunday, **World Mission Sunday**, we are called to be part of the Church’s missionary efforts, supporting mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who provide loving service to those most in need. As Catholics around the world, here at home and in the missions, gather at the Eucharist around the table of the Lord, let us pray for the Church’s worldwide missionary work and offer financial help through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.