

FATHER SCOTT'S THOUGHTS

CHRIST BY THE SEA COLLABORATIVE



St. Anthony Of Padua Parish
10 Summer Street, Cohasset



St. Mary of the Assumption Parish/St. Ann Church
208 Samoset Avenue, Hull

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

There will be several upcoming staff transitions within the parishes of our collaborative.

Permanent Deacon Jim Theriault



Cardinal Seán has added Saint Anthony of Padua Parish in Cohasset to Deacon Jim Theriault's current assignment at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in Hull effective immediately. Deacon Jim was ordained in 2008 and has served at Saint Mary of the Assumption Parish in Hull since his diaconate ordination. He and his wife Claire live in Hanson. Deacon Jim will be part of the one staff serving the two parishes.

The ministry of a deacon is similar to but different from that of a priest or bishop. A deacon is ordained and missioned by Christ through the bishop to minister to the needy and the poor and to be a minister of Word and Sacrament, working in obedience to his bishop and in close fraternal cooperation with priests. While all Christians are called to serve others, the deacon is an official sign of this service and he solemnly promises to be a living example of such service for others.

Though, as a Senior (retired) Deacon, Paul Rooney does not have an official assignment, he has indicated a willingness to serve both parishes as needed. Fr. Scott welcomes his ministry in that role.

Jane Reardon

Jane Reardon will be leaving the elementary school religious education position at Saint Anthony Parish.



From Jane: *I joined St. Anthony Parish when I moved to Cohasset 31 years ago. I joined the staff 6 years ago and have been responsible for Religious Education of children in grades 1-6. We have, over that time, developed a program that keeps the Gospel and the teachings of Jesus at the center of our work. The program takes those teachings and talks about them in age appropriate ways to help each child make good decisions. It has been an honor to work with the children and their families and the volunteers at St. Anthony Parish. I leave at this time to explore the next phase... and leave you in the good hands of Adrienne, Marty and Fr. Scott. I will be involved in the First Eucharist Masses that were delayed in May and you can expect to see me around town and around church.*

*Sincerely, and with gratitude,
Jane*

Lisa Harney



Lisa Harney will be leaving the Pastoral Administrator position at Saint Mary Parish.

Lisa's involvement in ministry at the parish began when she was registering her oldest daughter for Religious Education and was asked if she could help out by teaching a class. Lisa's "yes" eventually led to teaching second grade and the First Communion Program, especially as her daughters were in the program.

Her initial "yes" led to another "yes" when Sister Carol Shoupe, Sister of Notre Dame, then the Director of Religious Education (DRE), asked Lisa if she would help strengthen the existing high school program by providing more opportunities for the young people to be involved. Lisa, whose background as a high school teacher, work experience at an alternative high school, and desire to build a high school program for when her daughters reached that age, made this a good choice for her, joined together with another mom, Kathy Lorina, and continued on the ministerial journey that would last 25 years.

Lisa and Kathy created many, varied opportunities for young people to be involved in parish life - weekend retreats, ski trips, social outings, Good Friday fasts, and an annual Christmas Bread Bake, which continues to today. Fr. Bill Williams' led to ongoing development of a youth ministry program, which flourished for 4 years. The ebb and flow of parish life in general and youth ministry in particular led to a renewed focus on strengthening the Confirmation Program with the addition of many service opportunities throughout the year, including summer service trips. When the parish's need for a Director of Religious Education intersected with Lisa's search for full-time work, she said "yes" again. In addition to directing the catechetical program for grades 1-11, Lisa took on other responsibilities including starting small faith sharing groups, the St. Rock, Haiti outreach effort, coordinating Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil/Sunday). After a brief time away from parish ministry, Lisa

returned to the DRE position before deciding to take full-time work outside of ministry, while continuing her ministerial involvement as Confirmation Coordinator, Pastoral Administrator (coordinating ministries), and preparing for the June 2019 start of the collaborative relationship with Saint Anthony Parish.

Lisa's passion has been to touch the hearts of our children and young people through instruction and experience that they might develop a relationship with God who loves unconditionally, is merciful and forgiving, and wants only to be part of our lives. She wants our children and young people to know the Church and their parish is a place of safety and love, a place that invites and wants them, to be actively present, a place they can all their faith home.

Mary Eisenhaure

Mary has recently retired from St. Mary's as the volunteer RCIA Coordinator. Her time with St. Mary's began as a volunteer religious ed instructor and evolved from there.



From Mary Eisenhaure: *"In 1990 I attended a Beginnings and Beyond given by the North American Forum on the Catechumenate at Fairfield University in Connecticut. It was almost a full week and Ann Lawrence went with me. There was a section on children given by Ron Lewinski, and I attended it because I had been doing a class for children who had missed First Eucharist for a couple of years. I came back hungry for more, chased down all workshops on the topic, and the following year took the year-long course offered by the diocese. A year or two later I became part of the adult preparation as well and when the original team members left I suggested I take a volunteer staff position so that I would be able to mesh the process with parish life."*

Every year since she volunteered for the position, Mary, through the RCIA program, has participated in every Easter Vigil by presenting Catechumens for Baptism, First Eucharist, and/or Confirmation. What a wonderful way to Evangelize...to walk someone through the process of learning about our Catholic Faith and watching them embrace the sacraments.

Please join me in affirming Deacon Jim (and his wife Claire) for the willingness to serve both parishes, supporting Deacon Paul (and his wife Mary) in his desire to assist in either parish as needed, thanking Jane for her 6 years of catechetical leadership, and expressing gratitude to Lisa for 25+ years of ministry, and Mary for her 30 years of ministry.

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"Hold fast to the rudder of faith, that you may not be shaken by the heavy storms of this world." St. Ambrose
