

PASTOR'S DESK

Lines from Sacred Scripture remind us that “the last shall be first, and the first shall be last.” Bob Dylan took this sentiment and created lyrics that still resonate with us today:

***And the first one now
Will later be last
For the times they are a-changin'***

Lent is a season of change; a time to renew ourselves and begin again. Starting this weekend, we will be promoting the scheduled times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our parish as well as several other local churches. Please consider the grace of this sacrament to make a change, if not of behavior than of outlook. We are a people who are searching for 'blessed hope' often in the middle of seemingly hopeless situations. My hope and prayer is that we will continue to change as a community which challenges us to build on what makes us special. This week's scheduled session with Julie Carrigan has been postponed and we encourage you to check out our webpage for updates and additions to the opportunities we are offering this Lent. Julie coordinates evangelization efforts at Holy Trinity Church in Cohoes and will offer insights into how we might become an even more welcoming parish. We want to fine-tune ways in which we greet and encourage people with compassion and hospitality. I discussed this initiative at our Mardi Gras Party and especially encourage those that were present to join us as we look at concrete ways to bring about the reality of Jesus' mission. As someone who always feels appreciated and cared for, I want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to experience the community as I do. May God bless and keep you, now and always.

Father George