

Dear Parishioners,

I wanted to let you know that I will be moving down to St. Pius X Residence for retired priests in Amityville at the end of the month. It is a decision I made last January and one I had been thinking about for some time. It even seems more appropriate now with Father Gilmartin's retirement and the appointment of a new Pastor. I also talked about my relocating with Father Steve Pietrowski before his arrival. He understood my intention and was accepting of my decision.

I have had a wonderful twenty-six years here in our parish. Looking back over those years, there are so many reasons to be grateful to so many of you. I think about Msgr. Colligan who was still with us when I came and Father Mario and Father Heindel, Sister Eileen, Marge Dritto, Marilyn Borghard, the other priests and deacons, especially Joe Montesano and Jim Butler. And that's the case also for the last seven years of retirement and my gratitude to Father John, our staff and all of you.

Moving down to Amityville is not all together new to me. For the last few years I have helped the retired Sisters at the Mother House by celebrating Masses for them two or three times a month. I have ties with the community that go back a long way, even to a great cousin of mine, Sister St. Luke, my grandfather's sister who died in 1936. I never knew her, but the apartment where I'll be living looks out over at the graveyard. As you get older, that's really not negative! I think we need to keep a sense of humor, especially when you're getting older.

I am certainly not losing ties with our parish and the many parishioners and friends who are and have been an important part of my life here at OLQM. That is the case with the other parishes and ministries where I have served over the years. Just to let you know this. I am including my new address, cell phone and e-mail should

you wish to contact me.

I look forward to hearing from you and keeping in touch.

May God be good to you.

Father Peter

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