

# REV. STEPHEN J. PIETROWSKI

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The youngest of three and the only boy, Fr. Steve grew up in the town of St. James and attended public school till High School, when he attended St. Anthony's HS, (then in Smithtown). Upon graduation from High School, Father attended Molloy College, Rockville Centre, where he graduated with a BA in Communications and a minor in Philosophy and Theology. In 1987 he was accepted into Immaculate Conception Seminary and was ordained 5 years later by Bishop McGann on May 30, 1992 at St. Agnes Cathedral. In 2001 Father Steve received his Masters in Social Work from Adelphi University and has completed several post graduate courses towards his Ph.D. in Hospital Administration, as well as several certifications from the State of Florida, including FBI clearance as required under federal law for all healthcare administrators.

Father Steve has had five pastoral assignments since his ordination: from 1992-1995, he was Associate Pastor at St. James in Seaford, and 1995-2005, he was assigned as Associate Pastor of St. Aidan Parish, Williston Park. In 2005, after under-going several serious back surgeries, Fr. Steve was granted a leave from active ministry and was offered the opportunity to direct the opening of a new Behavioral Health Hospital in Port St. Lucie FL., where he served as the CEO and Chief Administrative Officer for several years. He also has had the wonderful opportunity to serve the people of Holy Cross Parish, in Vero Beach as a weekend assistant. In June, 2010, Fr. Steve returned to active ministry in the Diocese, where Bishop Murphy assigned him as Associate Pastor of St. Patrick's Church, Bay Shore, where he served for two years. In March of 2012, Bishop Murphy asked Fr. Steve to be Pastor of St. Anne's Parish, in Brentwood. St. Anne's is one of the largest parishes in the diocese and serves the needs of a multicultural community comprised of Hispanics from several nations, a large English speaking community and a growing Haitian Community. The mix of cultures blends to form a rich tapestry and vibrant cultural community of faith. In June of 2015 Bishop Murphy invited Fr. Steve to assume the Pastorate of Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville. Our Lady of Mercy is a vibrant parish with a large active school community and many ministries. Fr. Steve is happy to bring his gifts and talents in administration and leadership to such a busy and wonderful community.

For the last six years Fr. Steve has worked part time with the Patient Care and Pastoral Team at the Hospice Care Network Inn in Melville, NY, as an Associate Chaplin. There he provides the sacraments and works with patients and the families of the terminally ill on a weekly basis.

Along with his parish duties Fr. Steve continues to consult in healthcare matters for several behavioral healthcare facilities throughout the south and mid-west through The Oglethorpe Corporation. He also offers his expertise here at home providing assistance at the S.E.E.D.S. of the Williston's Child Development Center, located in Williston Park, and has been invited to speak at several various venues regarding issues of Faith, End of Life Issues and Mental Health.

In 2014 Fr. Steve was honored by his brother priests and with Bishop Murphy's approval, with the duty of Vicar Forane, or Dean responsible assisting the Bishop in caring for the local communities in the Islip Deanery. That same year Bishop Murphy further honored Fr. by asking him to sit on the Continuing Care Board of Catholic Health Services for the Diocese of Rockville Centre and again honoring him by naming him to sit on the Diocesan Pastoral Council. Fr. Steve was further honored in 2016 to be elected by his brother priests to serve on the Priest Personnel Assignment Board.