

## MEMO

To: St. Pius & St. Clement Parishioners  
From: Fr. Joe Martina  
Regarding: New Associate Pastor  
Date: April 10, 2021

Hello my brothers & sisters.

**Bishop Malone has assigned Fr. Joseph Kallookalam, CMI as Associate Pastor for St. Pius & St. Clement churches, beginning this Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>.** I initially thought the first announcement would be at Masses this weekend. But when I learned yesterday afternoon that Deacon Mike Straub sent an email announcing this assignment on Wednesday afternoon, I realized this info was public information. So I'm letting you know before the 4:30 Mass this afternoon. **I learned of Fr. Joe K's assignment after the Chrism Mass, Tuesday of Holy Week** (I had misunderstood Bishop Malone's message of the assignment, which he sent me before Chrism Mass). I understood the Bishop wanted us to announce the assignment change this weekend, but that was before Deacon Straub's Wednesday email.

Our diocese is accustomed to these assignment changes being announced in May & taking effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Bishop Malone operates on a different timeline. So instead of having six weeks to prepare for an assignment change, we have less than a week. This means that Fr. Joe K will move into the St. Pius rectory on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, but we will continue to adjust & reorganize to accommodate this new assignment. Simply put, we have a lot to figure out.

These readjustments included:

- which weekend Masses he & I will celebrate (or concelebrate)
- which daily Masses he & I will celebrate (or concelebrate)
- how much time he will spend serving the St. Clement community
- how much St. Clement will reimburse St. Pius for Fr. Joe K's salary & living expenses

-how to move all my gardening supplies to a storage shed so that we can  
both park our cars in the St. Pius garage  
-and I'm sure there's a LOT more to figure out that I've not yet realized

I will ask Fr. Joe K to join me at the weekend Masses next weekend (incidentally,  
Deacon Jeff had been scheduled to preach that weekend, so we will all 3 be  
at those Masses).

Please join me in welcoming Fr. Joe K back to St. Pius & to St. Clement. And  
please continue to pray that the Holy Spirit will renew our parish & our  
church family (a prayer I began before I knew of this assignment change).

Thank you everyone. Peace.

Fr. Joe Martina

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