

Welcome To

St. Peter Church

Geneva, Illinois

Second Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2007

Dear Parish Family,

Our dear Father Max has been called to a new assignment. It is bittersweet for me to announce his departure. On one hand, he has been such a great blessing to our parish and school and countless individuals and families. To me, he has been a true friend of the rarest kind. Yet, on the other hand, I am so happy he has been assigned to assist someone who is very dear to many of us, the former pastor of our parish, Monsignor Jim McLoughlin. You may know that Msgr. Jim has recently undergone serious heart surgery and is without an associate pastor. Fr. Max will be a wonderful and much needed resource for Msgr.. Jim and all the people of St. Mary Church in Woodstock.

Fr. Bruce and I know that we cannot be at all the places we could be while this parish had three priests assigned. Please know we remain committed to serving our large and growing parish family with joy and to the best of our ability. Times like these remind us of the great shortage of priests in our country. In fact, there are far too many parishes in our country that have no priests at all, and so I urge you to pray every day for the increase of healthy, strong vocations to the priesthood, particularly for the Diocese of Rockford.

We send Fr. Max to his new home with heartfelt gratitude and great affection for touching our lives the way he has! He also takes our best wishes for a continued gifted ministry that brings everyone he encounters closer to our dear Lord Jesus Christ.

Father Max will be saying farewell at all the Masses next weekend, March 10-11. And should you and your family want to personally say good-bye, Fr. Max will be available in the Multipurpose Room after the Sunday morning Masses. It will be our pleasure to serve refreshments.

Please keep Father Max, Father Bruce, Msgr. McLoughlin and me in your prayers, knowing that you are always in ours. May God continue to bless your families, and may you reflect our dear Lord to everyone whose path you cross.

With great affection,



Msgr. Joseph F. Jarmoluk
Pastor