

A Shepherd Shares

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“God give you Peace!” St. Francis of Assisi used this greeting and blessing regularly. As St. Andrew Parish Community moves through a time of transition and continues to grow in love of the Lord and service of the Kingdom of God, may we be blessed with God’s Peace!

For all that has been done in the more than 50 years our parish has been in existence, and the good things we have because of the sacrifice of others, let us be grateful! St. Andrew Parish is truly blessed by God with an abundance of wonderful people and resources. May we have the wisdom to respond to God’s call for what is ours to do. At least every few weeks, I hope to have an article in the bulletin to let you know, from the Pastor’s perspective at least, what is going on. If you miss getting a bulletin on a weekend, you can view it on our web site at www.standrewcc.org. Please make it a habit to pick up and read the bulletin and/or browse the web site.

This edition of *A Shepherd Shares* is a beginning. The title is intentionally not, “The Shepherd Shares” or “Your Shepherd Shares,” because the Good Shepherd of us all is Jesus the Christ. He designated St. Peter and his successors as his Vicar on earth and so Pope Benedict XVI is our Shepherd. The Pope ordains Bishops for the local church and so Bishop Kevin Vann is our Shepherd. Our Bishop, following the recommendation of my Provincial, has appointed me Pastor – Shepherd – of the St. Andrew Parish portion of the local church, effective August 1st. **in so doing I have hope of shepherding appropriately the flock entrusted to my responsibility and care.**

Join me, at least in prayer on September 21st, when at the 10:30AM Mass, Bishop Vann will formally install me as Pastor. Be certain of my prayers for you!

Fr. Tom