

Fr. Martin's Reflection – October 16, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is with a heavy heart I announce the retirement of a long-time member of staff and a good friend to our parish, Larry Denney. Larry has guided the parish through many positive and some difficult changes. Everything Larry has done for the parish has always been done out of a deep love for the parish and a strong faith in God. On behalf of the parish, and on my own behalf, I want to sincerely thank Larry for his commitment and dedication to the needs and the welfare of our parish. He will be dearly missed around the office for his wit, generosity, and sense of humor.

Just to reassure you, Larry and Janet have not bought horses and cowboy hats and they are not joining Peggy and Deacon Ron on the ranch in Arizona, they are staying put! May the love of God guide you; may the compassion of Christ embrace you, and may the Holy Spirit be your inspiration.

Parish Cemeteries:

Deacon Ron and Larry were the two who managed our cemeteries, but with both retiring it was important that we find someone or an agency that could manage our cemeteries to the highest standards possible. It was decided to approach the Diocese of Trenton Catholic Cemeteries to manage our cemeteries, and they gratefully said yes. To manage the cemetery they take on the time commitment to care for plots, open and close graves, maintain the grounds, and research. The parish cemeteries will remain in the possession of the parish, and all decisions regarding the cemeteries will be made by the parish.

- ◆ If you have any inquiries regarding purchase of plots, maintaining grounds, and any questions regarding the cemeteries please call: 856-317-6400
- ◆ To organize a funeral liturgy in St. Mary Church or Holy Assumption Church, please contact the parish office: 609-298-0261

As we move forward as a parish family, may we always look to God as our guide and inspiration, and may God's love be always with us.

Fr. Martin