

My Sisters and Brothers of St. Elizabeth of the Trinity,

May I offer my sincere “Thank You” for the warm reception I received following all the Masses celebrated on June 3rd & 4th of the weekend past.

The many kind words, the cards with such gracious notes and your generous gifts topped off with the Sunday luncheon will never be forgotten. My heart is abundantly filled by the outpouring of your spirit offered this past weekend.



The families and individuals who shared their memories from all three of our combined parishes reminded me how fortunate I am. As I leave St. Elizabeth of the Trinity and begin my new assignment at St. Juliana’s Parish, I’m counting my blessings to have served such a wonderful community of people in our corner of the Archdiocese.

I was overjoyed to see and speak with all those who attended this weekend’s Masses and offer their personal goodbyes, warm hugs, and yes a few tears.

To the many loyal partners who planned, set-up and hosted the luncheon, I’m humbled and most thankful. I’m just beginning to enjoy the Memory Booklet, and so many of the pictures on the big screen, and of course the delicious lunch and desserts enjoyed by my family and all our guests.



The opening prayer and warm welcome set a perfect stage for what leaves me speechless. Tim Jacob’s emotional reflection and Shannon Nelson’s words coupled with both of their personal memories of my years at St. Thecla and St. Cornelius fill me and touch my heart in more ways than I can count ...

Yes, the spirit of the past weekend is a parting gift that I will cherish forever. And as I mentioned in my reflection: may our prayers continue to sustain us and our Lord’s many blessings fill the hearts and homes of each of you in the days to come.

Thank you again and again. Amen ...!!

Deacon John Rottman & Family All

Note: Farewell Party photos and Memory Booklet are posted on the parish website in the Gallery.