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BISHOP BARRES APPOINTS NEW PASTORS



From left: Fr. Jason Grisafi, Fr. Sean Gann, Fr. Jeff Yildirmaz, Fr. Christopher Costigan, Fr. Kevin Smith



From left: Fr. Robert Ketcham, Fr. Msgr. Mark Rowan, Fr. Peter Dugandzic, Fr. Dennis Suglia, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Coogan, Fr. Brian Barr, Rev. Msgr. Robert Clerkin



From left: Fr. Joseph Fitzgerald, Fr. Seth Awo Doku, Fr. Joseph Davanzo, Fr. Adrian McHugh, Fr. Sean Magaldi; Fr. David Atanasio
Not pictured: Fr. Joseph Alenchery, Fr. Francisco Garcia, Fr. Steven Maddaloni, Fr. Rony Fabien, Fr.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK - APRIL 16, 2019 - The Most Reverend John O. Barres, Bishop, Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre appointed the following priests to the following assignments. These appointments become effective on June



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Babylon: Church of Saint Joseph

Father Jason Grisafi from Administrator at the Church of Saint Joseph, Babylon to Pastor of the Church of Saint Joseph, Babylon.

Bay Shore: Church of Saint Patrick

Father Sean J. Gann from Pastor at the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park to Pastor of the Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore. Fr. Gann graduated from Cathedral College, Douglaston and the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington.

Bellmore: Church of Saint Barnabas the Apostle

Father Jeff Yildirmaz, from Administrator at Church of Saint Aidan, Williston Park to Pastor of the Church of Saint Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore. Fr. Yildirmaz graduated from Kellenberg Memorial High School, Uniondale and Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia.

Bethpage: Church of Saint Martin of Tours

Father Christopher Costigan, from Pastor at Church of Saint Martha, Uniondale to Pastor of the Church of Saint Martin of Tours, Bethpage. Fr. Costigan graduated from Chaminade High School, Mineola; University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana; and the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington.

Blue Point: Church of Our Lady of the Snow

Father Kevin M. Smith from Pastor at the Church of Saint Dominic, Oyster Bay to Pastor at the Church of Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point. Fr. Smith graduated from St. Pius X Prep Seminary, Uniondale; Cathedral College, Douglaston and Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington.

Centereach: Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Father Joseph Alenchery, from Associate Pastor at Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach to Pastor of Church of the Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach. Fr. Alenchery graduated from the Pontifical Institute of Theology and Philosophy, Alwaye, Kerala, India.

Commack: Church of Christ the King

Father Robert W. Ketcham, from High School Chaplain at Saint John the Baptist, West Islip to Pastor of Church of Christ the King, Commack. Fr. Ketcham graduated from SUNY Oswego and the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington.

Deer Park: Saints Cyril and Methodius



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Father Francisco Gius F. Garcia, from Associate Pastor at Church of Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon to Pastor of the Church of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park.

Farmingdale: Church of Saint Kilian

Reverend Monsignor Mark P. Rowan from serving outside the diocese as a Military Chaplain, to Pastor at the Church of Saint Kilian, Farmingdale. Msgr. Rowan graduated from Lawrence Public High School, Lawrence; Molloy College, Rockville Centre and the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. Msgr. Rowan is also an officer in the Air Force Reserves.

Hampton Bays: Church of Saint Rosalie

Father Steven A. Maddaloni, from Administrator of the Church of Saint Rosalie, Hampton Bays to Pastor of the Church of Saint Rosalie, Hampton Bays.

Kings Park: Church of Saint Joseph

Father Peter Dugandzic, from Pastor of Church of Blessed Sacrament, Valley Stream to Pastor of the Church of Saint Joseph, Kings Park. Fr. Dugandzic graduated from Smithtown HS East; Suffolk Community College; SUNY Cortland and the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington.

Medford: Church of Saint Sylvester

Father Dennis A. Suglia, from Associate Pastor at Church of Saint Kilian, Farmingdale to Pastor of the Church of Saint Sylvester, Medford. Fr. Suglia graduated from Lawrence High School, Cedarhurst; SUNY Stony Brook; Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia and the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington. Fr. Suglia is also a United States Marine.

Oyster Bay: Church of Saint Dominic

Reverend Monsignor Thomas M. Coogan, from Pastor at Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore to Pastor of Church of Saint Dominic, Oyster Bay. Msgr. Coogan graduated from Chaminade High School, Mineola; Loyola College, Maryland and the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington.

Point Lookout: Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Father Brian Barr becomes Pastor of Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Point Lookout. Fr. Barr will continue to serve as pastor of the Church of Saint Mary of the Isle, Long Beach. Fr. Barr graduated from Holy Cross High School, Flushing; Cornell University, Ithaca and the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington.

Port Washington: Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara



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Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Clerkin, from Pastor at Church of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Deer Park to Pastor of the Church of Saint Peter of Alcantara, Port Washington. Msgr. Clerkin graduated from St. Pius X Preparatory Seminary, Uniondale; Siena College, Albany and the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington.

Seaford: Church of Saint William the Abbot

Father Joseph H. Fitzgerald, from Vocations Director, Diocese of Rockville Centre to Pastor at Church of Saint William the Abbot, Seaford. Fr. Fitzgerald graduated from North Babylon High School; Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY and the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington.

Fr. Fitzgerald was selected to the 1996 Olympic Team and represented the U.S. in Atlanta.

Uniondale: Church of Saint Martha

Father Rony Fabien, from Associate Pastor of the Church of Saint Brigid, Westbury to Pastor of the Church of Saint Martha, Uniondale.

Wantagh: Church of Saint Frances de Chantal

Father Seth Awo Doku, from Associate Pastor at Saint Agnes Cathedral to Pastor of the Church of Saint Frances de Chantal, Wantagh.

West Babylon: Church of Our Lady of Grace

Father Joseph V. Davanzo, from Pastor at the Church of Christ the King, Commack to Pastor of Church of Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon. Fr. Davanzo graduated from Archbishop Molloy High School, Briarwood; St. John's University, Queens and the Immaculate Conception Seminary, Huntington. Fr. Davanzo is also a CPA.

Williston Park: Church of Saint Aidan

Father Adrian McHugh, from Pastor of the Church of Saint Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore to Pastor of the Church of Saint Aidan, Williston Park.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Valley Stream: Church of Saint Raymond of Penyafort

Father Lawrence Onyegu, from Associate Pastor of the Church of Saint Raymond of Penyafort, East Rockaway to Administrator of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Valley Stream.

NON-PAROCHIAL MINISTRY



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Vocations Director

Father Sean T. Magaldi, from Associate Pastor at Church of Saint Patrick, Smithtown to Vocations Director, Diocese of Rockville Centre. Fr. Magaldi graduated from Chaminade High School, Mineola; Adelphi University, Garden City and Saint Joseph Seminary, Yonkers.

High School Chaplain

West Islip: Saint John the Baptist Diocesan High School

Father David Atanasio, from Associate Pastor at Church of Saint Patrick, Bay Shore to High School Chaplain at Saint John the Baptist High School, West Islip. Fr. Atanasio graduated from Brentwood High School, Brentwood; Saint John's University, Queens; and Saint Joseph Seminary, Yonkers.

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