



CAN THE FIRST SMILE LAST?

Ever since my arrival on 25 June 2008 as the Parish of Our Holy Redeemer’s tenth Pastor, (by the way: “I would like to thank all of you who helped me commemorate my seventh anniversary on 25 June 2015 with an increase of **25 Cents More** in your weekly Offering. That **25 Cents** is making a difference)

we have regularly prayed for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood. Over these years, those prayers have brought us more than just **25 Cents More a Week** and the many things that it pays for; those prayers have brought us Seminarians who went on to be Priests, Priests who went on for further studies in Rome, and Bishops who went home to God. Never before the arrival of Father Alessandro however, have our prayers for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood during that time, brought a newly Ordained Priest home to Our Holy Redeemer! Here’s how the Most Reverend William F. Murphy, Bishop of Rockville Centre put it in a letter he wrote to Father Alessandro five days before ordaining him a Priest:

“It is my pleasure to appoint you as Associate Pastor at the Church of Our Holy Redeemer in Freeport where Reverend Douglas Arcoleo is the Pastor. This assignment commences on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at twelve o’clock noon, through June 2020.”

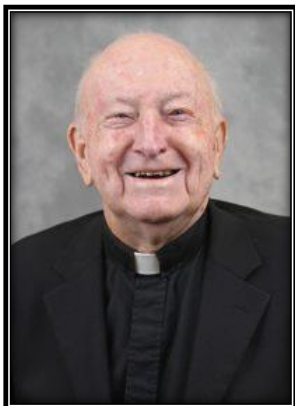
Father Alessandro’s first assignment commenced on 24 June 2015 just as Bishop Murphy said it would. And since then he has said his first Mass at Our Holy Redeemer, heard his first Confession at Our Holy Redeemer, Anointed his first dying person at Our Holy Redeemer, spent his first day “on Duty” at Our Holy Redeemer, and made his first appearance as a Priest of Our Holy Redeemer on the Nautical Mile. In all of these things and more, our newly Ordained Priest has given our Parish a “lift” (and so have many others as you can see from the following page).



Please pray that the joy of being a Priest will remain with him long after he celebrates all his “firsts”, and that the smile with which he has begun his service will last.



YES, THE FIRST SMILE CAN LAST



REVEREND JOHN P. DRAB
Born: 29 June 1920
Ordination: 15 June 1946
Died: 01 July 2015

ASSIGNMENTS:

- 06 Jul 1946 Camp Claver, Wading River, Chaplain
- 26 Sep 1946 Church of Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport, Associate Pastor**
- 30 Sep 1953 Little Flower House of Providence, Wading River, Chaplain
- 17 Dec 1958 Church of St. John the Baptist, Wading River, Temp. Administrator
- 18 Feb 1960 Church of St. Andrew, Sag Harbor, Associate Pastor
- 27 Jun 1964 Diocesan member for Interracial Affairs
- 30 Jan 1969 Church of St. Anthony, Oceanside, Administrator
- 08 Mar 1971 Delegate – Our Lady Star of the Sea Deanery
- 01 Jan 1976 Church of St. Anthony, Oceanside, Pastor
- 25 Jun 1982 Church of St. Andrew, Sag Harbor, Pastor
- 26 Aug 1984 Church of Ss. Philip & James, Saint James, Associate Pastor
- 01 Apr 1994 To Retirement