

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

Summer has arrived! Hopefully it will be a peaceful, restful time! I know that some people do not get much of a break in the Summer, but with warmer weather, it is good to take things a bit slow.

Along those lines, we have a slightly altered Sunday Mass schedule beginning July 1st.

Actually, the Mass schedule in the Main Church will remain exactly the same this Summer. The 12:30PM Mass will take place every Sunday but there will not be any music. It is difficult to cover all the Masses in the Summer due to vacation schedules for Musicians and Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Therefore, the 12:30PM Masses until after Labor Day will be rather quiet Masses (unusual for St. Patrick's) and there will be no distribution of the Precious Blood. As I've said before, this is an attempt to serve the need for a Mass in a simple way. We shall see how this goes for this Summer.

In the Stone Church, we will repeat the Summer Schedule of the past number of years which combines the two Masses into one Mass only at 9:45AM. Even with Fr. William's help, one less Mass on the schedule helps since the visiting Legionaire of Christ priests are basically unable to assist for many Summer Sundays.

As for our priests assigned to the parish, we are able to take some vacation time since Fr. William can cover for us. We are alternating time off.

As you may have heard, we have a new priest coming in August. Fr. John Wilson is finishing his studies in Rome and will begin his first full-time parish assignment with us. Fr. Tom Kreiser has not received official word yet but he is quite certain that he will be transferred to another parish as of August 1st (if not sooner). We will miss his wonderful Priestly presence here in his home parish. We will let you know as soon as we have official word.

Until then, have a wonderful Summer and we will see you in our air-conditioned Church when you are in town!

God Bless!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.