

## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I'm sure people will soon be asking and are probably already talking about a notice that was displayed when the 2018 Mass book was open for intentions on July 20th so I thought it is best to explain.

Under the heading Important Please Note, there were listed some masses that were not open for intentions. First, no Stone Church Mass intentions yet. (We might have to schedule only one Mass per Sunday there throughout the year). Second, no Noon Mass intentions during Lent or Advent. Third, no Mass Intentions for 7:30pm Monday night Masses.

The reason for the hesitation to offer intentions for all of the above is because as of September 4th, as far as I know at the present moment, we will have only two full-time priests in this parish. That could change at any time (and I'm hoping it will) but right now there are at least four parishes in the Archdiocese with no resident Pastor or any Priest. It may be that those parishes will receive an International Priest (i.e a Priest from another country). Once those parishes are taken care of, then the Archdiocese will think about a third Priest for our parish. Once again, I implore everyone to keep praying for and encouraging vocations to the Priesthood. As Catholics we need the sacraments of the Eucharist, Penance and Anointing most often, and we need priests for the same, and much more.

Keep praying for all Priests please, and say a special prayer for Fr. John Wilson who will arrive this week. I am certain this will be a blessed assignment for him, as it is for me, but perhaps a bit daunting with only two Priests on staff.

With God's help, and the offers of help from so many of you, I am certain we will be fine. Nothing will be able to separate us from God's love as long as we come together in Jesus' Name.

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.