

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

By now, you are probably aware that today is Fr. Tom's last day here at St. Patrick's. He has served for six years here and is being transferred to Sacred Heart in Monroe in Orange County. He will be sorely missed.

You may have heard the other news regarding the transfer of Msgr. Ed Barry. He learned just before July 4th weekend that he is being transferred to Holy Rosary in Hawthorne with some urgency because several priests have been re-assigned and he is needed as Pastor there. We are thankful to both wonderful priests!

In these times of shortages of priests being ordained, it is more common for frequent and sudden transfers to occur. When priests retire or are transferred, there are very few associate priests to re-assign. A year ago, Fr. Bisignano and Fr. Pomeisl were transferred and now the same is true for Msgr. Barry and Fr. Tom. It is unsettling when transfers occur like this but the size of the Archdiocese and some pressing needs often make such things necessary. Just as with Fr. Tom, so we will certainly miss Msgr. Barry. We knew these transfers could happen but now it is real.

We promise our prayers for Msgr. Barry and Fr. Tom and all of the priests who have served here so selflessly over the years. I am truly grateful to Msgr. Barry and Fr. Tom for their service here with me. God bless them both.

We thank God that Fr. Tom Wilson, ordained a year ago, will be arriving in August. I trust the Archdiocese will also provide a second new priest for us soon. Our parish really needs three full-time priests assigned here. We are, after all, one of the biggest parishes.

We should also continue to pray fervently for an increase in vocations to the Priesthood. In order to receive the sacraments, we need priests to serve and guide in Jesus' name. The Lord promised he would give us shepherds and he would be always with us. Amen.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco