

## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I suggest that everyone try to read the bulletin each week because it is the best way to keep up on the news of the parish and find the most trustworthy information about what is taking place.

In the last few months, you read about the appointment of Fr. Wilson here, the transfers of Fr. Tom and Msgr. Barry to other parishes, the arrival of first one and then a second summer priest, Fr. William and Fr. Raphael. You heard that the Archdiocese was having difficulty covering assignments in many parishes because there are not enough priests to go around.

However, now I am able to announce that an Archdiocesan Priest will be assigned here at St. Patrick's as a third full-time priest beginning on September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017. Fortunately, things worked out for us and Fr. Christian Amah will be coming to us soon.

Fr. Christian was ordained one year ago and spent his first year at St. Clare's Parish on Staten Island. Father was born in Nigeria but he has been in the United States for at least six years, and he studied at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers. As I mentioned, he is a Priest of the Archdiocese of New York.

In an interesting set of coincidences, Fr. Christian was a classmate of Fr. Raphael (one of our Summer Priests) in the minor seminary in Nigeria. He entered the same class of the major seminary of the Archdiocese of New York as Fr. John Wilson. We will now have two priests of the Archdiocese who were ordained one year ago. (Now I feel like the elderly Monsignor!)

St. Patrick's parish is blessed to have three priest assigned here once again as well as the weekend assistance of the priests of the Legionaries of Christ. I believe all the prayers we have been praying have been answered. Thank the Lord!

Let us continue to pray for God's grace in order that we may all continue to strive to do the Lord's work as members of the family of the Church, the Body of Christ.

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.