

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

With all the bad news in the last few weeks, I forgot to say Farewell to Fr. William Kyere in this column. Fr. William is on his way back to Ghana, where he is the rector of the Cathedral of his diocese. Unfortunately, Fr. William will have the sad duty to celebrate the funeral Mass for his father, Steven, this coming week. His father passed away unexpectedly last week. There is a longer period of mourning in his country and the bishop chooses the date for the funeral of a parent of a priest. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Steven Kyere.

We will miss Father William's kind priestly presence in our parish. This Summer and last he was with us for three months. In a time when there is such little uplifting news about priests, it was wonderful to have a holy Summer priest with us. I am grateful that he spent those months with us.

Hopefully, you know your three full-time priests are here for you. Fr. Wilson, Fr. Christian and I seek to do our best everyday to bring God's grace and His peace into our parish. Of course, it is the Lord himself who comes to us in the sacraments through the hands of the priests. Like every sincere Catholic, we desire to cooperate with God's grace. Jesus is our Shepherd! We seek to follow Jesus' example and do His will in all things.

At this moment, our parish does not have the assistance of a weekend priest. Fr. Donal O'Keeffe has not been here since May. He intended to return to us after Labor Day but he has been transferred to California to become a religious superior there. God bless him in his new position. Sadly, it seems none of his priest colleagues will be able to assist us either. His absence makes the schedule here a little more challenging.

Keep praying that no matter how many priests are here, all of us together, priests and lay people, will continue to strive to live our lives as holy disciples of Jesus.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco