



The Church of St. Patrick

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June 30, 2020

These are the announcements that Monsignor made at all the Masses on June 27 and 28, 2020.

Hello Everyone,

I feel compelled to say welcome back to Mass. For some this might be your first time back since March. This is our third week of having Mass in church although we are still Livestreaming the Mass as we did for 13 weeks when we could not celebrate in church. We will continue to Livestream for quite some time. Please recall that Cardinal Dolan has dispensed everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday or Holy Day of Obligation Masses until further notice.

It might seem like I'm taking this opportunity only to remind people of the need to keep a social distance of 6 feet from others, to sanitize hands often, wear face masks over the nose and mouth and please receive on the hand not on the tongue to protect others from the Coronavirus. All that is true but I am here to give some other important parish news.

We received word this week that Father John Wilson is being transferred to St. Kateri Tekakwitha parish in Lagrangeville as of July 1st. Fr. Wilson has been here for three years which is the typical time for a parochial vicar to spend in a parish assignment but perhaps due to the pandemic, we thought Father might have more time here. We will miss his priestly presence. Fr. Wilson will actually be here until the middle of July but we will not be able to have a farewell until a later date due to the same restrictions surrounding the virus.

We have also gotten word that His Eminence has assigned a new priest here for his first fulltime assignment after studies in Rome (just as happened with Fr. Wilson). Fr. Ryan Muldoon will be here in the first week of July. I am certain that as sad as we are to see Fr. Wilson leave, we will welcome Fr. Muldoon with open arms-no hugs-but open arms.

Thirdly, we have not received any word about Fr. Christian's time frame for any new assignment. Fr. Christian arrived shortly after Fr. Wilson three years ago so it would not be unusual for a re-assignment soon but, as I say, we have no news yet. We will hold our breath, so to speak.

We do have a seminarian staying with us for about 1 year. Danny Dilone finished his second year of major Seminary in Rome and will be in our parish until he returns to Rome to complete the final two years of studies. Welcome Danny.

Lastly, we will have some extra priestly help for the month of July. Fr. Matthew Takyi-Assante was with us for extra help a few years ago and offered to come back to help a bit this Summer, which is most welcome right now.

I know there is a lot of news about comings and goings here. That is what happens with Archdiocesan priests (and seminarians). This weekend I am celebrating 33 years as a priest and I know what it means to be transferred on short notice. All our priests have to be ready to serve when and where we are sent. I thank God for all the priests, the good shepherds, St. Patrick's has been blessed with.

Special Blessings to Fr. Wilson as he prepares to take his leave.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Msgr. Giandurco". The signature is written in dark ink and includes a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Msgr. Joseph Giandurco
Pastor