

Sept. 16, 2018

Thoughts from the pastor,

Well we got almost everything taken care of last week. Those of you at the 5:30 Saturday Mass had a hard time hearing the Archbishop's Annual Appeal video. That was partially my learning to use the new sound system, my having difficulties with computers, and a glitch in the new sound system that was fixed by the next morning. The good news is that it is an annual appeal so you are aware of most of what it is about. You should be getting your letters this week, if you are a registered parishioner. Those of you who are still in limbo can get one in the back of church in a few weeks. It is an important drive for the Archdiocese.

By the time you are reading this I sure hope that I will be on the Holland America cruise ship, the Prinsendam. It is one of my favorites but I have heard that this is one of its last trips for it has been sold. I don't know the name of its replacement. Just a reminder, if you plan on doing a cruise, Holland America is basically the only cruise line that is committed to having a Catholic priest chaplain on board each trip. In that capacity I will be having Mass everyday on the ship and will be praying for you, especially as we stop at Fatima.

For those of you doing the Sunday morning Bible Study, I will definitely have class on Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>. You just have a month to read seven days of readings. That weekend, Oct. 6-7, Fr. Don and I will also be having the Anointing of the Sick at all the weekend Masses.

There is another change in the parish personnel. Marge Czarnik is retiring from the front desk. She has been working in the office since 2005 and has been able to do what I can't seem to do, remember all of your names. In her place will be Sam Jizba who is also the coordinator of the youth group. Hopefully he has a much better ability to remember names than I have. Marge has been wonderful to work with and I hope she gets her wish and has a chance to do a few cruises also.

We are still looking for a part-time cleaning person for the facilities. There is some flexibility on the hours, but as always with a job like this you have to be ready to spend a fair amount of time in the bathrooms.

You will notice that we revised the weekday Mass schedule for September. Soon you will also have the October Mass schedule. Usually when I am out of town, one of the deacons has a Communion Service. These three weeks there will be substitute priests for some of those Masses. There will still be a fair number of Communion Services, but having less means that there are far fewer times in which there isn't a priest for confessions before Mass. Fr. Don will be taking all the weekend Masses while I am gone and still having confessions before those Masses. The one exception will be that he will be at the Priest's Conference in Schuyler from Monday morning until Wednesday afternoon, on Oct. 1-3.

God bless you,  
Fr. Frank