

BY THE WAY . . .

- The **weekend schedule** of Masses at Saint Anthony's is now back to "normal," namely 5:30 PM on Saturday, and Sunday at 7:00, 8:30, 10:00 and 12:00 Noon. Last weekend approximately 250 parishioners were present at one of the five Masses. All attendees (Over the age of 2) must wear face masks, and observe social distanced seating in the church. I think, after two weeks, we are slowly getting the hang of how that works. In general, there has been a great, and at times, tearful sign of relief at the ability to get "back to church," "back to Mass," and "back to the Eucharist."

For the last two weekends we have had Saturday Confessions in the Jubilee Garden between the rectory and the school. Surprisingly, so far, that has worked out all right, even despite the noise from the street traffic and the rectory air conditioning units.

At least for the time being, the weekday Mass (Monday through Saturday) will remain at 10:30 A.M. It is being live streamed (as is also the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday) but is also open to the public. There are a number of issues involved in the discussion about the time of the daily Mass, and I will have to weigh those issues before we come to a permanent time.

- **Adopted vocations:** Cardinal Joseph Tobin, C.Ss.R. of Newark ordained ten new priests for the archdiocese last week. Among the ten is Father John Ginty (55) of Ridgewood. Father Ginty's mom, Cathy, is an occasional Mass attendee here at Saint Anthony's.

On October 15, 1955, Father Julian Varrettoni, newly-ordained parochial vicar at Saint Anthony's presided at the marriage of Elizabeth Black of Hawthorne to Edward Chadwick of Ridgewood. The couple settled in Glen Rock, and became parishioners of Saint Catherine's. But their youngest son, John occasionally would bicycle over to Saint Anthony's for Mass or Confession. Last week Cardinal Tobin named Father John Chadwick as **Vicar General** of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Congratulations to both of these quasi-Saint Anthony's vocations.

- Last Sunday, at the 10:00 A.M. Mass, I **received into the Catholic Church** Daniel Bavosi, and also celebrated his First Eucharist and Confirmation. Dan is the last of the eleven men and women who have been part of our R.C.I.A. program this past year, to received the Sacraments of Initiation. Most of the group celebrated these sacraments two weeks ago.

Congratulations to Dan and all our R.C.I.A. candidates. For those who might be interested in becoming a part of the R.C.I.A. process for the coming year, please contact Sister Betty Ann Martinez, F.M.A. at the number on our parish bulletin.

- This past Wednesday, July 1, was the Episcopal ordination and Installation of our new Bishop, the Most. Rev. Kevin J. Sweeney.

However, the date also has the added significance of being the **third anniversary** of the priestly ordination of our parochial vicar, Father Sylwester Pierzak. Congratulations and Ad Multos Annos to Father Sylwester!

- **Prayer for our Nation**

*O God, who arrange all things according to a wonderful design,
Graciously receive the prayers
we pour out to you for our country,
that through the wisdom of its leaders and the integrity of its citizens,
harmony and justice may be assured
and lasting prosperity come with peace.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

God bless you all,

Father Ray