

May 14, 2018

To the Parishioners of St. Anthony's Parish
Oceanside, NY

Dear Friends in Christ,

I write to you today to express my gratitude to both Father Donald Gannon, S.J. and Father James Donovan, S.J. Fr. Gannon has spent the past year as your Parish Administrator, and I am very appreciative of his dedication in addressing the needs of the Parish community. I am happy that he will remain on the Parish Staff, serving as a Parochial Vicar. I am delighted that Fr. Donovan willingly takes up the challenge of being Pastor. With his love of you, the Parishioners of St. Anthony's, I know he will give you his very best.

Fr. Dan O'Brien, S.J. will continue in his good ministry with you. Fr. Vincent Ritchie, S.J. has well served your community through his preaching and presiding. I am grateful for his service, and for his willingness to take on a new ministry in Oyster Bay. Rev. Mr. Richard Nichols, S.J. completes his service at St. Anthony's as well. I am consoled as I hear your praise for his preaching and service in Outreach. You have been well served through these men.

St. Anthony's will enjoy an influx of new blood with the summer assignments of Father Patrick Nolan, S.J. and Rev. Mr. Christopher Grodecki, S.J. Patrick will be ordained a priest in June and will have his first experience of priesthood at St. Anthony's. Christopher is a recently ordained deacon who will advance to priesthood in a year's time. I ask that you welcome them warmly.

As Fr. Donovan enters into his new role as Pastor, I ask that you give him your full support. He has been working diligently to prepare himself as Pastor. I join my prayers to yours for a full and rich ministry.

In Corde Jesu,



John J. Cecero, S.J.
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