



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”

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This week I have been especially aware of and grateful for the hard work of so many of our parishioners, not only collaborating with what the priests and sisters are doing, but **TAKING THE LEAD!** I think of the Dinner Dance Committee, especially Mike Mongiovi, Celeste Calabro, and Elizabeth Mannini. They put countless hours into preparing what was a very successful event. Not only did we raise much needed funds for the parish, but most importantly they created an evening of family unity with nearly 300 attendees.

I think also of the many members of the Hispanic Ministry Team--whose names are too many to mention here--who have been organizing this Sunday's Family Fair / Kermesse.

They have raised the bar of professionalism and creativity. Not only will we have great food, but also entertainment for both children and adults.

I think of our family and couples ministry, the ushers, high school youth group, the door-to-door street mission, and so many other areas where the **LAITY** are leading us. Thank you. Keep going! Don't wait for me or anyone else. The parish staff, including myself, will be here to give direction and approvals, but the work of evangelization and parish building is the responsibility of every baptized Catholic. Do you have an idea of how we can serve you or others better? Propose it and, when approved, do it. We will give you as much support as possible.

**God bless,
Father Jonathan**

P.S. We will open our mass book on November. This year national, secular holidays like Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, etc. we will only have one daily mass, at 12:00pm. This takes into account the fact we know only have two full-time priests on staff (instead of three) and usually at least one of us is away with family. Thank you for understanding.

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