



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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The church looks very bare this weekend. But Christ is here!!

This last week our beautiful statues have all been removed for protection and refurbishment. Our historic sanctuary organ was carefully dismantled, placed in a truck, and is now on its way across the country for refurbishment. The sacristy too is being packed up and brought down to "Fatima Chapel" where we will celebrate the sacraments until the end of the restoration process.

This Monday all of the pews will be removed and the major work then begins.

I know that we will all miss our beloved church building during these Summer months! But what a joyous moment it will be when we open the doors again for the solemn mass with Cardinal Dolan on Saturday, September 2nd at 5:00pm for the 100th anniversary (to the day!) of the first mass in our church.

I have a hunch that the next four months in Fatima Chapel will be a beautiful spiritual experience. We are going down into the "catacombs", just like the first Christians, and also like the founders of this parish, who began worshipping in Fatima Chapel while the main church was being built.

We might be a bit tight down in Fatima Chapel on Sundays, but I think this might bring us closer together spiritually as well.

If anyone has any questions during these months, do not hesitate to come speak to me, call or write me!! You know where you can find me and you know my email address ILOVEOURPARISH@GMAIL.COM

Thank you for your patience as we try to assure that our parish is strong and beautiful for the next 100 years.

**God Bless,
Father Jonathan**

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