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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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You will begin to see around the neighborhood posters advertising the upcoming "St Anthony Feast", which will run from Wednesday, June 13th - Sunday, June 17th. I hope you enjoy what I think will be a fun and dignified tribute to one of our most beloved saints. We are making special efforts to improve the cleanliness of the streets during the feast, especially in the early morning hours, and to offer a new set of musical performances. To help us prepare spiritually for the feast, after each daily and Sunday mass from June 1-June 13th, the presiding priest will lead the congregation in a prayer to St. Anthony. This is a simple way to mark what in Italian is referred to as the "Tredicina a Sant'Antonio", the 13 days leading up to the feast.

Once again, I would like to ask for volunteers to help us keep 187th St. clean during the feast by working one or more evenings, emptying the waste baskets we will put in the middle of the street and sweeping up garbage that is dropped. Next weekend we will have sign-ups for this after all the masses or you can call the parish office and leave your information.

This coming Monday, June 4th we will begin a trial month of prayer and vigilance in our church. Many of you have signed up to pray for a half an hour or more each week. We are calling this ministry "Prayer Sentinels". You will notice that the back pew, on either side of the aisle will be marked as the place for our sentinels to pray. This will allow us to keep an eye on the church, even as we pray for our neighborhood. Instructions will be placed in that area for what to do if you notice that something is not right (people laying down in the pews, possible theft, etc.). A binder with the daily schedule of sentinels will be in the back of the church. There is still time to add your name!

Finally, please welcome back to the parish for the month of July, Fr. Benedict Adu-Frimpong. Fr. Benedict teaches in a seminary in Ghana but has offered to be with us again for part of the Summer during his break. The Lord continues to provide shepherds for his flock!

God bless, Fr. Jonathan