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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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For much of this Summer, the three priests who live in the rectory with me and serve our parish in various capacities (Fr. Israel as Parochial Vicar and Fr. Henry and Fr. Pio as graduate students at Fordham but who help with masses) have been away.

They are back now and I am very happy!! I am happy because they are such a big help to me and the parish, but above all because they are great friends and brothers.

I was reflecting this week on how blessed I am to have guys in the rectory that I respect as men and priests and enjoy being with as friends. We come from different countries and cultures, and because of our varied responsibilities, we live somewhat separate lives, but we are blessed to witness each other, and share a home, as we live out our individual vocations.

Please help me welcome them back when you see them around the parish, and please pray for us as we pray daily for you.

God bless, Father Jonathan