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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

We have had a staff change here in parish in the last few weeks. As of February 15th, Dee Collura has retired from her position as Sacristan, Bookkeeper, and Payroll Clerk. For almost six years, Dee served our parish with great love and generosity. We will miss her presence here on a daily basis, but we are glad that she will still be a part of our parish family as a parishioner. Enjoy your well-earned retirement, Dee!

Several candidates were considered for the open position of Bookkeeper and Payroll Clerk for the parish. I'm happy to announce that one of our parishioners, Alice Holloway, has accepted this position. Alice has been a member of our parish for many years and has constantly been involved as a volunteer and minister. She has also been serving on the finance council for several years. I am happy to welcome Alice to our parish staff and I look forward to working with her to keep our parish flourishing.

In other news, we are less than two weeks away from the start of Lent. On the back of this letter, I have included a list of all the many Lenten activities that will be hosted by our parish in the next couple of months. We will also offer a Lenten reflection booklet for parishioners to help make this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving a time of greater holiness for each of you. Please be on the lookout for that booklet next weekend and on Ash Wednesday (March 6th).

To Jesus through Mary,

Fr. Jonathan Hemelt
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Lenten Activities at Our Lady of the Rosary

Ash Wednesday (March 6th)

- 7:00am - Holy Mass (with Distribution of Ashes)
- 12:15pm - Liturgy of the Word (with Distribution of Ashes)
- 6:00pm - Holy Mass (with Distribution of Ashes)

Parish Lenten Mission - “On Suffering as Christians”

- March 11th—13th - 7:00-8:00pm in church
- Father Wm. Scott Daniels, O.P. - Parochial Vicar of St. Dominic Parish, NOLA
- Monday - “Why is there suffering?”
- Tuesday - “The purifying effects of suffering”
- Wednesday - “Uniting our suffering with the Cross of Christ”

Weekly Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

- 6:00-7:00pm every Tuesday evening
- Confessions will be available during the Holy Hour

Stations of the Cross

- 5:00pm every Friday in Lent (March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th, 12th)
- Confessions will be available during Stations until 5:45pm

Lenten Fish Fry Dinners in school cafeteria

- March 15th - 5:30-8:00pm
- March 22nd - 5:30-8:00pm
- March 29th - 5:30-8:00pm

Archdiocesan Evenings of Confession

- Wednesday, March 27th - 5:00-6:30pm
- Wednesday, April 3rd - 5:00-6:30pm
- Wednesday, April 10th - 5:00-6:30pm

Stay tuned for the Holy Week Liturgical Schedule...

The guidelines for Catholics on fasting and abstinence are as follows:

Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound to fast may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to each one’s needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years or older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and on all Fridays of Lent.

The determination of certain days as obligatory days of penance should not be understood as limiting the occasions for Christian penance.