

Aug. 13-14, 2016

Thoughts from the pastor,

You have been getting the news that Fr. Mario will be at SEAS. He is moved in but will not be around until early October. He will be able to help out with many of the activities that we have going on. The first thing he will be around for will be the parish picnic. I hope you realize that this is coming up in two weeks. It starts at 2:30pm on Sunday, August 28. As the budget gets tighter each year I am more and more appreciative of all the workers that make this possible. Between the raffle, the baskets and bundles, and the regular picnic meal and activities it provides a great boost to our budget.

I have been trying to keep you informed on the budget and how we have been running short this year. This past year we were about \$30,000 short on what we needed. That took out a bunch of our savings. I can't even imagine what it would have been like if we still had a full-time assistant pastor to pay, or if we were still paying off the mortgage on the rectory and social hall. We are blessed but we can't take those blessing for granted.

One of the aspects of having Fr. Mario around will be that we will be adding part of his salary to our budget. This could add up to \$30,000 to our costs for the year. This is something that the Archbishop hopes we can handle. Other parishes in the area have had this same kind of mixed blessing. St. Bernard and St. Vincent de Paul Parishes both had priests who stayed with them as they continued their recovery programs before going back to full-time ministry.

We pray for vocations and it sure seems like our prayers have been answered in abundance. Now is our chance to continue to help one who has answered the call to priesthood but needs some extra help at this time.

This parish is so generous to so many causes. We sometimes just have to remember that we need to take care of the good work we are doing right here.

God bless you,
Fr. Frank