Message from Fr. Carlino and Fr. Longobucco

A number of months ago The Evangelist published a series of articles on the topic "Family of Parishes." Among the purposes of the articles was to gradually introduce as well as explain in a more structured way that which so many of our parishes have been doing for quite some time, namely – working together on many aspects pertaining to the liturgical lives of respective parishes.

To start the formal discussion pertaining to some of the concrete details that need to be worked through in this important process, on the evening of February 9th, the Parish Councils of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. John's, and St. Anthony met jointly with Fr. Longobucco and Fr. Carlino.

The evening began with Mass followed by the meeting, and one and all found the sharing quite helpful. The main topic dealt with how our 2 Pastors might continue to best sacramentally and pastorally serve our beloved churches.

The meeting ended with a final recommendation that a change in both the Daily Mass schedule and Holy Day schedule be implemented, beginning the last week in February. We hope it meets the needs of our parishes by providing consistency and flexibility.

The following is the recommendation:

## Weekday Masses

Monday 9:00AM St. Kateri Union Street

Tuesday 9:00AM St. Kateri Union Street

Wednesday 9:00AM St. John

Thursday 9:00AM St. John

Thursday 6:00 PM St. Kateri Rosa Road

Friday 9:00AM St. Kateri Rosa Road

## **Holy Day**

7:00 AM St. Anthony

9:00 AM School St. Kateri Union Street

12:15 PM St. John the Evangelist

7:00 PM St. Kateri Rosa Road

At a Weekend Mass during the beginning of Lent, Fr. Carlino and Fr. Longobucco will speak to their respective congregations about what it means to be a parish network and how we can work together to ensure the Gospel is heard.

As next week begin the upcoming Holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 22, let us one and all together pray for the Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds and strengthen our hearts, asking to do our best to know the will of the Blessed Trinity and then do it as well – always with God's Grace and never apart from it.