



## “FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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Many critics of the Catholic Church through the ages have said that we should sell all of our churches and art and give the money to the poor. Last week Pope Francis showed us another way—in my opinion, a better way—to serve the poor. He invited the homeless men and women from the city of Rome to visit the Vatican Museums and the Vatican Gardens. Rather than sell these treasures of humanity to private collectors where most people would never be able to see them, Pope Francis is showing us that the best way to help the poor is to allow them the OPPORTUNITIES to grow as people, in this case, by encountering the beauty of art. What a marvelous example for our parish!! As we seek new ways to help our parishioners and community at large, especially the most needy, let's have as a goal the creation of opportunities for everyone to reach their potential....spiritually, mentally, materially. I hope you are able to read the letter I have written to the parish for Easter about our mission and goals for the rest of 2015. You can find a copy at the back of the church and on our website. I would love to hear your reaction and other ideas. Feel free to write me a note and drop it off at the Parish Center, call and leave me a voice mail, or send me an email at [ILOVEOURPARISH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ILOVEOURPARISH@GMAIL.COM)

Happy Easter!

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