



“FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN”



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There are several important items that I would like to keep you updated on...so we'll do it in bullet point format:

-- Pope Francis will be here in less than two weeks! Our parish received thirteen (13) tickets for the Papal Mass in Madison Square Garden. We will distribute them randomly through a lottery. The drawing will be held after today's special mass for "Ferragosto" at 6:30pm. You do NOT need to be present to win, but you do need to be registered as a parishioner.

-- This week we will begin a major project to renovate the exterior of our church. This entails "re-pointing" of the brick, scraping and painting of all the windows, and rebuilding the bell towers and part of the roof.

Scaffolding will go up this week! We hope to be finished by February. We are doing this to make sure our church is here and in good shape for many years to come. The cost of this project is estimated at \$575,000. I am working hard to fundraise this money. If you know of anyone who can help us, please let me know.

-- We can't spend money and time on our physical plant without investing also in our ministry. With this in mind, I'm happy to announce that our summer youth group leader, Jesus Vargas, will continue on during the academic year as a part-time employee of the parish. He is doing an excellent job and we are lucky to have him. We have over 35 high school youth attending weekly meetings.

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-- Have you signed up yet for our October 25th Dinner Dance? Tickets can be bought at the parish office. We are honoring, among others, Msgr. Ruvo!

-- At all the masses on the weekend of October 25th, I will present to the parish a summary of all of our Finances. That's all for now!

Enjoy "Ferragosto" today on Arthur Ave! I will be out on the street most of the day. Come by our parish table and say hello!

Father Jonathan