



## FROM THE DESK OF FATHER JONATHAN

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**JUNE 25, 2017**

This weekend I will miss being with you! Please pray for me. I am making a quick trip to Italy. The plan is to go see and review the marble and stone work that is being done in the North of Italy and that will be brought here to Our Lady of Mt. Carmel. It will be used for the restoration and expansion of the sanctuary (in place of the carpet platform). I also hope to review the building of the marble altar that will soon be finished. I will then go to the south of Italy to celebrate the 75th birthday of a close friend of mine and of our parish. He was very helpful to us last year as we sought to pay for the restoration of the exterior of the church. I will make a presentation to a group of his friends about the life and ministry of our parish as we seek to raise the remaining funds for the interior of the church.

More importantly than any of this, I will go to the Vatican and there, before the tomb of St. Peter, I will pray for you. I will also pray for those many people in our neighborhood whom I do not know and who may be far from God. Let's not forget to reach out to those most in need of God's grace.

See you next week!

**God Bless,  
Father Jonathan**

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