



To the parishioners of St. Paul's Whitesboro and
St. Leo and St. Annes's Holland Patent

Greetings,

I am sure you have heard that on July 1st, I will be your new pastor. I want to thank Fr. Durrant and Fr. Angelicchio for their ministry to both parishes. May God bless them in their retirement.

As I begin my time, the most asked question is, "What will mass times be?" I know both places have an 8:30am Sunday morning mass and since I have not figured out how to be in two places at once, "how will I take care of this?" Well, I am going to take some time to figure that out. I know this linkage is a new one. It may have been talked about years ago, but we have not had a lot of time to talk and plan. With that in mind, I have asked some of my brother priests to help out in the short term.

For the month of July, I have help at 8:30 to cover BOTH masses. I know I have some thoughts about options for mass times, the Bishop has thoughts about options for mass times, and I am sure many others have thoughts too.

This pause will be a chance to explore the options and hopefully come to an option that will work for all of us.

I look forward to getting to know the parishes before a decision is made. I hope to help all of you grow in your relationship with God and to continue to grow the community of faith. I ask for your prayers and your patience as we make this transition. You will be in my prayers, and I look forward to joining you on July 1st.