



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend three new priests are being ordained for the Diocese of Columbus. We congratulate Fr. Frank Brown, Fr. Michael Fulton, and Fr. Seth Keller on this happy occasion! Fr. Brown is known to us as he served as a deacon here at St. Andrew Parish during the last year until the pandemic halted everything. The ordination of priests is always a joyous event for the church community, especially because we need priests and rely on the ministry of priests. The priest manifests the presence of Christ in the community of the church.

Unfortunately, the shortage of priests continues and the distribution of priests to care for all of the people of the Diocese is still a great challenge for the Diocese of Columbus. **By now you may have heard that Fr. T.J. Lehigh, our associate pastor, is being re-assigned.** He has been appointed by Bishop Brennan as the next pastor of the Perry County Consortium of Parishes, which consists of four parishes! Fr. Lehigh has been a great help these past two years and has been a hard-working and effective minister. He is loved and appreciated by all of us. I will very much miss him, but I know that he is ready and capable to take on this new and challenging assignment, and he will be a great blessing to his new parish family.

I am pleased to inform you that Fr. William Ferguson has been named as Parochial Vicar for St. Andrew Parish. Fr. Ferguson is an experienced priest, who comes to us from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish (Ada) and Immaculate Conception Parish (Kenton) where he serves as pastor. I am very happy that I will have the help of Fr. Ferguson along with the continuing help of Fr. DeVille. With my continuing and increasing obligations to serve Bishop Brennan and the Diocese of Columbus, I could not fulfill all of my duties to St. Andrew Parish without the help of these generous priests. The new assignments are effective July 14. Because of COVID-19 restrictions, we won't be able to have the typical farewell reception for Fr. Lehigh, nor welcome reception for Fr. Ferguson, so I urge you to reach out to them and express your sentiments at the appropriate time.

May God bless you all!

Your Pastor,
Msgr. Stephan Moloney