

## Important Announcement

My dear parishioners,

I learned on Thursday of this past week from Bishop Zubik that Fr. Tom Gramc is being transferred to Administrator of the Bloomfield/Garfield/Lawrenceville grouping; namely the parishes of Saint Maria Goretti and Our Lady of the Angels, effective July 1, 2022. While this news is very difficult for me as pastor, since Fr. Tom is not only a friend, but a fellow priest for whom I have the utmost respect and who has been an invaluable assistance to me and to this parish, I realize that with his talents and dedication to the Lord, our Bishop and the faithful, he will be a tremendous gift to his new parishioners.

There will not be a replacement for Fr. Tom's position here as Parochial Vicar. I am grateful that Fr. Anthony Sciarappa will continue to collaborate with me in the pastoral care of our parish.

We will thank Fr. Tom and celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11am Mass at Saint Bernard Church on Sunday, June 26, with a reception to follow. Additional details will be forthcoming.

As much as I hate to do so, Mass schedule changes will be necessary with one less priest at our parish. Details will be provided as soon as decisions have been made.

Please keep Fr. Tom and all of us in prayer as we make this transition.

Fr. Brian