

Dear Friends,

This has been a beautiful fall. I hope you have been able to enjoy these last couple of weeks. The weather has been spectacular. Whether you play golf, do yard work or take a walk near the ocean, these are bonus days! I hope you will be able to take advantage of these days because winter will be on us sooner than later.

I wish to share with you some news perhaps some of you have heard. A little over a month ago, Louise Joyce, our parish secretary, approached me and said that she felt it was time for me to start looking for someone to take the reins of the parish office.

As you know, Louise has been with us for 40+ years and has become an icon to the community in many ways. She has had many responsibilities while carrying out her duties in the rectory office, as well as in the parish. This may come as a total surprise to many that she wants to step down, but she said it is in her best interest and in the best interest of the parish. She said she was ready. This is not going to be easy for many parishioners since Louise has been so indispensable to the parish community.

Over the last few weeks, I advertised for the position here in the parish and had 23 people apply for the position of parish receptionist. We had eight solid interviews and three second interviews. I spent a little time reflecting on who would be the best choice for the parish at this time.

I am pleased to share with you that Lucy Heguy accepted my offer to work here at St. Theresa as the receptionist. Lucy is no stranger to the community. She is a member of the parish and has been for many years. She has had a varied career and presently attends daily mass and is the leader of our counting committee. This will certainly be an adjustment for her as she gets used to her responsibilities and as Louise prepares to slowly let go of the reins.

I think for a period of time you will see both Louise and Lucy in the office. Please make Lucy feel welcome and be patient as she learns the ins and outs of the parish office. Lucy will begin on Tuesday, November 17.

This is not the final farewell for Louise since she will be in the office on a part time basis. However, when that time comes, we certainly will honor her appropriately. Please join me in thanking her for her years of service and for her loyalty and dedication.

Have a great week and know of my prayers and thoughts.

*Fr. Gary*