

November 6, 2021

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I ask that you please continue to pray for our Business Manager, Bradi Ertel. We look forward to having her back in the office as soon as she is able and in good health.

I'm delighted to share that Deacon Bob Griffin has accepted a temporary part-time role in overseeing the ongoing administration of our parish. He brings important experience handling parish finances here, and at several other parishes in our diocese. We are delighted welcome him back to our church office. He will be ably assisted by Karen Ames, Parish Accountant at St. Michael's in Glen Allen, and long-time parishioner at Our Lady of Lourdes. She will come to our parish office several evenings each week to manage contributions, handle payment of bills, and more.

In addition, Karla Rinn, who manages our sacramental records here at Our Lady of Lourdes, is assisting with maintenance of our financial records. I am confident in the skills of these three individuals, and grateful for their contributions.

I have spoken personally to Bishop Knestout regarding our situation, and he extends his prayers and encouragement to us all. I thank you for your patience and support during this time, and for your ongoing support of your own spiritual home. With specific questions related to parish finances and administration, please contact Deacon Bob at bgriffin@richmonddiocese.org. As always, feel free to contact me with any other questions or concerns.

I'm tremendously grateful to Sarah Fogler, our diocesan Director of Human Resources, and Sarah Rabin, our diocesan Director of Finance, for their critical support in this transition.

Our Lady of Lourdes, pray for us. In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Fr. Jonathan Goertz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Fr. Jonathan Goertz

Pastor