

## **Pulpit Announcement for the Weekend of April 8-9, 2017**

Thank you once again to those who offered their input regarding our new Mass schedule at the March 27<sup>th</sup> parishioner church hall meetings. As you know, the planning team met this past Wednesday to determine the Mass schedule that will begin in July when Fr. John DeSocio moves to Senior Priest status. It was impossible to accommodate every wish. However, members of the planning team considered the needs and desires of all the various parts of the Elmira Catholic Community. The new schedule has been shared with Bishop Matano and received his approval. In reviewing the schedule, Bishop Matano commented: "I am deeply gratified by the cooperative spirit of the wonderful people of the Elmira parishes. This pilgrimage 'in the unity of faith' beautifully reflects the unity demonstrated by the Most Holy Eucharist."

The Mass schedule, beginning the weekend of July 1-2, is as follows:

**SATURDAY: 4:00 pm at St. Mary's and 5:30 pm at Ss. Peter and Paul**

**SUNDAY: 7:30 am at St. Casimir, 9:00 am at Our Lady of Lourdes, 10:00 am at St. Patrick, and 11:30 am at St. Mary's.**

**The Regional Mass will continue at 5:00 pm at St. Patrick.**

The new Mass times will require adjustment by everyone. Yet seven Masses are offered at different times, making it more possible for people to attend Mass according to different schedules. These multiple possibilities provide a wonderful opportunity to unite with the Eucharistic Christ faithfully each weekend. As we were reminded at the parishioner meetings, we are first and foremost disciples of Jesus Christ. The Holy Eucharist is His gift to us, and we are forever thankful for that gift.