

As you may know, earlier this week, Abbot Barnabas suffered a stroke. He is recovering, but has a long way to go. Please keep him in your prayers. Even before the stroke, Abbot James had announced that he has assigned Abbot Barnabas to service at the Abbey and that no one new is being assigned to the parish beyond providing weekend assistance. The official announcement of Abbot Barnabas' assignment will be in *The Leaven* soon. We thank Abbot Barnabas for his wisdom and care during his time serving our parish.

Also, over the past year, Fr. Jeremy has met with the Archbishop a number of times discussing our parish realities. As you may recall, this led to the Archbishop recommending completing a new parish strategic plan. As part of this plan, the facilities visioning team analyzed a number of considerations that would affect the use of our buildings. They then suggested various triggers that would lead to a particular recommendation. The Archbishop thanks the facilities visioning team for completing this difficult work.

And, in light of all that was presented to him, the Archbishop stressed that we should use our resources prudently. Specifically, he is asking that we take a close look at Sacred Heart Church.

Sadly, the prudent thing likely is to recommend that the Archbishop begin the process of closing Sacred Heart.

To prepare for this, Fr. Jeremy invites you to attend an Open Parish Meeting, discussing Sacred Heart Church, on Tuesday, June 26 at 7 PM in the St. Joseph Church basement. The meeting will discuss the reasons why prudence may dictate closing Sacred Heart, what that process would look like, and to hear those affected by the anticipated closure.

Reminders about the meeting will be included in upcoming bulletins and parish email announcements.