

## **St Nicholas July 29, 2021 meeting with the Archbishop recap message from Father Tony**

We had a very positive meeting with the Archbishop on Thursday evening, July 29 with the parishioners of Saint Nicholas. The Archbishop thanked everyone for their considerable efforts in their discernment of the future of the parish. He then spoke of a future for the parish of serving and reaching out to those who live in the new housing and Carver area that have recently moved here. He also said that he could not imagine that the facility or church in Carver could eventually meet the needs of the people who live in the area. Many spoke of the need, if the parish is to be viable, for a consistent Sunday mass and the Archbishop agreed that is Sunday mass with a consistent priest is necessary.

It was agreed that this Sunday mass should be in addition to the guardian angels schedule and that the consistent visiting priest should help, me, Father Tony, to celebrate these masses. It was also agreed that one daily mass should be added as a replacement of a daily mass at Guardian Angels. The Sunday mass in Carver will very likely mean that our Sunday morning mass schedule at Guardian Angels will change. I have already spoken to parishioners who attended our 10 AM mass about this in a preliminary way. I will follow up with the parishioners of Saint Nicholas as the next step in the process to determine what our Sunday mass schedule will be. I am very grateful for the Archbishop's direction and visit as I am sure that those who attended are as well. I will continue to provide updates regarding our mass schedule. Thank you.