

Positive News: Fr. Bob & Fr. Wally Keymont

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

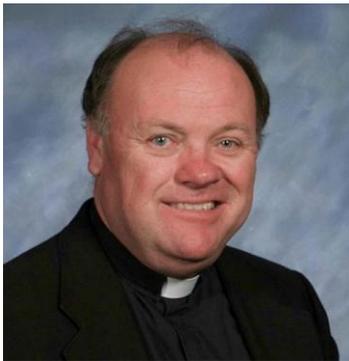
We were all saddened by the news that our beloved pastor, Fr. Bob Poitras, suffered a heart attack during his vacation/retreat in Florida on Saturday February 14, 2026. Praise God, Fr. Bob is in a stable condition. He even dropped me a text last evening and was very grateful to hear that we are all praying for him. However, in the upcoming days, Fr. Bob is due to undergo an open-heart surgery in a Tampa/Florida. It is important to know that Fr. Bob has had a heart defect and was scheduled to have this surgery in the near future.

Due to his imminent open-heart surgery and recovery time, Fr. Bob is expected to be away for a few months. As a result, Fr. Walter "Wally" Keymont, *Senior Priest* is moving into our parish today to provide some much needed coverage in the absence of our pastor.

Fr. Wally is a priest of the Archdiocese of Boston. Ordained to the priesthood in 1980, he has faithfully served the archdiocese in different capacities and places for the last forty five years. We are grateful for his very prompt and generous response to offer some assistance to St. Mary Parish. Kindly join me to welcome Fr. Wally to St. Mary.

As we begin the Holy Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, I wish you all a very fruitful and prayerful Lenten season. We continue to pray for our pastor and for one another. At the moment, our leader and captain is down, but we must keep on forging ahead with faith and trust in the Lord and our Blessed Mother. Kindly continue to pray for Fr. Bob. Remember our Lord's wise counsel to his Apostles: "Do not be Afraid." May God bless you all and our beloved parish, St. Mary.

Fr. John Tanyi
Parochial Vicar



Fr. Wally Keymont