

## **A Warm WELCOME to Fr. Jiwon Yoon and Fr. George Rouse!**

Last week we were happy to welcome Fr. Jiwon (left) and Fr. Rouse (right) into our parish family! They are both very eager to get to know parishioners, build relationships with them and accompany them along their faith journeys. It's interesting to discover that both spent most of their youth worshipping in other Christian faith denominations before entering fully into the life of the Catholic Church!



**Fr. Jiwon** accompanied his parents and 3 siblings to the USA—Lexington, MA—from S. Korea when he was 16 years of age to pursue a strong education. He describes himself as a “typical Asian nerd”, entering Boston College as bio chem major. But it wasn't for him. Graduating with a degree in Art at Rhode Island School of Design, he went to work in his family's flower business before entering St. John's Seminary. He was ordained in 2014 and has been serving the people of St. Margaret and St. Malachy in Burlington. When he's not ministering to the flock, Fr. Jiwon enjoys reading and fishing, especially with his nephew!

**Fr. Rouse** grew up in Tallahassee, FL, with two brothers. After rediscovering the richness of the Catholic Church, he entered the Oratorians in Toronto, Ontario, which is a community of priests and brothers, devoted to prayer, preaching, sacraments, and pastoral care. He received his degree in philosophy and concurrent studies at St. Michael College and Philip Neri Seminary. It was there that he discovered his call to become a chaplain in the Air Force, which is a longstanding family tradition. His own grandfather was in the very first Corps! He was just ordained to the priesthood on May 18 and is excited to serve St. Michael Parish. Look for him running or biking around town or making friends!