

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I will cover several topics in my notes this week.

First of all, with the month of May upon us, we have begun First Holy Communion time for our Second Graders. It is definitely a blessed time for the children and their families and indeed for the whole parish. It is a joy to see the excitement and seriousness with which the children approach the sacrament. We should all thank God for the children, for our faith and for the sacraments which give us grace and strength of mind, heart and soul. Thank God also for our parish which is our spiritual home. First Holy Communion time is a reminder to us of the ways God cares for us and unites us to Himself. We are truly in communion with God and one another because of God's love. Like the children, may we always know how special the sacraments are in our lives.

In the month of May, we honor our Blessed Mother. In a profound way this month we are reminded of Mary's closeness to us. The Church celebrates 100 years since the Blessed Mother appeared to the children in Fatima, Portugal and those children will be canonized saints in the coming week. May our Blessed Mother and all of the saints intercede for us so that we can continue to follow in the ways of Jesus.

Of course, let us not forget our own mothers in this month. May God bless and protect them and all of us.

Finally, I simply want to point out how strong the collection was for Easter this year! While it is also true that our weekly collections are trending down a bit, we should be grateful to God for His goodness to us and the goodness of the people of this parish for their tremendous support and faithfulness. Thank you!

God bless everyone!

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco