

## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I intend to write about a number of things in these notes so I will try and be brief.

As we begin the season of Advent, we are reminded to be watchful for the ways that Christ has come into the world and how He promised to come again in glory. Let this be a time of prayerful anticipation.

Elsewhere in this bulletin, we are publishing the schedule for Masses and Confessions for Advent and Christmas, but especially want to publicize the times of Christmas Masses. I have written in previous bulletins that we have to reduce the number of Masses for Christmas and New Years a bit. We have many Masses to celebrate but there will be no morning Masses in the Stone Church on December 24, 25 and December 31 and January 1. It is only the three of us priests assigned here celebrating Mass those days and I want to keep the Masses to a reasonable number. Please keep copies of the Mass schedule and share it with family and friends so no one is surprised by the differences for those weekends.

The Annual Pastor's Report to the Parish is an insert in this bulletin (or at least I hope it made it in). The Report shows that our parish is rather healthy financially and in every way. Of course, we can always do more to live our faith and live it better as well, but so many people put forth so much energy here for the Lord and for our parish (for each other) that it is truly inspiring.

In many ways, we are seeking to put our faith into practice. The idea of filling Jesus' crib with acts of mercy (written on strips of paper) is one example. The opportunity to consecrate oneself or one's family to the Blessed Mother on December 8th (after the 7:30pm Mass) is another. Let us never stop seeking ways to love God and all of His beloved people.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.