

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

The weather is 'see-sawing' back and forth from one season to another these days, but soon the Season of Lent will begin on March 1st. I have a feeling we can all use a boost to our spiritual life (that's probably true more often than not) and there are some good ways to reinvigorate our life of faith.

First of all, staying close to the sacraments, Eucharist and Reconciliation, is one of the absolute best ways to strengthen our faith. We can do that year round, almost day in and day out, in this parish. Eucharistic Adoration is another great devotion bringing us closer to Jesus and we are blessed with so many hours of adoration here.

In terms of special times of prayers, we will have the season of Lent beginning March 1st, which is truly something like a "spiritual retreat." The Church recommends that we all make an extra effort to turn away from sin and follow in the footsteps of Jesus throughout Lent. There are many sacrifices or practices we can take on ourselves, always with the goal of doing God's will in all things. It almost goes without saying that prayer is essential!

In addition to the entire season of Lent, there is Holy Week, which is special in and of itself. The Triduum can be powerful in terms of re-igniting luke-warm faith.

Also, our parish will be having a Lenten Mission April 1 to April 5. Fr. Bisignano set it up long before he was transferred. A Paulist priest will be conducting the Mission and we pray that the Holy Spirit will touch the heart of each person. Please save the date.

Finally, after Easter, there will be a cluster wide Mission to take place at St. Joseph's Church in Somers in May. This is something the Archdiocese encourages to bring parishes together to share God's graces to us.

There will be much more in the bulletins to follow for the season of Lent. Please know of my prayers and gratitude for you and your loved ones.

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.