

## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I want to begin these notes by thanking all those who contributed to this year's Cardinal's Appeal and congratulating you for a task well done. As a parish, we have met and exceeded our goal! You may recall that our 2017 goal was \$178,000.00 and at last count, we were at \$182,000.00. Cardinal Dolan is well pleased and he would be most grateful if we could continue to raise funds for the 2017 Appeal. For anything over \$178,000.00 our parish receives 60 percent in return, so any donations now directly benefit the parish in large part.

I am in awe at the generosity of our people. With all the needs of the parish and the many other causes inside and outside of the parish that we ask you to support, as well as requests from other places, it is amazing that you are able to offer so much assistance. I am certain that the Lord is watching over our efforts and our actions. We wouldn't be able to do all that we do, beginning with the celebration of the sacraments, if it weren't for God's help.

Starting in August or September our parish will be asked to undertake the Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign like all of the parishes in the Archdiocese. Parishes will keep 74% of the funds and 26% will go to the Archdiocese. Our goal will be higher than most because of the number of our parishioners here, and our goal will certainly be well over two million dollars. If we each start planning now, we can meet even that kind of goal. Our pledges can stretch out up to a period of five years.

In the meantime, summer is coming. Hopefully, we will have the opportunity to relax for at least some of the summer days. Our Mass schedule for Summer Sundays will change a bit. Saturday's 5:15 PM Mass will remain as is. A 9:45 AM Mass will take the place of the two Masses in the Stone Church. Lastly, we will be keeping the 12:30 PM Mass in the Main Church. It may be a quiet Mass (without music) but hopefully it will serve the needs of our people.

May God the Holy Trinity bless us in all that we do. The Blessed Trinity is always with us.

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.