

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

You can see how the calendar is filling up now that Labor Day has come and gone. So many things have started up again in the parish and elsewhere as the Summer fades away.

Today, we welcome back Father Tom Kreiser for the Farewell Mass at 12:30pm. After six years as a parochial vicar here, Father was transferred with no time for a farewell so it is wonderful that he is here today. I know we all want to show our gratitude and promise our prayers.

Like Fr. Tom in his new parish assignment, we are all getting back to a routine. The children of St. Patrick's School and in our Religious Education Program are back in session here and have lots to do, especially in learning and living the faith. All of us must seek to do the same.

One example of seeking to care for one another as Jesus would ask us to is the last-minute collection we took up last weekend to aid the victims of Hurrican Harvey. At last count, we have raised well over \$13,000.00 to send to Cardinal Dolan for distribution by the Catholic Church. I have no doubt those monies will help those who are suffering. We pray for them.

On another note, one of the things that has not started up again after the Summer is our Youth Group. Since Megan & Christopher Genn had to step down from leading the group after the birth of their third child several months ago, we have not been able to set up new leadership. In the next week or so, we hope to announce a gathering in early October for high school teens. Fr. Wilson and Fr. Christian will plan an evening of food, prayer and fun soon. We will do our best to serve all of our youth.

Let's keep praying for one another and keep our parish strong. As always, I marvel at the generosity of our people. As the Capital Campaign starts rolling soon, please just know that we are all asked to do our best to support the Church and serve the Lord in every way possible.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page, below the typed name.