

## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

As I write these notes, many people are getting ready to work at the Yorktown San Gennaro Festival. I am especially grateful to our parishioners who are volunteering to make the Zeppoles at the Feast. I saw first-hand last year how hard our people worked to make the dough, fry it and sell it as a great fundraiser for our parish. You could tell by the long lines of people waiting to buy Zeppoles that this tasty treat was in high demand. Actually this year we have purchased more equipment for frying the dough in order to make the lines go faster. The lines may still be long but it seems many think it is worth the wait!

It is wonderful that the Town of Yorktown is not afraid to honor a Saint. It is also wonderful that our parishioner Dorothea LaScala is the Grand Marshal. As Catholics, we should remember that San Gennaro, or St. Januarius, was a bishop of Benevento (near Naples) many centuries ago and he gave his life blood because of his faith. He wanted to follow in the ways of Jesus and he laid down his life. We should all ask San Gennaro for his intercession, even as we might celebrate and enjoy the Feast. (The Feast lasts until Sunday evening.)

In the next couple of weeks, we have two speakers at Mass for various reasons. This weekend, we have a religious Sister, Sr. Margaret Rogers, SHCS, speaking to us on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. Missionaries for the sake of the Gospel need our help, including our prayers. Look for envelopes in the pews to help the Mission of the Church.

Next weekend, we will have Sam Bellafiore, a seminarian from Albany, speaking about the collection to support our Seminary system and all our Seminarians. It is essential that we aid and encourage all the young men to become priests. The Seminary Collection will be on September 30th and October 1st.

Of course, there might be other collections for other causes, like the most recent Hurricane victims, as there is never a shortage of needs that arise. We can only do our very best at helping others and living our faith. Remember that Jesus promised to be with us always as we seek to do his will.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Monsignor Giandurco*