

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

These notes are being written during the November 15th snow storm but by the time you read them Thanksgiving Day will be past. Hopefully it was a blessed time for you and yours. On this weekend, we are less than a week away from Lessons and Carols in church this coming Friday evening. It is a great way to get ready for Advent and it promises to be a wonderful, prayerful event. On December 1st and 2nd, the Advent Season begins and Christmas is only three weeks and a day or two after that. I am also tempted to say that Winter begins the week before Christmas, but we have been living Winter for some time by now. May the Lord help us to prepare our hearts to celebrate the Birth of our Savior at this special time of year.

As we look forward to Advent, the season of joyful anticipation we should think of the Blessed Mother waiting to give birth to Jesus. Mary knew what it meant to be in situations beyond her control, yet she always had a deep trust in God. We ask for the intercession of the Mother of Jesus as we sometimes struggle to live the faith. In all moments, may the grace of God sustain us and help us to do God's will.

I conclude these notes by highlighting all the prayers and support so many people offer for our parish. Hopefully, you have seen the 2018 Pastor's Annual Report and the uplifting content and message it is meant to convey. (There are copies (green paper) in the back of the church.) No parish or religious community is perfect but I trust you will join me in thanking God for this fantastic family in Jesus. I will speak briefly at some point at all the Masses this weekend to encourage one last consideration to make a pledge for the Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign. I honestly believe the Campaign will help make our parish stronger by improving the physical plant. Once the buildings are in tip top shape, we can better concentrate on setting our hearts on the Lord. Please try to help us reach the two million dollar mark and beyond if you are able. As I always say, your generosity is remarkable and we are blessed by the support and love of so many. God Bless you.

Gratefully in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco