

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

We are fast approaching the “Holidays” now, some of which are holydays, but the first is not. Thanksgiving is a true American feast which seems like it could be/should be a religious celebration. This is all the more true for Catholics in America because Eucharist (which means Thanksgiving) is at the heart of our faith. In fact, the Church teaches that the Mass is the source and summit of our faith, because it is the prayer of Christ and Christ is always present in the Eucharist.

In this country, we have much to be thankful for, and I do mean thankful to God. Despite all the challenges in our country, we should count our blessings and take the time to thank the Lord from whom all blessings flow.

Because of the challenges in our Church at the present time, we should Thank God for our faith which helps us endure difficulties and pray that we can all avoid sin. God is always ready to forgive, but we have to do our best in resisting temptation and allowing God’s graces to conform our will to God’s. We must ask the Lord to heal his body, the Church.

In fact, in addition to Thanksgiving as a form of prayer, we should also remember that prayer can take the form of Adoration, Reparation and Petition, sometimes all together.

We give thanks because God created us and he sustains us with his love. God is Lord of Heaven and Earth from all eternity and he leads us on the way to heaven.

We can also ask for what we need and in a very special way we ask for forgiveness for our sins.

It is really great when we are able to get ourselves to Mass on Thanksgiving morning, or the night before, and basically make Thanksgiving a holy day on our own.

Nothing can ever separate us from God’s love as long as we remain a community of faith and prayer as his Church.

A blessed Thanksgiving to one and all!

Gratefully yours in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco