

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It is so important for all of us to think of our Catholic faith as we live our daily lives. There are many times in the course of a day, week, month or year when we can easily focus on things which are not that important, or things only of this world, instead of things of heaven. During Lent, we try to think of ways to make our faith stronger, ways to help us cooperate better with God's grace, but, if we are not careful, we can end up thinking about, talking about, or doing things that God would not want us to do. We have to look for effective ways to strengthen our faith, and that includes strengthening our knowledge of the faith.

On a related note, I am reminded of how good Catholic schools are in helping us learn and live our faith. I have written about this before. A great deal depends upon the people presenting the faith and all the other knowledge which is imparted. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff in our parish and our school, but we are about to say farewell to our principal.

Mrs. Darlene DelVecchio is truly a great principal. I for one have been very impressed by her ability to lead St. Patrick's School. She has kept things balanced and well-organized and the Catholic Identity of the school is strong. Mrs. DelVecchio's husband has taken a position in North Carolina and it promises fantastic opportunities for Darlene and Joe and their two very young children. Many, like the Superintendent of Catholic Schools, are very sad to see her leave (this coming week), but, like myself, are very happy for her family. We wish them the best!

Please say a prayer that God will help her family to get quickly settled. We will have an interim principal here until the end of the school year. Mrs. Sara Shea is well known to our teachers and she will do fine. Keep her and the children of St. Patrick's in your prayers and pray that we will soon find a near-perfect principal who will help our children to learn and hold on to the Catholic faith in this uncertain world at times.

God bless us, one and all, as Holy Week approaches.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco