

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I want to be clear. I really cannot thank everyone enough for the on-going generous support of our parish. First of all, it is so wonderful that our parish means so much to so many. Several thousand people are here regularly to participate in the Mass which is our greatest blessing. The weekly donations are also a blessing inasmuch as they make all of our services possible, beginning with the Mass. You may have noticed in last week's bulletin that our Easter Collection reached \$75,838.00 and that figure did not include the \$7,786.50 we received for Easter flowers. It is remarkable! And there is more!

Our parishioners help keep our parish strong in every way. Our Priests and staff are constantly seeking to serve. There is always more to be done but we accomplish a great deal with God's help.

Then there are the volunteers. In the last month alone, many people helped make everything practically perfect for Easter and after Easter also. Taking care of the church, the altar and the linens for the celebration of Mass. Arranging all the beautiful flowers. Painting and decorating the the Cry Room. A group of volunteers even ripped up the old carpet in Church to cut costs for the project to install the new carpeting. A team regularly counts the donations in a secure way. All of the choirs and musicians who add so much to our liturgies. All of the groups in the parish, including our many altar servers (new ones installed yesterday), lectors, ushers, Eucharistic Ministers. Those who help the hungry and the homeless. Those who share their food and money. Those who teach. Those who come together for prayer or bible study or fellowship. Even those who have found the means to give to our Capital Campaign (which will extend to most parishioners in the next month of two) above and beyond regular donations. And the support so many other causes receive here. All of these things, and more, are signs that God is helping us to do His work here and now.

Thank you again for all you do for our parish family. It's never too late to join in! God bless always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.