

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to mention a few different topics in this week's notes.

You have probably heard of the Referendum in Ireland this past week. The vote was whether to keep or overturn the constitutional restrictions on abortion there. By a margin of two to one, the Irish have voted to do away with almost all restrictions on abortion. In other words, it will soon be true that abortion will be permitted for virtually all nine months of pregnancy. There was literally dancing in the streets after the pro-abortion victory which is so sad when you think of what the vote means for children in the womb. Often, it is said the decision to have an abortion is heartwrenching. You wouldn't know that from the reaction to the recent vote. Some how it seems worse to see the celebrations for a terrible outcome in terms of respect for life in the womb. I don't preach about such things from the pulpit in order to protect young ears but my heart is saddened nonetheless. I always make sure as a parish we pray for a greater respect of the life of every person, born and unborn. I trust the parishes in Ireland were doing the same but fewer and fewer people are going to church there and even fewer listen to what the Church has to say nowadays. God help us.

Here in Yorktown, we should continue to thank God for a strong Catholic parish. We will not have Fr. O'Keeffe or his brother priests with us for weekends from now until after Labor Day. Thankfully, Fr. William Kyere will be here with us again for three months. He is returning to us from Ghana. His priestly presence makes it possible for us full-time priests to take some time off in the Summer months. Hopefully, all parishioners can take a little break from our routine at times. I hope to spend some time with my parents and other family members, as well as some priest friends at different times over the next few months.

May God protect each and every one of us, born and unborn, always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco