

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It's that time of year when we are asked to hear from someone directly involved in the missionary activity of the Church. This weekend, we welcome Father Wendell Verrill of the Missionary Society of St. James the Apostle. (He will preach at all the Masses this weekend except the 5pm Mass on Sunday.) It is so very important that the Church continue to spread the Good News to the many people in the world who still do not know about Jesus. Sometimes, even those who know about Jesus do not have the saving faith to help them on the journey to heaven and so, in a real sense, we must all be missionaries in some way. The Second Collection this weekend will go to help all missionaries, especially those in the Society of St. James the Apostle.

As you are well aware, our own parish relies on the generosity of our parishioners to ensure that the Gospel message is proclaimed in our midst and the sacraments are celebrated day in and day out. I am exceedingly grateful for your support and your care for our parish. We also support other important causes, like the Missions and Catholic Charities and the Holy Father's Relief efforts, to name a few. The list is long. Four weeks from now we will have Announcement Weekend in this parish for the Capital Campaign for the whole Archdiocese called Renew and Rebuild. The goal for the entire Archdiocese is 200 million dollars and our parish goal is nearly 3 million dollars but the overall Campaign is nearing completion. In October, I will ask everyone to consider a sacrificial donation to the Campaign and hopefully we will do well in meeting the needs of both parish and Archdiocese. Some have already made generous pledges. Whatever we are able to do will be helpful.

There has been no regular Cardinal's Appeal for 2018 in our parish but that will return in 2019. We all receive many requests for support and assistance and we can only do so much, but with God's great help, I am certain we will be able to keep our parish, and all the other causes we support, strong and effective in doing the Lord's work. God bless always.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'M' and a long, horizontal flourish at the end.