

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

The month of June is often thought of as a time to think of Dads and Grads, as they say. With Father's Day in mid June and Graduations all around it certainly makes sense. This is also the month during which parishes often help celebrate milestone Wedding Anniversaries, as we will on June 23rd at the 5:15 Mass followed by a light reception. We keep everyone in prayer but in this column I will write a bit about Graduations. (More thoughts to follow next week.)

Many colleges and graduate schools have already held graduation ceremonies. Amazing accomplishments are celebrated with the awarding of bachelors, masters and doctorate degrees. Congratulations to all parishioners and family members and friends who have completed those degrees. All the best to those who are starting new careers or seeking employment.

At the other end of the age spectrum, there are Pre-K moving up and Kindergarten "graduations." Also middle school ceremonies. One monumental step for so many young people comes with high school graduation. Most in our area will go on to college or university but still high school graduation is an important time. Adulthood is truly nearing and the prospect of college or workforce can be exciting and a bit frightening at the same time. With the support of family and friends, high school graduation is a time to celebrate and prepare for the next step. Sometimes college is nearby and sometimes it is far away but it is always a new beginning.

I think of all the high school seniors we see in church and I pray that this is a wonderful year for them! The same for all graduating seniors! I pray also that they will stay close to the practice of the faith wherever they go from here. Congratulations Graduates!

Let us continue to pray for all of our intentions, especially those mentioned in these notes. May God bless Dads and Grads and married couples and everyone. We rejoice with those who rejoice!

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco