

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

At this point in the Summer, you probably hear many people say that Summer is almost over. I guess it is true that there are only so many weeks left before Labor Day, but I am especially thinking of those going off to college for the first time. That includes those who will be local.

Obviously, starting college is a major new chapter in a person's life. It is also a major event for the family. All of the preparations leading up to college are intense, beginning with the search and the application process. The weeks and months before opening day can certainly be stressful and try the patience of student and family. There is so much to accomplish.

Actually, some of the first year college students (as well as returning students) may have left home for school already. I simply want to assure all of our college students of our prayers and encourage our first time students to ask a priest, or priests, for a blessing. Without a doubt, the parish will miss your presence at Mass, to say nothing of how your family will miss you. We all look forward to those visits home and we wish you all the very best in your new endeavor.

While I am writing about students, I think of all of the young people in every school and I ask the Lord's blessings upon all of them, and all of our families as well. No matter at what age a child is starting a new grade, there are always jitters and butterflies at the beginning. For the youngest ones, this is something brand new to be apart from parents or one parent for the first time. Its not easy at any age really.

For most families, there is still time to enjoy the Summer. Whether it is vacation or staycation or just the freedom that often comes during Summer, I pray there is family time for all. May the skies be sunny too!

We keep praying for all of our parish family and we ask the Lord to watch over us always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco