

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Since July 4th falls on a Wednesday this year, we are still somewhat in a July 4th mindset this weekend so I reprinted a couple of important lines in this bulletin from both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution. The quotes are food for thought and can even be an inspiration for prayer. May God continue to Bless and guide our country.

I am actually writing these notes before June 30th so this week's Pastor's notes and last week's were written in advance due to the schedule of printing of the bulletin. I forgot to mention in last week's column that July 1st was my second anniversary as Pastor of this wonderful parish. I continue to marvel at all that goes on here on a regular basis. Obviously there is a slowdown in the summer but the Mass and Confession schedule is nearly the same and some of our groups meet during the summer months. Some groups have to be re-located for meetings in August due to a more intense cleaning of the facilities, but most groups take a real break in August. I think such pauses are good idea. Many people travel or take it easier in the hot summer months. Everything picks up again in September/October.

Speaking of the heat, I'll bet this past week was a true example of a heat wave. Remember, I am writing this before July 1st and my plans included a quick trip to Ireland. God willing, I will be back by the time you read this. I am really happy to be able to visit the land of St. Patrick.

Again, I simply want to thank everyone for making this such a strong parish. It is a true family in Christ. I've set about trying to improve things here and there, like flooring and carpeting in church for example. Much more can be done and I will take things step by step as time goes on. The Renew and Rebuild Campaign (which will open up to the majority of our parishioners in September) will help us to strengthen parish life now and in the future, with God's help.

For now, know of my gratitude and prayers for all of your goodness.

St. Patrick, pray for us.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned at the bottom right of the page, below the typed name.