

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am sure I am not alone when I say I wish I didn't have to think so much about unpleasant things like contentious politics or scary current events or Church scandals or even finances. Of course, we all have to think of many things as well as how to try to make things better. I truly wish all of us could focus more on the Word of God and doing His will. I wish we never had to worry or lose sleep or have a heavy heart. However, one aspect of life is to deal with things that are not perfect.

It is true that Jesus said "Be not afraid." He also said, "Follow me and take up your cross." Seeking to live according to Jesus' ways is a lifetime endeavor. We have to trust in God's help.

One of the challenging tasks for the Church is to raise money. Obviously, the purpose of raising money is to make the activities of the parish possible.

This weekend is called Announcement Weekend for the Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign. As pastor, I can tell you it is never easy to ask for money. All pastors would rather focus on the Gospel and nothing else, but we do live in the world. So this weekend, we open the Campaign to the whole parish in the hope of reaching our nearly three million dollar goal. I know it sounds enormous but we have already received pledges and gifts amounting to one million dollars. I ask everyone to prayerfully consider making a pledge to help our parish meet all our needs and improve parish life in many ways. We have already replaced the carpeting in the Main Church and now we are well on the way to paying off the mortgage of the Family Education Building. We have other worthy projects which are printed in brochures at the back of the Church and will be mailed to every parishioner. The parish keeps 74% of the money raised so we should be able to make improvements.

It will be a challenge to make the sacrifices necessary to meet our goals, but I'm certain we will all do our best to keep our parish strong. You will be hearing more about the Campaign until Commitment Weekend on October 13 & 14. I simply ask you decide if you can help in this effort. We can use all the help possible.

God bless us all!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.