

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

A few thoughts to share this week. Last weekend, we printed a first-time insert of Easter Flower Memorials. It was not an easy task for Tobie in the office to put together because deciphering handwriting can be a challenge. In fact, one person reported that the family name was spelled incorrectly. Unfortunately, that is the risk that we run in attempting to provide a comprehensive list of all the names. Perhaps we will think twice about doing the same in the future, but I still think it is a nice thing to do. Special thanks to Tobie! See the correction in this bulletin.

On a more spiritual note, the Easter Season is winding down now. One more week until Pentecost and the season will come to its conclusion. During this week, we call to mind that time after Jesus ascended to His Father and before the Holy Spirit descended in power. There are times when we ourselves may wonder, as the first disciples must have, as to what the plan of God is for us. Even the Apostles were sad, as we read in the scriptures, that Jesus had to leave them. They did not know what it all meant. They assuredly came to know better that God has a plan which is revealed for us in Jesus. The one thing about God's plan for us is that it may unfold over time. In other words, it may not always be easy to see where God's path will lead us. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we have to trust that God will be with us on the path that leads to heaven. May the Holy Spirit kindle in us the fire of God's love so that we can reflect His love and always remain close to God in our hearts.

This weekend, we welcome Father Francis from Ghana as our summer priest associate. It is a blessing that we have help in these summer months to ensure the daily celebration of the sacraments which bring us God's grace.

Finally, this weekend the Knights of Columbus will be collecting donations for an ultra sound fundraiser to protect the lives of babies in the womb and help women in crisis pregnancies. This is another effort to do God's will by defending human life even before birth.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the final letter.