

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

It's Mother's Day today and I am going to write about all mothers, beginning with the Mother of Jesus.

As I mentioned last week, May is a special month to think about and ask the intercession of the Blessed Mother. There is no one who was closer to her Son and our Savior. God the Father chose Mary of Nazareth to be the one woman to carry the Son of God in her womb and bring him into the world. In a very real sense, Mary became the first tabernacle of the body of Christ. Mary was with her son through all the moments of his life, including the Way of the Cross and the burial in the tomb. No one could accompany the Savior like his mother. There have been many other followers of Jesus, beginning with St. Joseph, but his earthly mother was the first to believe and the first to follow him body and soul into heaven. Mary is our mother, too, and she protects us with her prayers as she asks Jesus to bless us. It is no wonder that God chose a mother through whom His Son took on our human nature. Motherhood is always a miracle of nature, created by God. Mothers share their very life blood with their children and carry them in the protection of their body. Once a child is born, in God's plan, the example of the Holy Family should give mothers and fathers the hope that God is our strength as he guides us and protects us with his love.

We pray for all of our loved ones this day, but in a very special way we offer the Masses today for all Mothers, living and deceased. This includes grandmothers, of course, and all spiritual mothers as well. We give thanks for the goodness of our mothers and the many sacrifices they made or make. (I know I always do.)

We pray for the intentions of all mothers, which in some way includes all of us. Prayerful mothers pray for so many. We in turn pray for all mothers.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Monsignor Giandurco*