

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This is a time to honor Dads and Grads!

Happy Father's Day to all Fathers! We pray in a special way at all the Masses this Sunday for all fathers, living and deceased. That includes grandfathers, godfathers and everyone who plays a fatherly role in our lives. We should think of Saint Joseph who is the model of a gentle yet confident father and protector of his family. Of course, he was chosen to guard the Holy Family but intercedes for every family. Indeed, St. Joseph is the Patron of the Universal Church. Let us pray for our own fathers and our own families, and ask the Lord to bless us all! That is my fervent prayer always. I am grateful to my father and all fathers, especially when they care for their families with love.

We also ask the Lord's special blessings on all graduates at this time of year. From Pre-K to Graduate school, these are many accomplishments being celebrated. This weekend, 26 students have been graduated from St. Patrick's School here and they will be moving on to their high school careers with our prayers. Congratulations Graduates!

On a final note, this past Monday I gave two talks in church about challenges and obstacles for families and individuals in living our Catholic faith. There is certainly a modern trend to move away from religion and church attendance by a growing number of people. I was surprised to see an article in the NY Times by David Brooks on Tuesday basically corroborating that trend. Even as society becomes more secular, he writes, people need to "find a way to be spiritual." "We are really living through a moment of major transitional change." At the very least, I believe, we need to pray for God's guidance for Catholics and others.

May the Lord help each one of us, and our loved ones, to remember his promise to be present, especially in and through His Church.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco