

## A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

With the 4th of July upon us, we are definitely into Summer time. The season officially began on June 21st but school usually finishes up around that week also, so by this time, every school is out for Summer. Hopefully, everyone will be able to enjoy these warm months. Not everyone gets to take vacation but it would be wonderful if everyone could find time to rest and relax, especially when the weather gets really hot.

With Fr. Francis here as a Summer Associate Priest, there is the opportunity for us full-time priests to take some free time. Actually, I am going away at some point this coming week until next week. The important thing to know is that all the Masses and Confessions continue as regular. There is no change in our sacramental schedule this Summer (i.e. Masses) except for days like July 4th.

Remember to make time to pray even in times of vacation. You can also find Masses if you are traveling on a helpful website **Masstimes.org**. When you are in town, we look forward to seeing you here, but Catholic Mass is the same wherever you go.

On another note, I just want to point out that your generous donations keep the parish strong in every way. Of course, your support means we can offer the sacraments and all the other activities which make this such a vibrant parish. The extra donations to the Renew& Rebuild Capital Campaign are already enhancing the parish over and above other giving. As you may remember, the first item we paid for from the Capital Campaign was the much needed new carpet in the Main Church. I am now able to announce that, thanks to the Campaign, the parish has just paid off the third party loan for the Family Education Center. When I arrived three years ago, the parish did not have the money to pay off a nearly \$700,000.00 loan. Now because we were able to save money and benefit from early payments toward the Campaign, we are debt free. We will still very much rely on people paying off their pledges for several years to come for the loan and other projects, but by paying off the loan early, we estimate we have saved roughly \$160,000 in interest. That's a big savings!

Thank you again for your great generosity and enjoy the Summer.

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.