

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

In the coming weeks, all of the different activities and groups in the parish will be starting a new 'year'. Beginning with St. Patrick's School, the 2019-2020 year of operation begins this week. As you probably know, we have many groups meeting in the parish which is why we spend so much time and effort over the Summer to make sure everything is in good shape. From thorough cleanings to repairs and replacing outdated or broken equipment, much has been done to prepare. I'm sure we will discover other projects to complete, since we have so many facilities, but our staff has done a wonderful job in every way. I am grateful to every single member of our staff, beginning with Maintenance, and including volunteers, for the care and dedication shown in keeping our parish in tip top shape. (Speaking of volunteers, we are still in need of several catechists/teachers for the Religious Education program and volunteers for the Zeppole Booth at the San Gennaro Festival in town.)

To conclude this week's notes, I simply want to announce that we will have a special guest at the 12:30pm Mass on October 6th. The Pope's representative to the United Nations will be here with us that day. Archbishop Bernadito Auza is the Papal Nuncio and Permanent Observer to the United Nations for the Holy See. I first met Archbishop Auza when we were both students at the Vatican Diplomatic School in Rome in the late 1980s. I left the Diplomatic School in 1992 but Archbishop Auza has been assigned to different countries of the world as well as at the Vatican itself before becoming the Nuncio or Ambassador to the United Nations. He is a wonderful priest and bishop and a friend and I am very thankful that he wants to be with us to celebrate Mass on October 6th. I am especially happy that he will be here for Respect Life Sunday since the Pope and the Church are in the forefront around the world of defending human life at every stage of development - including at the United Nations.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.