

## **A Note from the Pastor's Desk**

Dear Parishioners,

As I write these words, the floor around the altar in the Main Church is being completely renovated. Things had to get very noisy and quite messy in the church this week in order to make the sanctuary safe and beautiful. One of the first things Fr. Bisignano said to me when I visited the parish last June before I became Pastor was that the floor around the altar was “imploding” and needed to be replaced. For most issues, it is better to observe and wait before acting in one’s first year, but certain things need to be taken care of sooner rather than later and the floor probably should have been fixed months ago, if not years. In any case, at least now it will be much better than even the original linoleum. Thanks to several parishioners who donated funds, and especially to Brian Duffy for his vision and desire to improve the church, we will have a more fitting altar area. Of course, there are many things that need to be attended to all around our parish property, but nothing cried out for repairs as did the altar floor. We are blessed to have large property and some beautiful, functional buildings, but upkeep is demanding and absolutely necessary.

In a few months, our parish will have to start the Renew and Rebuild Campaign. For that project, our parish (like all the parishes) will have to identify major repairs or purchases needed moving forward. That campaign will have a much larger goal than the Annual Cardinal’s Appeal and most of the funds collected will directly benefit our parish. I trust we will be able to raise the funds which will help us to make some improvements which are not ordinarily possible. I will keep you informed as to the list of projects we come up with. As always, I am grateful for your presence and support, without which nothing we do would be possible. God Bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Monsignor Giandurco*