

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am focusing on two different topics in my notes this week.

First, I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped to make the Zeppole booth at the Yorktown Feast of San Gennaro such a great success for our parish. We do not have all the receipts yet (at the time the bulletin was submitted) but we know that the proceeds amount to a major fundraiser once again this year. Our volunteers put in many hours of preparation and time at the booth, either making or selling the Zeppolis. It is no exaggeration to say that the work is grueling. The work at the Festival is perhaps the most intense but we really rely on volunteers for so many aspects of parish life. From the many hours that Catechists and others give to Religious Education to those who look after the altars to the ushers and servers and choir members, we are truly blessed. I honestly cannot thank our wonderful volunteers enough, who complement our dedicated staff superbly. Everyone working for the same goal makes for such a strong parish family.

The other thing I want to mention is that we are hosting a first year seminarian at St. Joseph's Seminary here in our parish next weekend. Andrew Lefleur, studying for the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, will speak at most of the Masses next weekend to ask for our support of the Seminary Collection on the Weekend of September 28 & 29. The Seminary is a huge physical plant which is expensive to operate. Over and above the costs of running the Seminary, the Seminarians and others in studies need our financial support and our fervent prayers. It is a challenging time to prepare for the Priesthood and Religious Life but the Lord continues to call those who will lead and guide us in the faith. We need holy vocations and those who are called need our assistance and our closeness to them on their journey. They need to know we are united with them in faith, hope and love. Please support the Seminary Collection as best you are able.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco