

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I am spending most of this weekend with my parents and also at a special Mass at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton parish in Shrub Oak with Cardinal Dolan, but I want to write about a couple of important issues.

By now everyone has heard, either at Mass last weekend, or on the news, about the vandalism in Yorktown overnight on January 3rd and 4th. Five locations were struck but the “closest to home” was at the Stone Church. Five beautiful, small stained glass and two other windows were broken. Thank the Lord no one was hurt anywhere in Yorktown but it is sad that some of our 90 year old windows were badly damaged. The Town of Yorktown, Yorktown Police, the F.B.I. and others are working to find out who did this, but the real hope is that this sort of activity will cease. Of course, far worse things happen nowadays but it is a shame that people set out to do such senseless things. Fortunately, our insurance will cover most if not all expenses and the windows will be restored to almost as good as new. Local clergy and civic officials and parishioners are all even more determined to work against ignorance and bring people together. The more we all come together, the stronger ties between different communities will be. Let’s pray for peace and goodwill for all.

On another note, as you probably have noticed, we continue to make sure the parish and, in particular, our facilities, are in the best possible condition. This past week, we have refurbished the brick and concrete work around the entrance to the Main Church. It had become a real tripping hazard. We have finished quite a few projects this past year and we have several more in the works, and I will keep you informed. Thanks to your generosity, our parish is a strong and blessed Church family.

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.