

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Things can change rather quickly sometimes and that is how it was around here last weekend. On Friday, January 10th I received a call from Cardinal Dolan's priest secretary assuring us of the Cardinal's prayers and support after the vandalism in Yorktown and asking me if I thought it would be good for the Cardinal to come to celebrate the 5:15pm Mass the next day. I was supposed to be away that day but I knew it would be a great moment and the people would be thrilled to have His Eminence with us. The Cardinal toured the damage at the Stone Church and a few other places in town and he personally thanked Town Supervisor Slater and Police Chief Noble and everyone working on the case. The Cardinal was very impressed with the town atmosphere and the vibrancy of our parish. I believe we all agree that this vandalism was sad but will not keep us from doing our best to live in the hope and joy that comes from Jesus. The Mass with the Cardinal was a wonderful display of faith, hope and joy!

I am extremely grateful for the Cardinal's presence and support. I am also grateful for all the offers of assistance from many parishioners. The Stained Glass professionals are putting a repair strategy in place and our Catholic Mutual Insurance Company is working to facilitate the process. The parish may or may not have a deductible to pay. We shall see.

On the Church Calendar, we are back in Ordinary Time for six weeks or so, which means we continue to live our faith each and every day even if there is no major feast to celebrate or prepare for yet. As Catholics, let us resolve to work together, and to work with other Christians and all people of good will, as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. would have called for. Putting aside all differences and obstacles, we can serve the Lord with our whole mind and heart and soul. May the light of Christ scatter the darkness!

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monsignor Giandurco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.