

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

This is, of course, the first bulletin of the New Year. We are still in the Christmas Season this weekend with the Feast of the Epiphany, and the Season lasts until next Sunday with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We continue to give thanks for the blessings of Christ in our lives.

I wish I could simply write about the peace and joy which we feel at this wonderful time of the year. While it is true that Jesus has brought great joy to the world, there are still challenges in our world and evils which need to be fought against.

For example, New York State has become one of the places on earth in which laws permitting abortion are extremely permissive. In fact, abortion is legal in New York State right up until the moment of birth. There are many other aspects of New York's abortion laws which go far beyond what most states and nations would permit in terms of abortion. It is a sad reality.

Governor Andrew Cuomo is in favor of the greatest access possible to abortion. Many NY State legislators share the same outlook.

To prove that NY State is anything but a pro-life atmosphere, the same Governor Cuomo is now taking on a new effort. Having ensured that there are no restrictions on obtaining an abortion, the governor now wants to make Physician-Assisted Suicide legal in New York State. In fact, legislation permitting Physician-Assisted Suicide in the state of New York is expected to be voted on in the coming session in Albany. Without a doubt, the passage of such legislation will make access to suicide much easier for many individuals. Eventually, a simple request to end one's own life is all that will be necessary to commit suicide. All of the suicide prevention efforts of recent decades will disappear. Please pray that our nation and state and world come to respect God's laws once again and be sure to check upcoming bulletins for some information on how to combat such "advances" and to promote a culture of Life. It is truly a matter of life and death.

God bless us all in the New Year, beginning with the unborn and the terminally ill. May God enlighten all those who govern us as well.

Sincerely in Christ,

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