

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

So it is early in this Lenten season and perhaps already time for many of us to renew our Lenten resolutions. I think it is always the case that we have to renew our efforts, especially when it comes to choosing between the way of the world and the way of the Lord. Ultimately, we have to live in this world by the grace of God. Lent is a time to allow God's grace to strengthen our faith more and more.

Now, I would like to share some news about safety and security. The Archdiocese has asked every Parish and Catholic School to be extra vigilant about the safety of every person who comes to our facilities. We are in the process of establishing plans and procedures to help keep everyone safe. I am repeating my call to active and retired police officers to join our parish Safety Committee. Others are welcome to apply for membership on the committee as well, especially those who have had experience in promoting security measures for churches or other organizations. We are presently forming a plan especially for security for our church. (The School and CCD are ahead in the process.) Contact Monsignor if you are interested in assisting in this effort.

I am also announcing that the Yorktown Police Department will be making a presentation here at St. Patrick's on March 24th at 7:00 PM in the Parish Center Hall. The title is the Citizen Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) Presentation. The Police have made this presentation at other houses of worship and public places in Yorktown before. I was at the presentation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton last May and I will certainly be present when it takes place here. Stay tuned for more information.

Next week, I will speak at all the Masses to ask for participation in the 2020 Cardinal's Appeal. Please know that I am ever grateful for your generosity in supporting our Parish and the Archdiocese.

Blessed Lent everyone!

Sincerely in Christ,

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