

A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

I simply want to give everyone a reminder of some joyful news in these notes.

Deacon Rufus Kenny will be ordained a Priest next Saturday, May 27 at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He will be having his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at St. Patrick's in Yorktown Heights next Sunday at the 12:30pm Mass. Let me just give a little background information.

About six months before his Priesthood Ordination, Deacon Kenny was assigned to this parish for parish ministry on the weekends during his final months of Priestly formation. Deacon Kenny was here almost every weekend to assist at Masses, preach homilies and celebrate Baptisms. It was a blessing to have his youthful enthusiasm and loyal, loving service in our midst. He fit right in to rectory and parish life.

Since Deacon Kenny is far away from his home parish on Prince Edward Island in Canada, he requested to have his First Mass of Thanksgiving here and it will be yet another blessed event for our parish. His family will be here as well.

I am certain that the 12:30pm Mass next Sunday will be a beautiful, prayerful and joyful occasion to celebrate Deacon Kenny's ordination. It will most probably be considerably longer than most Sunday Masses. The music selections will come right from the traditions of the Church and there will be ample chanting throughout the Mass. There are only four men being ordained priests for the Archdiocese of New York this year, so it is truly a wonderful moment for our parish to have a First Mass of Thanksgiving.

May the Lord bless Deacon Kenny and his classmates as they approach Priestly ordination, and may the Lord send more holy vocations into the seminaries and then out into the Church.

After the 12:30 Mass next Sunday (to which all are invited) we will have a light reception and there will be time for first Priestly blessings. First Blessings bring extra special blessings!

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.