

## A Note from the Pastor's Desk

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend marks my first anniversary as a Pastor here at St. Patrick's and I am truly blessed to be the Pastor of such a wonderful parish! I have felt welcomed from day one and I look forward to years of priestly service here. It is not always easy to balance so many things and there is always more to do but I am happy to try my very best to do God's work here in Yorktown Heights. I trust in God's help and the help of so many people to make this a place where God's presence and blessings are felt every day. The good that takes place here each day is inspirational. May we always gather as God's family in God's house. That's what parishes are for!

Our priests work with special diligence to serve God's people. They are part of the family. That is why it is really sad when a priest is transferred. That goes double for Fr. Tom. As you know, Fr. Tom grew up in the parish and he attended St. Patrick's School. Once he came back as priest assigned here, I know he gave himself to our people completely and without hesitation. He is always ready to help and to bless. As I've said before, we will miss him a great deal. He has helped me tremendously to come to know this parish. I still have a long way to go but Fr. Tom accompanied me on the journey of my first year, together with Msgr. Barry. We wish Fr. Tom all the best!

This past week I celebrated my 30th Anniversary as a Priest. Sometimes it's hard to believe when you reach milestone anniversaries but those times are always good opportunities to thank God for His enduring presence and assistance throughout the years.

May the Lord bless us all and in particular Fr. Tom as he prepares for a new chapter in his priestly journey. May the Lord lead us all on the path to heaven.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Monsignor Giandurco*