

A Note from the Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

First of all, I want to put in writing a great big Thank You to the many parishioners who volunteered their time and effort to assist at the Zeppole booth at this year's Yorktown San Gennaro Festival. From toiling over vats of boiling oil to all of the other tasks that need to be taken care of, the making and selling of the Zeppolis takes a lot of hard work. The Zeppole booth is the largest regular fundraiser for the parish and I am extremely grateful to our dedicated volunteers.

Speaking of fundraisers, as you probably heard or read about last week, the Renew and Rebuild Capital Campaign for the Archdiocese of New York and all of its parishes is now open to all of our parishioners. Our goal has been set at three million dollars by the Archdiocese and I have been working behind the scenes asking some of our most generous donors for early support. At this time, we have received gifts and pledges of over one million dollars. Even though our parish goal is high and individual ask amounts are daunting, I believe we can now come much closer to the three million mark.

All of our projects are intended to make our parish stronger. Paying off the loan on the Family Education Center, or constructing a more easily accessible entrance to the rectory, and other projects, require additional funds, over and above our operating expenses. Thank God our parish is financially healthy but this campaign can most certainly enhance our many facilities for years to come. Trying to make this Campaign successful while keeping up with all regular donations is a true challenge.

Not everyone will be able to meet the suggested donation amount you have received in the letter mailed to you. Some individuals cannot even come close. Those amounts can be unsettling. I simply want you to know that I am grateful for your consideration and for any amount you can offer. You can make a pledge over five years or a one time gift. If a donation is not possible now, that is perfectly fine. The Archdiocese and I simply ask you to help with the Campaign as best you are able. I am certain the Lord will help us keep our parish vibrant.

God bless you always.

Sincerely in Christ,

Monsignor Giandurco