

# From the Desk of Msgr. Giandurco

Dear Parishioners,

I am writing these notes in the middle of the Parish Mission. By all accounts, it was a wonderful, helpful time of prayer and reflection for those who attended. Fr. MacDonald told me that it was a simple kind of Mission, meant to bring peace and spiritual strength to people, and I found it to be just that. Personally, I think simple is a great approach! Everyone can find something to help them pray, no matter where they are in their spiritual journey. The season of Lent is also that kind of spiritual aid. Hopefully, we can all find some simple ways to prepare ourselves to celebrate Easter. Prayer, sacrifices and helping others are the traditional ways to mark the season. We still have time before Holy Week to make our best effort.

This weekend, I am speaking at all the Masses here at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton to encourage participation in the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Since I am now Administrator here and Pastor at St. Patrick's, Yorktown Heights, I try and spend some time in each parish, especially on the weekends, except for weekends like this one. I will be here for all the Masses this weekend just as I was at St. Patrick's last weekend. There is no other way for me to be able to speak at all the Masses in each parish on a given weekend. I don't like having to be away from either parish now, but I have no other choice. As I have said before, I thank God that I have Fr. J.P. Seon, Fr. Silva and three deacons here with me at Seton, and the same number of priests and deacons at St. Patrick's. Together with staff, we are keeping things together in both parishes.

I always ask everyone to simply do whatever they can with regard to the Cardinal's Appeal. This year's goal is \$113,200.00. I am certain we can reach our parish goal. I never ask for specific amounts from individuals, and if someone is not able to participate that is perfectly fine. I am extremely grateful to those who do participate. The Cardinal's Appeal does much good for so many people. I am well aware that we can only do so much, but as a parish, we do a tremendous amount. Especially in this time of Lent, we want to help others in Jesus' name.

May God help all of us and may this Lent be fruitful as we seek to love God and neighbor with all our heart.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Monsignor Giandurco".