

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the start of this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Archdiocese was in the process of planning "Mercy Saturdays". The next *Mercy Saturday* will be held next Saturday, at the Marian Shrine here in Stony Point! His Eminence Cardinal Dolan has sent this following invitation to all of by way of *flocknote*;

*"A blessed Easter! I'm sure you have heard that during this Jubilee Year of Mercy we are holding a number of "Mercy Saturdays" throughout the Archdiocese of New York. I want to invite you to attend the upcoming Mercy Saturday on April 16, at the Salesian National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians. The day begins at 2:30 P.M. and will include talks on mercy, an opportunity to experience God's mercy in the sacrament of confession, and other testimonies and devotions. We will conclude with Mass at 5 P.M. and then a light reception. Our aim is to focus on the call of Pope Francis: that we reflect in a special way on God's mercy toward us, and our need to be merciful toward each other."*

What a beautiful opportunity for all of us to take part in celebrating as a family of faith with our neighboring parishes ultimately celebrating this glorious Year of Mercy.

As I mentioned, this announcement was sent to any person who has joined the official message service of the Archdiocese known as "*flocknote*". Over two years ago it was introduced to all the parishes. Also introduced was a news website domain called "*eCatholic*". For the past few months there has been major problems with the operation of our own parish website. For the past few weeks, work has been started and is almost

complete on a brand new website that will be provided by *eCatholic*. I am hoping that by the end of the month or certainly by early May our new website will be up and running. More information will be share with you next week about this. Once the new website is up and running, we will once again introduce *flocknote* to the parish.

May the joy of Christ's Resurrection remain in our hearts this Easter!

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



**the CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL  
*Sharing God's Gifts*

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the good and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. please share your blessings and make a gift to the 2016 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

**As of Wednesday, April 6, 2016, our parish has pledged \$28,070.00. This amount comes from 141 individual gifts. This puts us at 56% of our goal of \$50,500.00**

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**A FEW IMPORTANT DATES**

Confirmation interviews are being sent to the Confirmation **Candidates for Saturday, April 16th**. Please check your email for your time slot.

**Tuesday, April 12th Confirmation retreat at Don Bosco Retreat Center. 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Saturday, April 16th, Eucharist Mini-retreat, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Registration for the 2016-2017**

Religious Education School year is coming upon us! Mark your calendars, registration for the upcoming year will be held the weeks of April 25 and May 2 during class times and in addition on May 2,3, 4, and 5 from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. If you will be registering a first grader or a new student, please bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

In order to have our children understand God's mercy for us, we will be undertaking projects to offer His mercy to others through us, as His disciples. Each grade level will be asked to participate in a "Act of Mercy Project" which will be done during the religious education sessions. We ask for your prayers as we participate and celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

**Pocketbook Bingo**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH**

Please make sure that you sign up before we close out!

**USHERS NEEDED FOR**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS AND**  
**CONFIRMATION**

We are in need of two ushers for the Confirmation Mass on **Saturday, April 30th at 10:30 a.m.** and two ushers for the First Communion Mass on Saturday, May 7th at 11:00. Please contact Bob Mariani at 270-7098 if you can help.

**WEDDING JUBILEES FOR COUPLES  
CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH OR 50TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
ANYTIME DURING 2016**

Golden Jubilarians will be honored by Cardinal Dolan on **Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 26th at a 2:00 p.m.** Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and Silver and Golden Jubilarians. Please call the Parish Office if you able to attend. Thank you. We will celebrate at own Parish in the Fall. More information will follow.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Hospitality Sunday will be held **on Sunday, April 10th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Please stop by and join us for refreshments in our School Auditorium.

**FOOD PANTRY  
NEWS**

The Food Pantry is in need of canned fruits. please leave your donation in the food bin in the vestibule of the Church. We are very appreciative. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Thank You.

**THIS SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH  
SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a Second Collection this Sunday for the Archdiocese of the Military. Please be generous in next week's Second Collection. Thank You.

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING  
FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH  
8:30 p.m.**

The Men's Club Meeting **Friday, April 15th at 8:30 p.m. in Fr. Keenan Hall.** All men of the parish are invited to attend. As always bring a friend. Thank You.

**MOTHER'S DAY  
NOVENA OF MASSES**

A Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 8th.** If you would like to have loved ones remembered in these Masses, please return the Mass intention envelope from your monthly packet.

Additional envelopes are available at the entrances to our church. Mother's Day cards for the living are also available at the entrance to the Church.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially:** Gladys Margosian, Pat Reilly, Margaret McElroy, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Ed Onderdonk, Frank Moscatiello, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff,

**Our recently deceased:**

**We will announce at the Mass on Sunday for a period of one month the intentions of those who are sick and then we will print them for one month. After that we ask that you will please contact us to make sure that they are placed on the list again for another cycle. It is the only way we know if someone has recovered. We thank you for your understanding and cooperation.**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH**

**8:30** Edward McElroy  
(req. by Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Jones)  
**5:30 p.m.** Vigil Mass - Special Intention  
(req. by Kathy Messina)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH**

**7:30** For the People of the Parish  
**9:30** Michael Occhicone  
(req. by Georgine Sullivan & Family)  
**11:30** Andy Huber (req. by family)

**MONDAY, APRIL 11TH**

**7:30** Donald Cicchetti (req. by family)  
**8:30** Anne Honan (req. by Bea & Marty Sasin)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 12TH**

**8:30** Peter Robertson (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13TH**

**7:30** Thomas Heslin (req. by Lucian & Lucy Spiteri)  
**8:30** Virginia Schindele (req. by family)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 14TH**

**8:30** Mary McCue (req. by The McLaughlin Family)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH**

**7:30** Mr. & Mrs. Francis J. Hoyer  
(req. by Anthony Hoyer)  
**8:30** Karol McElroy (req. by The Gemelli Family)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH**

**8:30** Virginia Schindele (req. by family)  
**5:30 p.m.** Vigil Rose & Josef Hagen (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH**

**7:30** For the People of the Parish  
**9:30** Mary McCue (req. by Tina Lombardoni)  
**11:30** James & Sara Bishop (req. by family)

**Celebrants for Masses (Subject to Change)**

**April 16th/17th**

**5:30 p.m. Vigil** Fr. Bejoy **7:30 a.m.** Fr. Herb  
**9:30 a.m.** Fr. Bejoy **11:30 a.m.** Fr. Herb

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**BAPTISM CLASS**

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: April 25th and May 23rd. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

**BAPTISM**

The dates for our next Baptisms are: April 17th and May 1st. We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) before the date to make an appointment. We ask you to please attend the class a month prior to your child's Baptism in order to facilitate record keeping; and also to have, by the time the class is given, your child's Birth Certificate and Sponsor Certificates from the Parishes where the Sponsors themselves worship at the present time. We thank you for your help and cooperation and pray for the newborn children who will be Baptized in our Parish in these coming months.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
4/3	\$100	167	Carol Delgado
4/4	\$25	2248	Mary Ellen Gonyea
4/5	\$25	844	Michael Malone
4/6	\$75	1639	Theresa Dwyer
4/7	\$25	1235	Alex Saladini
4/8	\$50	850	Michael Malone
4/9	\$25	2166	The Hobbs Family

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**The Rachel Ministry** - is confidential and free help for those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth. The help takes place every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Shrine. For more information e-mail Rachel Minister1@aol.com or call 492-6709. **The next meeting will be on April 18th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish** - will host a Military Bridge on Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. Please come and join us for prizes and Desserts! \$15 at the door. For information please contact Kathy Conway conways05@aol.com. or call 359-1230.

**Dominican College** - will host An Information Session interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including undergraduate online programs is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 13th from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.** in the Hennessy Center. This event will provide an opportunity to learn about our programs and to meet our faculty and admissions counselors. Information about financial aid, grants and scholarships, will also be available.

**St. Francis of Assisi, West Nyack**, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. May 3 through June 7th. Please call the Rectory at 634-4957. If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.

**SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS AT SJR**

St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, NJ is the site for sports camps in football and basketball for area youths this summer.

The **SJR Elite Performance Football Camp** runs in two sessions: June 27 – 30; and July 5 - 8. The camp runs daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and is open to boys, grades 4-10. Free T-shirt to campers...guest lecturers... great fun & competition!

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual **Green Knights Basketball Camp**, for boys ages 9 to 15, runs in three sessions: July 11-15; July 18-22; and July 25-29. The camp day is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Great fun & competition... guest lecturers... free basketball & T-shirt to each camper!

Please call (201) 391-3300 for camp applications and further information or visit our website (www.sjrnj.org)

**H.A.N.D.S.** (Healing And Nuturing Distraught Survivors) sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of H.A.N.D.S., who lost her son and daughter-in-law in a boating accident. Their bodies were never recovered. **All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at H.A.N.D.S.** International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York 10956. The meetings this month are April 6th and April 19th. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions.

**H.A.N.D.S.** has a Widow and Widowers Group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. **These meetings are held every Monday evening at the H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York.**

**Don Bosco Prep Announces Spring Open House on Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Members of the school community will highlight aspects of the school including: Academics, Admissions, Athletics, Guidance, and Youth Ministry/Community Service. Families may register online at [www.donboscoprep.org](http://www.donboscoprep.org) under "Admissions." For further information, please contact the Don Bosco Prep Admissions Department at [admissions@donboscoprep.org](mailto:admissions@donboscoprep.org) and 201-327-8003. Don Bosco Prep is located at 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Collection April 4, 2016 was: \$6,795**  
**Collection April 5, 2015 was: Easter. We will report the final amount for Easter next Week.**

**Banns Of Marriage**

**Lauren Cole Hatchard & James Olson I**  
**Elizabeth Fennell & Keith Campo II**  
**Anthony Pacione & Jith Joseph II**

