

Dear Friends in Christ,

"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit." With those words, The Most Reverend Dominick J. Lagonegro confirmed thirty-eight of our young parishioners yesterday. You see their names proudly displayed on our bulletin cover this month. May the Holy Spirit lead them into lives of faithful witness to Christ and his gospel message. May we continue in our preparation for Pentecost Sunday, the birth of our Church and a reminder to us all of our own confirmation in the faith.

For myself, the Holy Spirit has been so powerfully at work in my priesthood. The *Gift of the Holy Spirit* has indeed made me a much better Disciple of Christ, as I am sure it has for all of us! I have been blessed with many happy experiences in my priesthood. On May 11, 2016 I will be celebrating my Silver Anniversary of Priesthood. As I have mentioned in the past, my second assignment at St. Gregory Barbarigo and my third assignment at Saint Catharine in Blauvelt had me serve Rockland County for a total of ten years. Now, as I have said since last August, I feel like the Prodigal Son who has returned home to Rockland. So I feel it is fitting that I get to celebrate my anniversary with all of you here at Immaculate.

Next month on Sunday, June 5th at the 11:30 a.m., I will be the celebrant of the mass to commemorate my 25th Anniversary. In all humility I would rather have all the attention be on the gift of priesthood to the church, but I must also recognize my own personal need to thank God for the gift of my own priesthood. After mass, there will be a celebration in the auditorium with a light collation for all of us to enjoy. Because of that, the regular Sunday Hospitality after the 9:30

mass will not take place. I invite all the Sunday Hospitality 'regulars' to join in the celebration after the 11:30 mass. More information will be shared with all of you in the upcoming bulletins.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day. In your latest envelope mailing there is an envelope for the remembrance of mothers, living or deceased. We also have Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards. This card can be given to mom as a acknowledgement of her name being included in the novena of masses. Please return either envelope in the regular Sunday collection in the coming weekends. All envelopes will be placed on the altar for Mother's Day and will remain on the altar for the rest of the month of May.

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

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A FEW IMPORTANT DATES

First Communion practices will be on May 3rd and May 5th; All 2nd graders must attend both practices in lieu of classes.

Registration for the 2016-2017

Religious Education School year is coming upon us! Mark your calendars, registration for the upcoming year will be held 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.

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

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 2:00 p.m., Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Please call the parish office at 786-2742, if you are planning to attend. As in tradition, we will have our own celebration at our own Parish in the Fall.

**FOOD PANTRY
NEWS**

For the month of May, the Food Pantry is collecting Cereal. If you are able to contribute, please leave your donations in the food bin in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you so much for your generosity.



As of Wednesday, April 27, 2016, our parish has pledged \$33,045.00. This amount comes from 158 individual gifts. This puts us at 66% of our goal of \$50,500.00

**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.

**THIS WEEKEND
SECOND COLLECTION
AID TO THE CHURCH IN
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

At the request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of New York will take up a special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to support essential unmet pastoral needs in that sector of the Lord's vineyard formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions. **Please be generous in this week's second collection.**

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
4/24	\$25	2142	Lisa Gagliardo
4/25	\$25	2207	Tyler Jessie
4/26	\$50	1306	K. Shroba
4/27	\$25	1545	Barbera Family
4/28	\$50	619	Mary Vaughn
4/29	\$25	807	Richard Lutkevich
4/30	\$50	1546	Barbera Family

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

Hospitality Sunday will be held this **Sunday, May 1st** after the **9:30 Mass**. Please stop by and join us for refreshments in our School Auditorium.

**MAY 4TH
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

Wednesday May 4th
5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Thursday, May 5th
8:30 a.m. Noon and 7:30 p.m.

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, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff,

Our recently deceased: George Kovach and Lorriane Stabolik.

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 30TH

8:30 Kathryn Filor

(req. by The DiGasbarro Family family)

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Jerry Fisher (req. by family)

SUNDAY, MAY 1ST

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Fr. John Quinn (req. by Pat & Jack Ryan)

11:30 Patricia Bishop Barry (req. by family)

MONDAY, MAY 2ND

7:30 Beth Longo (req. by The Fisher Family)

8:30 Ann Gaffney (req. by Mary & Larry Curran)

TUESDAY, MAY 3RD

8:30 Ed Geary (req. by Family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4TH

7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Mary DuCharme

(req. by The DiGasbarro Family)

5:30 **Vigil** Thanksgiving to St. Jude (req. by family)

THURSDAY, MAY 5TH

8:30 Zofia Subiszak (req. by Linda Nelson)

Noon Jenny Schultz (req. by family)

7:30 p.m. *Intention Available*

FRIDAY, MAY 6TH

7:30 Beth Longo (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

8:30 Frank Mordiglia (req. by family)

SATURDAY, MAY 7TH

8:30 Jane McNaught

(req. by Joseph & Madelaine Cavegn)

5:30 p.m. Vigil Margaret & Andrew Huber

(req. by family)

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Terri Crawford (req. by family)

11:30 Andrew Hylas (req. by family)

Celebrants for Masses (Subject to Change)

May 7th/May 8th

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

9:30 a.m. Fr. Herb 11:30 a.m. Fr. Bejoy

ANNOUNCED MASSES

We call to your attention that scheduled Parish Masses are available almost immediately if you wish to have a relative or loved one remembered upon death or just to pray for their good health and recovery from illness. You can contact the Rectory at anytime during office hours. You can have a Mass offered for a loved one. It is also a beautiful way to remember someone at a wake for the family.

PARISH PAY USERS

Please check the expiration date on your credit card periodically. To update, call 1-866-PARISH or www.parishpay.com. Thanks to all of our parishioners who have selected to use this modern and convenient way to make your weekly contribution to Immaculate Conception Parish.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Flower memorials are available for anyone desiring to memorialize a loved one. The cost is \$50 for an arrangement of flowers to be placed near the altar. Please call the rectory to reserve a specific date.

NEWS OF INTEREST

St. Francis of Assisi, West Nyack, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. May 3rd 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.

North Rockland 5K RUN/WALK - On Sunday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m. at Bowline Point Town Park, the proceeds of this event will benefit three families from the community, Terri Pileggi-Marcoux, Jose Ramirez Flores and Angelina Hicks. The children's race begins at 8:30 a.m. This is chaired by Town of Haverstraw supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. town of Stony Point Supervisor Jim Monaghan and North Rockland athletic director Joseph Casarella. For more information, visit www.townofhaverstraw.org or call 429-2200.

Saint Aedan's Church on Ehrhardt Road in Pearl River - will host a Rummage Sale on Thursday, May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Only) No Evening Sale.

***Albertus Magnus High School
Annual Golf Classic***

Paramount Country Club, New City, NY
Tuesday, May 31, 2016
\$250 per golfer includes: cart, balls, breakfast, dinner, beer and wine
\$125 for dinner only
Breakfast: 9am, Shotgun start: 10:30am,
Dinner & Silent Auction 3:30pm
For more information or to register for the event, submit a journal ad, purchase a 50/50 or become a sponsor, please visit www.albertusmagnus.net or contact the AMHS Development Office at 845-623-8842 ext 229.
Golfers and Dinner guests MUST register by May 20th to attend

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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 28th 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)

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection April 24, 2016 was: \$7,546
Collection April 25, 2015 was: \$7,951

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