

Dear Friends in Christ,

This weekend we welcome Mr. Alex Sangbin Lee to our parish. Alex is presently a seminarian studying at St. Joseph's Seminary and will be speaking at each mass about his life, vocation and the importance of the seminary system in training and preparing the future priests of the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. We are pleased to have Alex with us this weekend. The second collection next week will be to support Saint Joseph Seminary.

This Saturday, October 1st at 12 noon we will hold the annual celebration of the Blessing of Animals in honor of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, which is Tuesday, October 4th. Please bring your pet to this beautiful celebration and blessing of God's living creatures. We will gather outside the main entrance of the Church.

Next Sunday, October 2nd at the 9:30 mass we will start up once again our monthly Family Mass. Please join us for this celebration centering on faith and family. The homily at that mass will be geared towards our younger parishioners. After the mass next week, please join us in the school auditorium for our monthly Hospitality Sunday.

Also on next Sunday, the Church will celebrate Respect Life Sunday. If you are able to, please join the Rockland County Life Chain from 2:00 to 3:30 in the afternoon. They will be gathering at the intercession of Route 59 and Middletown Road in Nanuet. What a beautiful way to celebrate Respect Life Sunday and to make a firm statement of our belief that every life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death.

May God continue to bless us in His mercy,

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

**OFFICE OF
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Last Sunday we celebrated Catechetical Sunday at the 11:30 mass. It was a time to acknowledge and thank our volunteers for their generosity in enforcing the faith that their "original" catechists, our families have given to us.

The School of Religion is excited to announce that we will be hosting the monthly Family Mass on the first Sunday of each month at the 9:30 a.m. What a wonderful thing to have a mass that is geared to the children! The 8th grade students will be the first hosts of this mass. Please be sure to join us!

Look in the vestibule this weekend for the St. Francis Animal Giving Tree! Mrs. Martinez and Mrs. Costa's class will be in charge of this project for community service. This project will benefit animals in need at Hi-Tor Shelter. Please be generous and join St. Francis in his love for "All Creatures, Great and Small"! Items will be collected from September 24 through Sunday, October 16. We thank you in advance.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY
2ND COLLECTION WEEKEND
OF OCTOBER 1ST/2ND**

There will be a Second Collection on the Weekend of October 1st/2nd to assist the Seminary (the cost in preparing priests is daunting, and for this reason we count on your support). With it, we are able to continue our solid tradition of excellence in the formation of academic training of candidates for the priesthood. Please be generous in the second Collection for St. Joseph's Seminary.

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST
12 NOON**

On Saturday, October 1st we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a Blessing of Animals **at 12:00 Noon in the parking lot** of the Stony Point Church. We encourage you to bring your pets for this special blessing.

This is a very beautiful way of thanking God for these creatures that bring much happiness to our lives and asking His Divine Blessings upon them. We ask that you park your cars on the west side of the front parking lot and along the chapel side of the church, leaving enough room in the area directly in front of the church doors for the large number of people and pets.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2ND**

Hospitality Sunday will be held on Sunday October 2nd after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. Please stop by and join us for refreshments in our School Auditorium.

**ROCKLAND COUNTY LIFE CHAIN
OCTOBER 2ND
NANUET 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.**

Please join the Rockland County Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, October 2nd to be held at the intersection of Route 59 and Middletown Road **in Nanuet from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **The theme is God creates Life, All Lives Matter!**

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Now that September is here, we need to start preparing for the holidays. We are requesting canned yams/ sweet potatoes, turkey gravy and corn muffin mixes. If you can help out, please leave your donations in the food bin in the back of the church. Thank you again for your generosity.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH****PLEASE NOTE TIME 9A.M. - 12 NOON**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:30 a.m. Mass **on Friday, October 7th.** The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed in the Chapel until 12 Noon. **Hopefully this will allow more people to spend a 1/2 hour in prayer in the Chapel.** The Exposition will conclude with a Prayer Service and Benediction. We invite you to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar to pray for stability and peace in our world. **We are in need of volunteers; please call Jane Hylas 786-5904.**

**1ST ANNUAL BETH LONGO
MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
GOLF EVENT****THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH****SPOOK ROCK COUNTRY CLUB**

Join us at the Spook Rock Country Club, Suffern New York **on Thursday, October 13, 2016.** \$90 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Beth Longo Memorial Scholarship Fund for North Rockland High School for Students pursuing a career in Nursing or Medicine. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. 12:00 Lunch and 1:00 Shotgun Start. Reception at 5:30 cocktail hour 6:30 Dinner Prizes and Raffles.

* Reception only Tickets can be purchased for \$50.00

RSVP Karen Cappabianca at 786-2997. Or
[Cappabk2 @optonline.net.](mailto:Cappabk2@optonline.net)

Fees and donations can be sent to

Beth Longo Memorial Scholarship Fund

P.O. Box 164

Tomkins Cove, NY

Thank You

Please confirm by October 1, 2016

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Rita Quirk, Ed & Ann Hanus, Sam Pace, Gladys Margosian, Margaret McElroy, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Danielle Sack, Louis Pezzola, 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, SEPTEMBER 24TH**

8:30 Carolyn Sullivan

(req. by Margaret Sullivan & Family)

5:30 **Vigil** Herbert B. & Philomena DeGaris

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Edward Onderdonk

(req. by Tara & Michael Brady)

11:30 Mark Jones (req. by The Jones Family)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

7:30 Mass in Thanksgiving to St. Jude

(req. by the Lewis Family)

8:30 Cosimo Corvasce (req. by family)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

8:30 Henry Deluca (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

7:30 Matthew McCune (req. by The Brenner Family)

8:30 The DiGasbarro Family (req. by family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

8:30 Rachel Connolly (req. by family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

7:30 James Gamboli (req. by the Goggin Family)

8:30 Winifred Shinnick (req. by Ann & Warren Sayre)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

8:30 Mary O'Connell (req. by family)

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Edward Onderdonk

(req. by Ann Sheridan)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND

7:30 *Intention Available*

9:30 For the People of the Parish

11:30 Marguerite Cristantello

(req. by Elliott Cristantello)

YOUTH CHORUS

It is my pleasure to announce the start-up of a new **Youth Chorus** at Immaculate Conception Church! Students from grades 2 through 8 who enjoy singing are invited and encouraged to participate. The Youth Choir will sing at the monthly Family Mass- which is the 9:30 AM mass the first Sunday of each month. They will also sing at other important masses such as Christmas eve 4:30 mass.

Rehearsals will be held in the church on **Thursday evenings from 6:15- 6:55** beginning September 29. I am looking forward to working with your child to develop a special group of young singers here at Immaculate. Thank You

MARILYN MARINO

IMC is looking into starting a new program for the Parish,

The Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program.

A statue of the Virgin Mary would be brought to the sick and shut-in's of the parish and remain in their home for one week. This is a wonderful way to reach out to the sick and shut-in's who are alone and those with family and friends to gather in prayer and companionship. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would like to have the statue please contact Mary Ann Winheim 845-270-7648 or Kathy Messina 845-354-1106

*The Flowers this week are
In Loving Memory of
Mark Jones
Donated by The Family*

**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING &
SILVER WEDDING
MASS CELEBRATION**

This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York. **Our Parish is celebrating the Anniversaries for 25th & 50th on Sunday, OCTOBER 16TH during the 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by a reception. Please call the rectory to register. Thank you.**

Girl Scouts

Gabriella Annunziata and Kylie Thompson would like to thank Fr. Herb, Deacon Sadowski, Lynne DeVuono, the Religious Education parents and students and the Stony Point Girl Scouts for all their support on their Silver Award Project "Wandering Wardrobes". The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn. The award is about leadership, community and making the world a better place. We lead many volunteers to help clean and organize the Midnight Run room here at Immaculate Conception. Also, part of our project was to bring awareness to the Midnight Run Organization, our group here at Immaculate Conception and the needs of the homeless. We ask each parishioner to continue to support the Midnight Run by donating and volunteering your time.

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next run is scheduled for the night of October 15. We will meet in the parish annex on Friday evening October 14 to pack in preparation for the run. The Saturday night run will depart the Church parking lot at 7 PM and should return around 2AM Sunday morning. Donations of sweatshirts, toiletries and back packs will be greatly appreciated. Please no women or children's cloths. For information about the run or to volunteer in anyway, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 845 786 5759.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Jessica Burke & Michael Husted (II)
Raymond Gregg & Colleen Rossi (II)*

NEWS OF INTEREST

Pro-Life Mass – celebrated every first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 128 Parrott Road in West Nyack. **The next Pro Life Mass will be on Monday October 3rd.**

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection September 18, 2016 was: \$ 6,592
Collection September 20, 2015 was: \$ 6,380

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