

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to share with so many of you the joy myself and the very large congregation at last Sunday's Family Mass experienced. It was a celebration of faith filled with joy and happiness. Our fourth graders read and brought up the gifts. A nice surprise for the congregation was the debut of our newly formed Children's Choir who sang after the reception of Holy Communion. For the last three or four weeks, they have practiced on Thursdays, what a joy to have the children sing. Our next Family Mass will be on December 5th at 9:30am followed by Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Auditorium.

Please be mindful that today we are holding a Parish Blood Drive from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Parish Auditorium. Even if you haven't signed up for a time slot the past two

weekends, you are welcome to just show up. In giving blood, we are truly giving life!

This past Friday, November 11th our country celebrated Veterans Day. As I have shared with you all in the past, I am the proud son of a Korean War Veteran, who served in the Air Force. We remember all our brave men and women who served our country. We give glory and thanks to God that you have all returned to family and loved ones. As a country, may we never fail to show gratitude and respect for the sacrifices so many of you made. In this month of All Souls, we remember our veterans who, like my father, are no longer with us. May God have mercy on their souls.

May God continue to bless America.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

**OFFICE OF**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**  
**CONFIRMATION MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**  
**7:45 P.M.**

There will be a meeting on November 15, 2016 for all parents of Confirmation Candidates at 7:45 in the school gym. **All parents and guardians must attend. All Confirmation paperwork will be handed out at this time.**

**MASS ATTENDANCE**  
**CARDS**

**A reminder for parents and guardians of our First Communion and Confirmation candidates:**

Please remember to use your Mass attendance cards weekly. When attending Mass at Immaculate Conception, you may turn in your card to the priest or deacon after Mass. **Do not** return it to an usher or place in the collection basket. Make sure your child's name and grade are on it. When attending Mass elsewhere, you may ask the priest or deacon to sign their parish bulletin and then add your child's name and grade before turning it in at your child's next class.

**OUR ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE**  
**THIS SUNDAY,**  
**NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

Our Annual Parish Blood Drive will be held on this **Sunday, November 13th** in the auditorium of the Parish Center from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The blood supply is low and the demand is great, especially during the holiday time. Please set this date aside and plan on donating blood, the gift of life, that day. Please bring photo ID and your Social Security number. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help that day, please call Joyce Castronovo at (914) 645-1411. Thank you.

**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN**  
**FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**  
**2ND COLLECTION NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>**

Next week's Second Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) needs your help. CCHD was founded to end the cycle of poverty throughout America by funding organizations that help individuals help themselves. With a tradition of improving education, housing, and community economic development, CCHD continues to make a positive impact in communities nationwide. Defend human dignity. Take poverty off the map. **Please be generous in next week's second collection.**

**2017 MASS BOOK HAS OPENED**  
**FOR JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH**  
**APRIL, MAY & JUNE**

The office will be taking mass intentions from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. The weekday mass offering is \$15.00 and Saturday evening and Sunday Masses are \$20.

**Christmas Choir**

If you are interested in singing for the Christmas season, please join us at choir rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church, beginning on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Newcomers or experienced singers are welcome. Let's make our church music for the holidays very special and raise our voices in song.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

For the month of November, the food pantry will be collecting turkeys, turkey breasts and roasting chickens. Your donation can be dropped off at the food pantry on Friday afternoons between 2:30 and 5:30 or at the Rectory any weekday between 9:00 and 5:00. Thank you for your continued support. The food pantry will distribute Thanksgiving baskets on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> to all of our clients who have requested us to reserve a basket for them. We will be closed on Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, the day after Thanksgiving. **We are very grateful for your generosity.**

**THANKSGIVING MORNING MASS**

**NOVEMBER 24TH 9:00 a.m.**

Parish Mass of Thanksgiving (the only Mass that day), with music that will help us to place ourselves into the presence of God on this national day of Thanksgiving. Perhaps it is appropriate as we are going through an economic crisis to remind us of all we do have, that we should give thanks for even in the midst of the crisis that so many of us and our families are facing. We do encourage you to be with us that day. We would like to continue the tradition we started a couple of years ago **of bringing an item of food from your own dinner table to be blessed at the Mass.** We will join together as God's family in church and then have the item blessed and then go to our own family's celebration. We will mention this again in the coming weeks. There is a beautiful blessing in the "Book of Blessings" that we use in our ceremony.

*The flowers this week are  
In Loving Memory of  
Andrew Joseph Hull  
donated by The Family  
And  
In Loving Memory of  
Kathleen Javenes  
donated by The Family*

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AT 8:30 p.m.**

The Men's Club Meeting, Friday, will be held on **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m.** in Fr. Keenan Hall. We will be discussing our Christmas Dinner and Superbowl Sunday. We are looking for new members. If you have interested, please come to our meeting and be a part of this great organization. All men of the parish are invited to attend. As always, bring a friend.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially:** Michael Costello, Lynn Westbrook, Rita Quirk, Ed & Ann Hanus, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Danielle Sack, Attracta Parks Pryor, 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, NOVEMBER 12TH**

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)  
5:30 **Vigil *For the People of the Parish***

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH**

7:30 The Trimble Family (req. by family)  
9:30 Dorothy & Dominic Donato (req. by family)  
11:30 Victor Daly Sr. (req. by family)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**

7:30 Kathleen Javenes (req. by family)  
8:30 Andrew Joseph Hull (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH**

8:30 Thanksgiving to St. Jude  
(req. by the Lewis Family)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH**

7:30 Thanksgiving to St. Peter  
(req. by The Merisme Family)  
8:30 Frederick Scherman (req. by Marie Sheridan)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH**

9:00 Marion Mazzitelli  
(req. by The DiGasbarro Family)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH**

7:30 James Faherty III (req. by family)  
8:30 Frank & Anna Kehoe  
(req. by Maureen & Eugene Rogers)

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**

8:30 Louis Pezzola (req. by Melissa & Trevor Young)  
5:30 **Vigil** Rose & Josef Hagan  
(req. by the Lewis Family)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH**

7:30 ***For the People of the Parish***  
9:30 Dec'd Members of the I.C. Men's Club  
(req. by the Men's Club)  
11:30 Richard Mazzaferro (req. by family)

**CYO BASKETBALL**  
**THANK YOU**

The CYO Basketball would like to thank everyone that made our Pocketbooks Bingo a success.

**ADVENT EVENING OF RECOLLECTION**  
**ATTENTION LECTORS**

We will meet for our Advent Evening of prayer and recollection on Thursday evening, November 17 at 7 PM. In addition to our time of prayer and reflection, we will discuss the Christmas schedule and the possibility of some cluster wide training for our ministry. Anyone interested in becoming part of this liturgical ministry is invited to join us. The evening is also open to any parishioner wanting to come and pray with us for our parish community. We will gather in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 7 PM on Thursday evening, November 17.

**MIDNIGHT RUN**

Our next run is scheduled for the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It is a night run. We will gather at the parish center to prepare for the run on Friday evening November 25 at 7 PM. For the run, we will plan to meet at the Church parking lot at 8:45 PM on Saturday evening, November 26, planning to depart for the city around 9 PM. We should return to Stony Point around 1 AM Sunday morning. Donations of sack lunches and socks would be greatly appreciated.

The generosity of the community has shown itself in so many ways, resulting in a large accumulation of items which the Girl Scouts will move to the parish center. Please remember, that toys and children's items should please be taken to a local thrift shop, perhaps at the Church on Main Street, and women's clothes to a deposit box, perhaps at the Church "with the purple doors" on West Main Street. For our run, there is a special need for backpacks and men's coats and boots.

Thank you for your support of this ministry. For any information about the run, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786-5759.

**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.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **November 28<sup>th</sup> and January 30<sup>th</sup>**. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

**BAPTISM**

**The date for our next Baptism is November 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

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**NEWS OF INTEREST**

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**Adoption** - Baby girls and boys in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. For information call Barbara Salvesen at 623-5277.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

<b>Collection November 5, 2016 was:</b>	<b>\$9,471</b>
<b>Collection November 8, 2015 was:</b>	<b>\$7,371</b>
<b>All Saints Day 2016 was:</b>	<b>\$1,539</b>
<b>All Saints Day 2015 was:</b>	<b>\$1,032</b>

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