

Dear Friends in Christ,

A beautiful tradition that has been lost over modern time is the Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts. The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

As we concluded the Christmas Season last Monday with the Baptism of the Lord, may the following printed announcement show us that as we just celebrated the birth of the Christ Child, we now look forward to day of His Resurrection.

*Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy, we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.*

*On the first day of March will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.*

*On the sixteenth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the twenty-fifth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*On the fourth day of June, the feast of Pentecost.*

*On the eighteenth day of June the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.*

*On the third day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

**MARTIN LUTHER KING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH**

Office closed for ordinary business. Mass is at 8:30 a.m. In an emergency please call 786-2742.

In the church vestibule, you will find a sign that says Come Holy Spirit with papers attached, naming our Comfirmandi. Please take the name of one of our candidates and pray for them in a special way as they embark on their road to Confirmation.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Calendar Raffles are available for purchase at the Rectory. We depend heavily on this fundraiser to defray the costs of maintaining the Parish Religious Education building. Tickets are \$10.00 each, hold 120 opportunities to win cash prizes ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00 over a period of four months. Raffles will be drawn daily from February 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017. These can be great teacher gifts, stocking stuffers or a Parish Lottery ticket to give to your family, friends and co-workers and our odds are better than the regular lottery! What a great way to spread our parish family name! We thank you in advance for participating in our Religious Education fundraiser.

**MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS**

**A Reminder for Parents of First Communion and Confirmation Candidates:** Please remember to use your Mass attendance cards weekly. When attending Mass at Immaculate Conception, you may turn in a card to the priest or deacon after Mass. Do not turn it into an usher or place it 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.

**COVE CHURCH – WINTER TIME**

After consultation with the congregation of the Sunday morning Cove Church mass a few weeks ago, it has been decided to do away with the often confusing guideline to move the Cove Church mass to Stony Point. The new policy is simple... if there is uncertainty, parishioners are asked to go to the parish website **IMMACULATESP.ORG**. An announcement will be posted on the main home page that will be seen as soon as the website loads up. Only in the event of mass moving to Stony Point will an announcement be posted.

**MARCH FOR LIFE**

And first up for 2017, **The March for Life in Washington, D.C.** The date is Friday, **Jan. 27**, and the bus will be leaving from St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack. The cost is \$30 for adults and \$15 for students. You can make reservations by calling 845-735-4379, 845-492-6709, or 845-425-1322 (para espanol). All the rest of the information you need can be found on our website here: [Jan. 27 -- We March Again!](#) And here, the official [March for Life](#) website.

If you can't go, but would like to be part of the March by making a much-needed donation, it would be very much appreciated. Your donations help defray the costs for marchers who can't afford the trip and help subsidize the cost of the bus for everyone. You can send your donation to Rockland Right to Life Committee, PO Box 9348, Bardonia, NY 10954. (*We regret that your donation is not tax deductible.*)

*The Flowers This Week are  
In Loving Memory of  
Paul Michael Baisley  
donated by  
The Baisley Family  
And  
In Loving Memory of  
Vernard "Bouncer" Baisley  
donated by The Family*

*And  
In Loving Memory of Maureen Cooney  
donated by The Family*

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:30 P.M.**

Men's Club meeting, Friday, Jan. 20th at 8:30 PM in Fr. Keenan Hall. All men of the parish are invited to attend. As always, bring a friend.

**SUPERBOWL SUNDAY WITH THE**  
**MEN'S CLUB**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH**

Come up and watch the game with the Men's Club. There is always plenty of food, refreshments and fun. The doors open at 4:30 PM. Cost \$20 for adults, kids free. Call Tom Robinson, 786-3005

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially:** Warren Sayre, Sr., Lynn Westbrook, Ed & Ann Hanus, Michael Costello, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Attracta Parks Pryor.

**Our recently deceased:.** Grace Sheehan.

**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, JANUARY 14TH**  
8:30 Dec'd Members of the Ferri & Condon Family (req. by family)  
  
5:30 **Vigil** Mary A. Costello (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 15TH**  
7:30 Dorothy McCarron (req. by family)  
9:30 Mary Ann Kinzel (req. by family)  
11:30 *For the People of the Parish*

**MONDAY, JANUARY 16TH**  
8:30 Pam Lionetti (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 17TH**  
8:30 Paul Michael Baisley (req. by family)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18TH**  
7:30 John Sohn (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)  
8:30 Isabelle Crosbie (req. by Jane Hylas)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19TH**  
8:30 Vernard "Bouncer" Baisley (req. by family)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 20TH**  
7:30 *Intention Available*  
8:30 Maureen Cooney (req. by family)

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST**  
8:30 Rita Quirk (req. by The Gosda Family)  
5:30 Vigil Anna Cucci (req. by Cousin Ann)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND**  
7:30 For The People of the Parish  
9:30 Melody Phillips (req. by family)  
11:30 James Faherty III (req. by family)

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all who generously supported our Giving Tree. Your generosity allowed us to give over 300 gifts to a number of needy families. What a joy to know that Immaculate Conception Parish brought such happiness to so many. A special thank you to Shell Ann Printing and everyone who helped with the Giving Tree.

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

The ministry of Altar Server is an important liturgical ministry. Not only does it give the server the opportunity to participate in the spirit of our worship as a faith community by assisting the priest and the deacon during the mass, the server's actions and gestures make that worship all the more special. Our parish is in need of boys and girls to serve at the altar. Any boy or girl in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older, interested in becoming an altar server, along with those already serving regularly are asked to please come to a meeting and training session on Saturday, January 14 at 10 AM in the Stony Point Church. For more information, please contact either Deacon John at 845 786 5759 or Father Herb at the rectory.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

Thank you, thank you to everyone who helped to make this past year at the Immaculate Conception Food Pantry such a successful one! Through your generosity we were able to provide food to over 5,000 people! Even though we receive a small grant from the state, we would never have been able to serve the needs of so many without your help. A special thank you to the Immaculate Conception Men's Club, the North Rockland Rotary and the Stony Point Lions.

For the month of January, we will be collection canned fruit and juices. If you are able to contribute, please leave your donation in the food bin in the vestibule of the church., Once again, thank you for your amazing generosity! Best wishes for a wonderful new year from al the staff at the food pantry.

**Children of Mary Nursery-Kindergarten**, located at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, will be holding its annual Open House on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. The snow date is Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Albertus Magnus High School** – will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A Mass and Reception to commemorate the occasion will be held at Albertus Magnus Gym on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. with a reception in the Rotunda immediately following Mass. A 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pearl River Hilton. Details and Registration are available on [www.albertusmagnus.net](http://www.albertusmagnus.net), under ALUMNI, Special Events or by contacting the AM Development Office at 623-8842, extension 229.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sunday Collection Jan. 8, 2017 was: \$7,196**

**Sunday Collection Jan. 10, 2016 was: \$6,869**

**Catholic Comm/Catholic Univ. 2017 was: \$1,496**

**Catholic Comm/Catholic Univ. 2016 was: \$1,543**

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**NEWS OF INTEREST**

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**Dominican College** - An information Session interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for Wednesday, January 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hennessy Center.