

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago, I spoke at all the masses to inform you all that the diocese has begun The Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. This weekend we are conducting Commitment Weekend or as is more popularly known as the in-pew solicitation. This is done annually for two main reasons, to give parishioners the opportunity to make a pledge and for any parishioner who may not have received any mailings from the Appeal Office, especially most recent newly registered parishioners.

As stewards and disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods 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 gifts and make a gift to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Please help support the educational, charitable and pastoral works of our archdiocese that help so many among us.

Today we celebrate our Family Mass at 9:30. Thank you to our seventh graders for hosting the mass for us.

As we did last month with the Boy Scouts, today we celebrate Girl Scout Sunday. At our 11:30 mass we will honor and

celebrate the Girl Scouts, not only of our parish but of all of Stony Point. On behalf of our Parish Community, I welcome to the Girl Scout Mass all levels of scouting; Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, Seniors and Ambassadors.

May we continue our Lenten journey in preparation for the Glory of Easter.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris



This weekend we are holding the in-pew presentation of the Annual Cardinals Stewardship Appeal. This will give the opportunity for any parishioner to make their gift to the appeal and for any parishioner, especially those who have recently joined our parish community to join the appeal.

As of Friday, March 3rd, our parish has pledged \$12,740.00. This amount comes from 71 individual gifts. This puts us at 24% of our goal of \$54,000.00.

Our Calendar Raffle is Underway!

Raffles are still available for purchase at the Rectory. As you know, we depend heavily on this fundraiser to defray the costs of maintaining the Parish Religious Education building. Thank you so much for your support!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR: the next Family Catechisis dates are: March 14 and 16 at 6:00 p.m.. We will be celebrating St. Joseph and St. Patrick.

8TH Grade Confirmation Candidates Spirit Day: March 25, 2017 at St. Joseph Church, Spring Valley. All permission slips must be received in advance. Service hours were due on March 7, Letter to Bishop Lagonegro due March 25.

The School of Religion is currently doing our annual **GERTRUDE HAWK CHOCOLATE** Fundraiser. Pick up a brochure at the PREP office!

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the month of March we will continue to collect cans of fruit. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

"JESUS AND CALVARY" A LENTEN RETREAT

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Joan of Arc Court #604 will sponsor a Lenten Retreat **on Sunday March 19th** at Immaculate Conception Church in Stony Point, NY.

The day will begin with 11:30 a.m. Mass, followed by a catered lunch in the school hall. The Retreat will begin at 1 p.m. presided by Deacon John Sadowski. The focus of the Retreat is "Jesus and Calvary". Stations of the Cross will follow in the church after the Retreat.

You need not be a Catholic Daughter to attend. Cost is \$20.00 and includes lunch. Advanced registration is required. The check should be made payable to Joan of Arc Court #604. Mail check and contact information to Barbara Capria, 19 Govan Drive, Stony Point, NY 10980. Questions? Call Barbara at 845-942-0954 .

The Catholic Relief Services Collection SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH

Our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. The Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. **Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.**

**Men's Club Bus Trip to Atlantic City –
SATURDAY, APRIL 1ST**

The Men's Club is running a bus trip to Bally's Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, April 1st. The bus leaves from the front of the Church at 8:00 AM and returns at 8:00 PM. Cost is \$35 per person and includes \$15 in slot play, snacks and refreshments on the bus and lots of laughs. Please call Peter Morris at 786-3770 or Tom Robinson at 786-3005 for reservations.

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING
DATE CHANGED**

The Men's Club Meeting has been changed due to St. Patrick's Day. The Meeting will be held on Friday, March 24th at 8:30 p.m. in Fr. Keenan Hall. All members of the Parish are invited to attend. As always, bring a friend.

**MEN'S CLUB ROAST BEEF DINNER
SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH**

Men's Club Spring Roast Beef Dinner will be held on **Saturday, April 8th in the school hall after the 5:30 Mass.** We will be serving expertly prepared roast beef, oven roasted potatoes, green beans and our world famous gravy, dessert and coffee. Cost: Adults: \$15, Seniors and Children Over 12: \$12 Children 6 -12: \$6. For Reservations please call: Tom Robinson, 786-3005. Also, please bring a food item for our food pantry.

LIVING STATIONS

As we begin our journey through lent to prepare for Easter, the Living Stations of the Cross through Mary's Eyes will once again be reenacted for our parishioners on Good Friday evening.

Please consider joining us for this very spiritual and emotional walk with Jesus as he takes his last steps to his cross. We are asking those who have participated in previous years to come back and join us. Also those of all ages, young children, young adults and older adults both boys, girls, men and women. There are only a few rehearsals, no acting experience necessary and we will provide costumes for the evening. If you are interested, please call or email the following persons:

Carol Senatore 845-942-0128
sengirl@verizon.net

MaryGail Loucas 845-942-0109
mgloucas@aol.com

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

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, MARCH 11TH

8:30 Sean Donohue
(req. by George & Johanna Neumann)
5:30 **Vigil** Joseph Felice (req. by Family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12TH

7:30 Edward Murray (req. by family)
9:30 John M. Sullivan (req. by family)
11:30 *For the People of the Parish*

MONDAY, MARCH 13TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
8:30 Anne Ferro (req. by Keith Munger)

TUESDAY, MARCH 14TH

8:30 Frank & Geraldine Hoyer (req. by Anne Hoyer)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
8:30 Tim Murnane (req. by family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH

8:30 Carmine Corvasce (req. by family)

FRIDAY, MARCH 17TH

7:30 Bob Reagan (req. by family)
8:30 Cosimo Corvasce (req. by family)

SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH

8:30 Dorothy Goldberg (req. by Debbie, Howard
& Jennifer Annunziata)
5:30 Vigil Lauren Gould (req. by a friend)

SUNDAY, MARCH 19TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*
9:30 Robert Murphy (req. by family)
11:30 James Faherty III (req. by family)

**LENTEN EVENING
OF PRAYER
THURSDAY, MARCH 16TH**

Those involved in the Ministry of Lector will meet in The Sacred Heart Chapel on Thursday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m. for an evening of prayer and reflection. All lectors are encouraged to attend, and anyone else interested in the Ministry or in joining us in prayers are welcome to join with us at that time.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
3/8	\$25	2253	Diana Turner
3/9	\$25	626	Susan Cloer
3/10	\$25	1874	Liz Bazazian
3/11	\$25	2291	Mary DeLuca
3/12	\$25	1220	Regi Bunyan
3/13	\$25	053	Gilbert Rodriguez
3/14	\$100	433	Josephine Rao

BIBLE

Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

Join us to better understand God's Word in the Bible. Saint Gregory's scripture study group wants you to join them to participate in a study of the Book of Jeremiah. This book combines history, biography and prophesy. The Lord called to prophesy during the trying days before the collapse of Jerusalem and the Babylonian captivity. He announced a New Covenant. This study will consist of 11 sessions. We start this program on March 23, Thursday afternoon from 3:00 PM to 5:30 and repeat the session for those who cannot attend the afternoon time in the evening from 7:00 PM to 8:30. Each session is independent of the others, so even if you miss the first or second you can join our group. No prior experience in our study group is needed to participate in this program which will last for five weeks. Enter into discussion and learn the Word of God. We will meet once a week on Thursday in the rectory basement for the 3:00 PM session and in the school, room 101 for the evening session, starting with prayer, discuss the reading and then close with prayer. All you need is a Bible and a pen, other materials will be provided. When you reflect on Scripture you must learn what the Scripture says, what the Scripture passage means, what it means to you and what is most important, what you are going to do about it. Through this process you will find comfort in God's Word but you will also find challenge. To learn more about this program please call Deacon John Kelly at home 947 2095

MIDNIGHT RUN MARCH 25TH

The next run is scheduled for Saturday evening, March 25. We will meet in the Church parking lot at around 8:30 PM and expect to depart for Manhattan by 9 PM. We should be returning to Stony Point by around 2 AM Sunday morning. Sack lunches will be needed for the run, made up of a sandwich, a package of crackers and a juice box or bottle of water. Because our previous run was cancelled due to the ice storm, there will be no pre-run preparation for this run. For any information about the run or to volunteer in any way, please call either Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786 5759.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Stony Point Apartment For Rent – 1 Bedroom Apartment in a private home. Seeking 1 person/1 car. Utilities included. \$1,000 a month. For more information please call (845) – 416-1235.

Rockland Theatre Company/HPAL – proudly announces it's Spring Easter production of Godspell Jr. based on the Broadway hit. Performances will be **Friday March 31st at 7:30 pm and Saturday, April 1st at 4:00 pm and 7:00 pm** at Haverstraw Elementary School, 16 Grant Street, Haverstraw. For information, email rocktheatreco@yahoo.com or call The Photo Shoppe at 845-942-1103. Tickets can be reserved at www.rocklandtheatrecompany.com.

SPRING CRAFT SHOW/SALE: On Sunday, March 26th, Saint Joseph Regional H. S., Montvale, NJ will be hosting its annual Spring Craft Show/Sale from 10 am until 4:00 p.m., showcasing the talents of 100 crafts people and fine artists including many new crafters. Admission is \$2.00. Children and senior citizens (65+) are free. **NO STROLLERS PERMITTED. Facebook Saint Joseph Regional HS Craft Shows.**

Christian Lady – Available for Senior Care – Help with Personal Hygiene, Haircare including Haircuts, coloring styling. Healthy Meal Preparation, Household chores, Appointments, shopping, outings. 34 years experience Good references. Available Monday – Friday 10-2. Call Alice (845) 641-3223.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday Collection March 5, 2017 was: \$9,102
Sunday Collection March 6, 2016 was: \$6,969

*Please remember Immaculate Conception Church
in your will.*