

Dear Friends in Christ,

We marvel at the power of nature. A few days of early Spring one week and then a blunt reminder that we are still in the final days of Winter. I do hope we have all handled the blizzard this past week with flying colors. I mention that simply because it is during that fierce snow storm that I am writing this to you. I was inspired by the faith and determination of two parishioners who were able to arrive safely for the morning mass that day. I hope our lives have gotten back together as I know our children's lives did when they were so happy to go back to school on Wednesday.

Today, as we continue our Lenten journey, our gospel takes place at a well, a conversation between Jesus and a Samaritan woman. As the conversation between the two of them centers on water, it is soon that the woman realizes Jesus is speaking of a different 'water', a water that can become a font of grace and mercy inside of her. She pleads to the Lord to give her that water.

We seek that same font of living water. We, like the woman at the well, yearn for it. We are mindful of the flowing water from our baptism each time we bless ourselves at the upcoming Easter Vigil, being blessed by the Easter Water of

life. As the woman in the gospel received that font of water by her powerful conversion, may we also eagerly yearn for it daily.

As we continue to unite with Christ this Lent through our journey with him in the desert, may we anticipate with great joy the Glory of Easter.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris



Thank you to those who responded to the in-pew giving last weekend by taking envelopes home or simply depositing them in the collection. Your generosity will truly one day return to you many times over.

As of Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, our parish has pledged \$14,500.00. This amount comes from 77 individual gifts. This puts us at 26% 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!

**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!

**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**

The Men's Club Meeting has been changed due to St. Patrick's Day. The Meeting will be held on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> 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 at 7:30 p.m.**

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, older adults, both boys, girls, men and women are invited to participate. 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**  
**sencgirl@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, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan.

**Our recently deceased: Michael Costello.**

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 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)

**MONDAY, MARCH 20TH**

7:30 Walter Joseph Emmert (req. by family)  
8:30 Tim Murnane (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 21ST**

8:30 Rose Nevins (req. by family)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22ND**

7:30 *Intention Available*  
8:30 Dec'd Members of The Colleluori Family (req. by family)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD**

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

**FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH**

7:30 Edgar Galea (req. by family)  
8:30 *Intention Available*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH**

8:30 Nina Mari (req. by family)  
5:30 **Vigil** Josef Hagen (req. by The Lewis Family)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH**

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*  
9:30 Tom Schassler Sr. (req. by family)  
11:30 Domenic Accurso (req. by family)

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
3/15	\$50	1065	Anthony DeGennaro
3/16	\$25	1999	Brianna Leary
3/17	\$25	1451	Kim Campisi
3/18	\$75	1406	Suzanne Tiso
3/19	\$25	1853	Hobbs Family
3/20	\$25	979	John Kopec
3/21	\$25	867	Jennifer Cronin

**The Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program**

A statue of the Virgin Mary would be brought to the sick and shut-ins 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

**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**

**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](http://www.rocklandtheatrecompany.com).

**SPRING CRAFT SHOW/SALE:** On Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**H.A.N.D.S.** (Healing And Nuturing Distraught Survivors) sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of H.A.ND.S., who lost her son and daughter-in-law in a boating accident. Their bodies were never recovered. **All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at H.A.N.D.S.** International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York 10956. The meetings this month is March 21<sup>st</sup>. Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions.

**H.A.N.D.S.** has a Widow and Widowers Group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. **These meetings are held every Monday evening at the H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York.**

**Green Knights Basketball Camp** - St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, NJ is the site of the 29<sup>th</sup> annual Green Knights Basketball Camp this summer for boys ages 9 to 15. The camp runs in three sessions: July 10-14; July 17-21; and July 24-28. The camp day is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. (Note: Friday dismissal at Noon). Great fun & competition... guest lecturers... free basketball & player jersey to each camper! Discounts provided for applications received by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call (201) 391-3300 for camp applications and further information or visit our website ([www.sjrmj.org](http://www.sjrmj.org)).

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**  
**Sunday Collection March 12, 2017 was: \$9,044**  
**Sunday Collection March 14, 2016 was: \$8,840**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTIUNED GENROSITY**