

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yesterday, we celebrated the reception of First Holy Communion by twenty-eight of our second graders. What a joy to watch their innocent expressions as each child received the Holy Eucharist. Are we not constantly aware of Christ when he said, 'unless we become like a child, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven'. I pray that these younger parishioners, whose names are honored and proudly displayed on the front cover of our bulletin this week, may by their innocence, keep us older folk in check with living out our own discipleship

On Sunday, May 21st, Our Pastor Emeritus, Msgr. William J. Foley will be the celebrant of the 11:30am Mass in honor of and in thanksgiving for his Golden Anniversary of his Priesthood. All parishioners are invited to this mass to share in Msgr. Foley's celebration. Msgr. will be holding a private reception after mass which is by invitation only.

A reminder that on Monday, May 22 to Wednesday May 24th we will be hosting our Cluster Retreat. A combined choir made up of our choir, St. Gregory Barbarigo and Sts. Peter and Mary parishes will begin singing spiritual songs at 7:00pm with the actual retreat beginning at 7:30

and ending at 8:30 pm. Please mark your calendars for this multi parish retreat!

Maintenance of our parish grounds is ongoing year-round. Last month in our main parking lot the area around the Town of Stony Point drain was repaired. Soon after that, in our rear parking lot, by the rectory, our own property drain has shown signs of damage. Repairs to that will be done in the coming days. Please take heed as you can clearly see the traffic cone marking that spot. Repairs will also be made to the side driveway that has developed a couple of potholes.

May we continue to rejoice this Easter in the gift of eternal life promised to us who are faithful,

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris



As of Friday, April 28th, our parish has pledged \$32,520.00. This amount comes from 140 individual gifts. This puts us at 60% of our goal of \$54,000.00.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mark your calendar: The last Family Mass of the year will be held on Mother's Day, May 14 at the 9:30 mass. This is also the May Crowning of our Lady that our hosts, the 2nd grade, will be processing in. Hospitality will follow with a pancake breakfast being done by Deacon John Sadowski and our Girl Scouts. It is sure to be a memorable day for all!

Registration for the 2017-2018 Year

Religious Education Program will be determined shortly. Please watch the Bulletin for details.

**CALENDAR REQUESTS
FROM ALL
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

All persons responsible for scheduling their parish organizations' meetings and special events for next year must submit their requests for use of parish facilities and the time needed to the Rectory **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 2nd.** Requests should be dropped off at the Rectory. Thank You.

**THE BASILICA OF THE NATIONAL SHRINE
OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
MAY 14, 2017
SECOND COLLECTION**

This collection is to help support the mosaic art work design that is presently being installed on the inside of the main dome over the Altar and sanctuary of the Basilica. Every church in the United States has been asked to hold this collection. Because it is "our" National Shrine to our Blessed Mother. We are asked to take part in this country wide collection. May our Mother Mary continue to watch over us and our great country.

**FOOD PANTRY
NEWS**

For the month of May, we will continue to collect canned fruit and cereal. Thank you for your generosity.

MOTHER'S DAY FOR BIRTHRIGHT

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 14th and our parish will have the opportunity to support those mothers who choose life for their babies by donating a new baby gift to Birthright. Any and all new baby items are most welcome, especially disposable diapers and baby wipes. This year we would also like to ask for donations of new packs of yarn that is used to make baby blankets. Our Girl Scouts will be helping out with this worthy drive. Please bring your unwrapped baby items to Mass and leave it in the boxes provided in the vestibule of the Stony Point church. If you prefer to make a donation checks should be made out to Birthright of Rockland. **We will be collecting these items for the month of May. Thank you for your support.**

MOTHER'S DAY
NOVENA OF MASSES

A Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 14th**. If you would like to have loved ones remembered in these Masses, please return the Mass intention envelope from your monthly packet. Additional envelopes are available at the entrances to our church. Mother's Day cards for the living are also available at the entrance to the Church

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY

PANCAKE BREAKFAST MAY 14TH

Our Hospitality Sunday will be held on Sunday, May 14th after the 9:30 Mass and 11:30 a.m.. The Midnight Run Ministry and the Stony Point Girl Scouts will be hosting a **Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast. Breakfast will include Pancakes, Sausage, Bacon, pastries, juice, tea and coffee..** Please join us as we celebrate Mothers in our School Auditorium.

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our Parish is hosting a four-week fundraising drive for Birthright of Rockland County starting next weekend. Last year Birthright ministered to over 400 women and their babies with free pre-natal classes, one-on-one support and other help. Please take a Birthright Baby Bottle home, fill it with coins, cash or a check and return it to the church or rectory by June 18. Our generosity will enable Birthright to continue helping women in crisis pregnancies in our community. Precious lives will be saved because of us. Thank you for your generosity.

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, Michael Hayes.

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, MAY 6TH

8:30 Lydia Gavan (req. by The Michalak Family)
5:30 Ann & Henry Fondu (req. by family)

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*
9:30 James Feeney (req. by The Sullivan Family)
11:30 Ugo & Mary Antonini (req. by family)

MONDAY, MAY 8TH

7:30 Shirley Haering
(req. by Melissa & Trevor Young)
8:30 Frank Mordiglia (req. by family)

TUESDAY, MAY 9TH

8:30 James Hylas (req. by Jane Hylas)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH

7:30 Carmena & Carmenu Cassar (req. by family)
8:30 Mary DuCharme (req. by friend)

THURSDAY, MAY 11TH

8:30 *Fr. DeGaris - 26th Anniversary*

FRIDAY, MAY 12TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
8:30 Haak Reinertsen (req. by The Keenan Family)

SATURDAY, MAY 13TH

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

SUNDAY, MAY 14TH

7:30 **Living & Deceased Mothers**
9:30 **Living & Deceased Mothers**
11:30 **Living & Deceased Mothers**

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
5/3	\$100	219	Kevin Coyle
5/4	\$25	216	Daniel Coyle
5/5	\$25	1281	Emily Hilliard
5/6	\$75	320	Melanie Marcario
5/7	\$25	1350	Monica Buczkowski
5/8	\$25	1502	Zachary Howe
5/9	\$25	950	Geary Family

Golden Jubilee Mass Alert!!

Due to the upcoming Puerto Rican Day Parade, there is a **date change** for this year's Golden Jubilee Mass. Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, **June 18th** at 2:00 pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. Couples currently registered for the original June 11th date should contact their parish to confirm their attendance. The closing date to **register for the Mass is Friday, May 19th, 2017**. This event is sponsored by the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

BAPTISM CLASS
The dates for the next Baptism Class is: **May 22nd**. **Appointments are needed if you are going to attend the class so we have an idea of how many will be joining each month. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.**

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.

NEWS OF INTEREST

14th Annual North Rockland 5K Run/Walk – The Town of Haverstraw will be hosting the 14th Annual North Rockland 5K Run/Walk on Sunday June 4th, 2017 at Bowline Point Park.. The Children's Race will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the adult race at 9:00 a.m. Refreshments will also be served. The Money raised from this event will be donated to local families in need. The Three North Rockland

families are: Keri Katt, The Family of Lauren Bunyan Gould and Hevelin Naranjo. For more information visit our website at: www.townofhaverstraw.org. All donations are tax deductible.

The Sisters of Saint Dominic of Blauvelt, NY – will be hosting the third annual Nun Run 5K Run/Walk at the St. Dominic Convent on May 13th to celebrate our third year; we will be launching the first ever Parish Cup Invitational. We hope to make this an annual tradition. The Check in will be at 8:00 a.m. and the Race will begin at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Albertus Magnus Golf Classic – Monday, June 26th – Paramount Country Club, New City Breakfast – Golf - Dinner - Contests \$250 per golfer. Register at www.albertusmagnus.net or call 845 623 8842.

Albertus Magnus Pocketbook Bingo - Thursday, June 8th, Doors Open at 6pm, Albertus GYM \$50 pp - Designer Bags - Raffles Register at www.albertusmagnus.net or call 845 623-8842

SACRIFICIAL GIVING
Collection for April 30, 2017 was: **\$8,029**
Collection for April 24, 2016 was: **\$7,546**

Central & Eastern Europe 2017 was: **\$1,608**
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