

Dear Friends in Christ,

A Blessed Happy Mother’s Day to all of our moms! What a gift you all are! God bless all our moms who are physically with us and for our moms looking down on us from heaven. Mother’s Day has had an extra meaning to me. It was on Mother’s Day, May 12, 1991 that I celebrated my ‘First Mass’. I could take up all the pages of this bulletin telling you all about my mom. I know all of us, I pray, can do the same. On behalf of your children, THANK YOU for all that you do, continue to do, and have done. May all our mothers be greatly blessed as they continue to follow the example of Mary, the mother of us all.

Today we continue to celebrate our second graders at our 9:30 Family Mass. Four more of our students will receive their First Holy Communion. All of our Second Graders will be present and will host us at our 9:30 mass to honor our Mother Mary with the annual May Crowning Ceremony. May all of us, as Mary showed, continually do the will of God by becoming His servant for one another. After our Family Mass please join us in the gym for a special Hospitality Sunday as we have a pancake breakfast in honor of all our mothers. Everyone is welcome to this event!

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 sing. The church will be open at 7:00pm for people to come and have thirty minutes of quiet time and prayerful reflection. The actual retreat begins at 7:30 and ends at 8:30 pm. Please mark your calendars for this multi parish retreat!

Next 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.

On Tuesday, May 3rd at both St. Gregory Barbarigo and Immaculate Conception, Father LaMorte and I talked to our faithful Mass attendees about a creative way for our two parishes to join the daily Mass schedules together with a minimum of inconvenience to the people. You may know that Cardinal Dolan has asked us to cooperate with each other in neighboring churches to ensure vibrant parish life by sharing resources and personnel and eliminating the duplication of some services. We have no concern about merging, since we are both sound, and strong but we do have many similarities and we are close to each other – just two miles away.

So, we are about to enter an interparochial partnership beginning on Monday, July 3. On that day, the early morning Mass at 7:30 will be offered at the Immaculate Conception church and the 9:00 Mass will remain at St. Gregory Barbarigo church. On Saturday, Immaculate will retain its 8:30 Mass and St. Gregory will celebrate Mass at 9:00. So, there will still be two Masses offered every day, one in each church. For the official announcement that was read on May 2nd and 3rd, you may see it posted on our website at immaculatesp.org. Our Mass Book will open next Tuesday, May 16th for the months of July thru December.

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, May 5th, our parish has pledged \$32,770.00. This amount comes from 142 individual gifts. This puts us at 60% of our goal of \$54,000.00.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Mark your calendar: Today is the last Family Mass of the year. 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.**

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

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

END of YEAR

We officially ended classes in Religious Education for the 2016-2017 year on Thursday, May 4th. It is always a blessings to the catechists, the staff and myself to share our mutual faith with your children.

I am so fortunate to love what I do and you and your children are the reason why! Thank you. As soon as I get the dates for registration, I will be sending you an email.

**MOTHER'S DAY
NOVENA OF MASSES**

A Novena of Masses will begin today, 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

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.**

BIRTHRIGHT BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our Parish is hosting a four-week fundraising drive for Birthright of Rockland County starting this 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 support of the Birthright mission.

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: Nick Lionetti.

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 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**

MONDAY, MAY 15TH

7:30 Mother's Day Novena
8:30 The Colleluori Family (req. by family)

TUESDAY, MAY 16TH

8:30 Mother's Day Novena

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH

7:30 Mother's Day Novena
8:30 Daniel Shafarsky (req. by family)

THURSDAY, MAY 18TH

8:30 Mother's Day Novena

FRIDAY, MAY 19TH

7:30 Mother's Day Novena
8:30 Mary O'Connell (req. by family)

SATURDAY, MAY 20TH

8:30 Mother's Day Novena
5:30 Evelyn Mariani (req. by family)

SUNDAY, MAY 21ST

7:30 Susan Coyle (req. by family)
9:30 Rudolph Morris (req. by family)
11:30 James Faherty III (req. by family)

**MEN'S CLUB MEETING
FRIDAY, MAY 19TH**

Men's Club Meeting, Friday, May 19th at 8:30 PM in Fr. Keenan Hall. We are looking for new members. If you are interested, please come to our meeting. All men of the Parish are invited to attend. As always, bring a friend.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
5/10	\$25	728	Peggy Konecni
5/11	\$25	1951	Peter Morris
5/12	\$25	1073	Joe Ardiri
5/13	\$75	046	Dina Bilardi
5/14	\$100	192	Jessica Lauridsen
5/15	\$50	755	Stephen Gadry
5/16	\$25	789	Joanne McDonough

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.

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.

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.

Green Knights Basketball Camp – St. Joseph Regional High School in Montale, NJ is the site of the 29th 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! Please call (201) 391-3300 for camp applications and further information or visit our website (www.sjrnj.org)

The Rockland County Catholic Choir - will present 'In the Name of Music', a concert featuring music from Mozart, Puccini, Rogers and Hammerstein and much more. The concert will be at St. Francis Roman Catholic Church, Parrott Road, West Nyack NY on Friday, June 9 at 7:30PM. Admission is free with freewill donations accepted. The choir includes people from all over Rockland and beyond, continuing the vision of the late George Bryant, the founder of the choir. For more information on the choir or this concert, contact Scott Walters at 845-558-1225 or at Scottthetenor@yahoo.com.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for May 7, 2017 was: \$ 8,721
Collection for May 8, 2016 was: \$6,791

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Bret Loehr & Kristen Morris (I)

