

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today, 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. We welcome Msgr. Foley "home" and pray that God's grace may continue to bless his priesthood. Msgr. will be holding a private reception after mass which is by invitation only.

Much thanks to our Girl scouts and Deacon John Sadowski for their serving and cooking skills at last Sunday's Mother's Day pancake breakfast. The turnout was wonderful! So many positive comments were shared that we already look forward to next month's breakfast in honor of our fathers on Father's Day, June 18th.

A reminder that tomorrow, 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! I visited with the combined choir at their rehearsal last week and can promise you that their love of music and song will add beautifully to this Cluster Retreat. On Wednesday, May 24th Mass will be celebrated with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick being provided after the homily. Please come for the beautiful music, powerful words and the opportunity to receive the sacrament of healing.

As mentioned last week in my letter, 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 opened on Tuesday, May 16th for the months of July thru December.

Finally, each year every parish is visited by a staff member of Catholic Mutual. This is the insurance division of the Archdiocese of New York. They visit and walk through each parish property and point out things of concern that are in need of attention. That visit came to us three weeks ago. There are a few things that are being dealt with and one major item that very soon will be addressed. There is great concern for the major crack outside the main doors of the church. Over the years temporary 'fix-it' projects were done. It was pointed out to me last year and again this year that the problem comes from the overbearing holly trees that have overtaken the places they were planted at. In the near future, the trees will be removed and new manageable trees will be planted. One of our Boy scouts has taken on this project for his Eagle Award. I will share more information in the coming weeks with all of you.

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 12th, our parish has pledged \$32,870.00. This amount comes from 143 individual gifts. This puts us at 60% of our goal of \$54,000.00.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

What a wonderful celebration for our last Family Mass of the year! We celebrated 4 First Holy Communions, had our hosting 2nd graders along with the Youth Choir crown the statue of Mary in the church and leave flowers that they had made for her at the foot of her statue. Our 4 new Communicants crowned Mary outside of the church and at the entrance of the Food Pantry. Following this, Deacon Sadowski and the Girl Scouts provided us with a lovely Mother's Day breakfast. It was truly a fantastic Mother's Day for our parish!

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.

**THE MASS BOOK HAS OPENED FOR
JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER**

Please stop by the Rectory so you can arrange your masses on Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Exact change would be most appreciated.

MOTHER'S DAY FOR BIRTHRIGHT

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.

**ASCENSION THURSDAY, MAY 25TH
FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Holy Day Schedule is as follows:

Wednesday May 24th 5:30 p.m. Vigil
Thursday May 25th Stony Point Church
8:30 a.m. 12 Noon

Please mark your calendars so that you might join us for the Feast of The Ascension of our Lord.

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 and Jaxon Waller.**

Our recently deceased: Michael Hayes

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 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)

MONDAY, MAY 22ND

7:30 Anna Marie Prunty (req. by family)
8:30 Lina Giulia & Fina Trulli (req. by family)

TUESDAY, MAY 23RD

8:30 Lydia Gavan (req. by The Kolenut Family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 24TH

8:30 Marianne Richmond (req. by Johanna Neumann)
5:30 p.m. Vigil Michael Hayes
(req. by The Goggin Family)

THURSDAY, MAY 25TH

8:30 Nora & John Saunders (req. by family)
12 Noon Vincent Lyons (req. by family)

FRIDAY, MAY 26TH

7:30 Edmund Stubbing (req. by The Guida Family)
8:30 Jeanne Schiller (req. by Marge Rogers)

SATURDAY, MAY 27TH

8:30 Joan Kunet (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)
5:30 Vigil *For The People of the Parish*

SUNDAY, MAY 28TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
9:30 Sean Donohue (req. by John & Judi Pidgeon)
11:30 Rita Quirk (req. by Carol Handy)

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
5/17	\$25	2531	Chris Squillante
5/18	\$75	859	Anna Caputo
5/19	\$25	1309	Deb MacMillan
5/20	\$25	2555	Logan Maher
5/21	\$25	123	Denise Yaklofsky
5/22	\$25	1964	Joanne Ricci
5/23	\$100	1990	Karen Peluso

BAPTISM CLASS

The date for the next Baptism Class is: **June 26th.**
The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

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The dates for our next Baptism's are: June 4th and June 18th We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) before the date to make an appointment. We ask you to please attend the class a month prior to your child's Baptism in order to facilitate record keeping; and also to have, by the time the class is given, your child's Birth Certificate and Sponsor Certificates from the Parishes where the Sponsors themselves worship at the present time. We thank you for your help and cooperation and pray for the newborn children who will be Baptized in our Parish in these coming months.

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.

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.

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)

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for May 14, 2017 was: \$8,820

Collection for May 15, 2016 was: \$6,871

**National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception
\$1,944**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Brett Loehr & Kristen Morris (II)

