

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last weekend was indeed one of great celebration for our parish family. Our Parish Picnic was a fabulous success! Around 200 of us gathered to have delicious food, tasty beverages and a fun time. Even Fr. John jumped in and assisted with cooking some of the burgers. Most importantly, last Saturday showed that there is a fantastic spirit among our parish and it showed on the joyful faces of all that gathered.

Last Sunday we continued the celebration with my formal Installation as Pastor. I would like to thank Deacon Phil and Deacon John for all their help. I was humbled to see the church full and even more so to have been told that extra tables had to be put out for the luncheon after mass. A blessing to us all was having the presence of Bishop Lagonegro presiding and after the Installation Mass His Excellency blessed the newly refurbished bell and the automatic striker.

Our parish celebration could not have happened without the massive work that our parish Men's Club put in the preparation and carrying out of the picnic and assisting Sunday with providing and serving the beverages. I would like to thank our Hospitality Committee as well for setting up the auditorium for the luncheon.

Last weekend was also the first time in almost a year that our church bell rang out. As I said at my installation, we are here to make some noise! As the bell sounds throughout the neighborhood to let our neighbors know we are here, may we continually, with our voices spread the faith so others may be inspired in the faith. There will be a Second Collection next weekend to help defray the cost. Please be generous in next week's second collection. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

This past week we began a new year of our Religion Education Program. What a joy to see our students return and welcome new students to the program. We began the year with a prayer service in the church before the children went to their individual classes. May the Holy Seed of Wisdom come to our students as they grow in the faith.

Lastly, this is the final weekend of Fr. John being with us at Immaculate. The three months of his summer assignment has flown by! I am eternally grateful for his assistance but most of all for the comradery shared between the two of us. Father has already agreed to return to us next June! Thank you, Fr. John, and we all look forward to seeing you again next summer!

May God in his merciful love continue to bless all of us,

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

Religious Education

Tall, tan, some missing teeth and big smiles is what greeted Fr. DeGaris, the catechists and myself this week as we had our Welcome Back to Prep sessions this week! I was so happy to see all of you and I am looking forward to a wonderful year of Religious Education at Immaculate Conception PREP. The Holy Spirit is upon us!

-For the 8th Grade students who will be receiving Confirmation in 2018:

Spirit Day is Saturday, October 21 at St. Catharine's in Blauvelt. After my meeting on Wednesday, September 27th, I will have all of the particulars, but I am assuming that we will be meeting at St. Peter/St. Mary in Haverstraw at 8:00 am to get on the buses. I will email you when I get all the details and I will also post it in the Bulletin.

-For the 9th Grade Confirmandi:

September 22: Confirmation Retreat in Immaculate Conception gym from 5:00-9:00 pm.

September 30, 2017: Interviews at the rectory. For anyone that has not responded to our emails and

phone calls, please respond immediately by email or call to the PREP office to confirm your time.

October 4: Confirmation rehearsal in church at 7:00 pm

October 7: Confirmation at 2:00. Meet in the school at 1:00 to meet personally with Bishop Lagonegro with your sponsor.

-Please join us at the 9:30 mass to welcome and join in blessing our Catechists on **Catechetical Sunday**, September 17th.

ROCKLAND COUNTY
LIFE CHAIN
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
NANUET
2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Please join the Rockland County Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, October 1st to be held at the intersection of Route 59 and Middletown Road **in Nanuet from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The theme is Life THE FIRST INALIENABLE RIGHT!**

**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING &
SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
11:30 a.m. MASS**

This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York. **Our Parish is celebrating the Anniversaries for the 25th & 50th on Sunday OCTOBER 15TH, DURING THE 11:30 A.M. Mass followed by a reception. Please call the rectory to register. Thank You.**

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the month of September, the Food Pantry will be collecting **canned tuna fish and canned chicken.**

A special thank you to our Immaculate Conception Men's Club! They donated a very generous check to our food pantry because of the proceeds they raised from the corn hole game played at our fabulous parish picnic last Saturday. The money will be used to purchase food for the more than 700 clients that come to us each month. Men's Club, you are awesome! We are so grateful for your help and support!

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FOOD PANTRY FUND RAISER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

**Golf Outing at Phillip Rotella Golf Course, Thiells
Mt Ivy Road, Thiells**

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 - Registration, Continental Breakfast, sleeve of golf balls & golf towel

9:00 a.m. – Shotgun start, box lunch and beverage on the turn.

2:00 Prizes: closest to the pin, Long Drives, Low Team Awards
Scramble format to keep things fun. **Only \$105/per person**

If interested, contact Steve McCready call or text at (845) 590-0217 as early as possible so I can order the golf towels. Thank You.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Ed & Ann Hanus, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Charlotte Lia, and Jaxon Waller.

Our recently deceased: Francis Miller.

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, SEPTEMBER 16TH

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)
5:30 Vigil John & Anna Moore (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Charles Lewis (req. by family)
11:30 James Hylas (req. by family)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

7:30 Dec'd Members of The Terrigno Family
(req. by family)
9:00 (SGB) Dec'd Members of Carroll & Martin Families

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:30 Michael Leach (req. by Lucille Cathcart)
9:00 (SGB) The People of Saint Gregory Barbarigo

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

7:30 Dorothea Coyne (req. by family)
9:00 (SGB) The Young & Hynes Families

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

7:30 Louis Vicari
(req. by Margaret Sullivan & Family)
9:00 (SGB) Margaret & John McCarthy

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

7:30 Francis A. Brophy (req. by The Sullivan Family)
9:00 (SGB) Declan Lawlor

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

8:30 Carolyn Sullivan
(req. by Margaret Sullivan & Family)
5:30 Vigil Josephine Accurso (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*
9:30 Terri Crawford (req. by family)
11:30 Isabelle & James Crosbie (req. by family)

BAPTISM CLASS

The date for the next Baptism Class is: **September 25th.** 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.

BAPTISM

The date for our next Baptism is: **October 1st and October 15th.** We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) to make an appointment during Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.).

CALL FOR VOICES

You are cordially invited to embrace with joy the vocation of liturgical music ministry. Our parish choir will be rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the church **beginning September 21st.** Please come and share your talent with us.

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

SECOND COLLECTION

WEEKEND OF

SEPTEMBER 30TH/OCTOBER 1ST

There will be a Second Collection on the Weekend of September 30th/October 1st to assist the Seminary (the cost in preparing priests is daunting, and for this reason we count on your support). With it, we are able to continue our solid tradition of excellence in the formation of academic training of candidates for the priesthood. ***Please be generous in the second Collection for St. Joseph's Seminary.***

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH
12 NOON

On Saturday, September 30th we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a Blessing of Animals **at 12:00 Noon in the parking lot** of the Stony Point Church. We encourage you to bring your pets for this special blessing.

This is a very beautiful way of thanking God for these creatures that bring much happiness to our lives and asking His Divine Blessings upon them. We ask that you park your cars on the west side of the front parking lot and along the chapel side of the church, leaving enough room in the area directly in front of the church doors for the large number of people and pets.

Christ Life Series

Please join us for an Information night on **Wednesday, September 27 at 7pm** in the School gym to be part of equipping and implementing the Christ Life Series here at Immaculate Conception. This evangelical program fosters the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and shows how it can be applied in our everyday life. Meet with fellow parishioners from our North Rockland Cluster, St. Peter/St. Mary and St. Gregory to make this inspiring program come alive.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Beginning Experience is offering a healing weekend from October 6 to 8 at the St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon, New York. This invitation is open to men and women of all ages who have suffered the loss of a spouse through death, divorce, or separation. It is a time to heal and a time to begin anew. Reservations are required. For information or registration, please call Mary Anne at (914) 260-5087 or Phyllis at (914) 261-5812 or email to ny.hudson.valley@beginningexperience.org.

A Rummage Sale – sponsored by the Blessed Mother Sodality of St. Anthony's Church in Nanuet will be held from 2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 21st and from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday October 22nd in the St. Anthony's School Cafeteria. A bake sale will be held. Any questions, please contact Diane Hennessy 623-3939.

Banns Of Marriage

Lindsay Miller & Jay Barry III
Adriana Nicoletti & Steven Gizzi I

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for Sept. 10, 2017 was: \$ 7,374
Collection for Sept. 12, 2016 was: \$ 6,503
Latin America/Home Missions 2017 \$ 1,615
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***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT***

