

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today our Annual Parish Blood Drive is being held in the Auditorium. If you can donate, please consider stopping by after mass. The drive is taking place from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm. Please have available a photo ID and your Social Security number. Thank you in advance to all parishioners who will donate blood today.

This Thursday, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, a National Day of giving thanks for the blessings bestowed on us. Last week, the Rectory Office had many visitors dropping off donated turkeys, hams and chickens. On behalf of the Food Pantry, and most importantly, the families that will be able to celebrate Thanksgiving with a beautiful meal, I thank you for your generosity.

Please join us Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 as we will gather as a parish family to celebrate Thanksgiving with our Annual Thanksgiving Mass.

The Parish Office will close this Wednesday, November 22nd at 12:00 noon and will open on Monday, November 27th at 9:00am. Please call the Parish Office, 786-2742, if there is an emergency during the time the office is closed.

Lastly, it has been just over a year since our increase giving campaign, *Sharing God's Gifts*, took place. Your generosity has been outstanding! I will be making available in a couple of weeks, a financial report that will be included in the bulletin to give you an understanding where we are spiritually and financially as a parish family.

On behalf of Deacon Marino, Deacon Sadowski, Margie Celenza and Lynne DeVuono, may I wish all of you a Blessed Thanksgiving. May we truly give thanks for all the blessings bestowed upon us!

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Confirmation paperwork for November due: Confirmation application due November 21 as well as baptismal certificates only if Candidate was baptized at a different parish and has not submitted copy of baptismal certificate.

As the holidays approach, if you are planning on asking someone to be a Confirmation Sponsor, now is the time to give the person the form to submit to their parish. Sponsor forms are due on January 9, 2018. If you cannot locate the Sponsor Document that was given out at the Confirmation meeting, you may download it from the Religious Education link on the parish website.

There are no PREP classes next Thursday.....Thanksgiving Day!

On behalf of Fr. DeGaris and myself, I would like all of our PREP families to know how thankful we are to be a part of your lives in helping develop your childrens' faith in our God who loves us always. May you all have a happy and blessed Thanksgiving.

Mass attendance cards have been sent home for the 2nd and 8th year students. Please make sure that you bring one with you on Sunday to have signed when you come to mass. If you are attending another parish on Sunday, please get a copy of that parish's bulletin signed by either the priest or deacon. Thanks for your cooperation.

Heads up.....Our yearly Calendar Raffle will be available on November 28!!!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN
FOR CHARITY & JUSTICE
NOVEMBER 19TH**

This Sunday, November 19th there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity & Justice. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**PARISH PAY
HAS BEEN TRANSITIONED TO
"WE SHARE" A PART OF L.P.I.**

"Parish Pay" has been transitioned to "We Share". We are asking all the Parishioners who are currently using Parish Pay to contact "We Share" a unit of LPI, please dial **1 800-950-9922** to join or update your information. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

THANKSGIVING MORNING MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

AT 9:00 A.M.

Parish Mass of Thanksgiving (the only Mass that day), with music that will help us to place ourselves into the presence of God on this national day of Thanksgiving. Perhaps it is appropriate as we are going through an economic crisis to remind us of all we do have, that we should give thanks for even in the midst of the crisis that so many of us and our families are facing. We do encourage you to be with us that day. We would like to continue the tradition we started a couple of years ago **of bringing an item of food from your own dinner table to be blessed at the Mass.** We will join together as God's family in church and then have the item blessed and then go to our own family's celebration. We will mention this again in the coming weeks. There is a beautiful blessing in the "Book of Blessing's that we use in our ceremony.

*The flowers this week
are in loving memory of
Lucia Corvasce
donated by the family
and
In loving memory of
Richard Mazzaferro
donated by the family*

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Thanksgiving collection! We will report on our Thanksgiving distribution in two weeks as this bulletin goes to press before Thanksgiving. We wish you all a beautiful Thanksgiving holiday! Our Immaculate Conception Food Pantry is now busy planning for Christmas. We are in need of turkeys, hams and roasting chickens, as well as canned sweet potatoes, turkey gravy, cake mixes and icings. We will be distributing Christmas bas on Friday, December 22nd to our clients who have reserved one. Meat can be dropped off at the rectory any weekday between 9:00 and 5:00, or any Friday at the food pantry between 2:30 and 6:00. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

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, Martin Fressle, and Jaxon Waller.**

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, NOVEMBER 18TH

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)

5:30 Vigil John Joseph Rezman (req. by family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Robert Murphy (req. by family)

11:30 Richard Mazzaferro (req. by family)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

7:30 U.S. Troops & Veterans (req. by Grateful friend)

9:00 (SGB) The People of Saint Gregory Barbarigo

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST

7:30 Lucia Corvasce (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Susan Evanko

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND

7:30 Francis Patrick Miller (req. by Frances BeAney)

9:00 (SGB) Hynes & Young Families

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD -

THANKSGIVING DAY

9:00 **MASS OF THANKSGIVING**

10:00 (SGB) Lubeck & Valvo Families

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

7:30 Mary & Michael Costello (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Gerald D'Amato

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

8:30 Lina Giulia & Fina Trulli (req. by family)

5:30 Vigil Dec'd Members of the Dolan Family
(req. by family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 The Hofer family (req. by family)

11:30 John & Mary Ryan (req. by family)

**CHRISTMAS
FLOWERS**

You will notice in your envelope sets that you receive for Advent and the Christmas season that there is an envelope marked Christmas Flowers, we do depend on your generosity to help us decorate the church in a beautiful way. **You may drop them in any collection between now and Christmas.**

Christmas Choir

If you are interested in singing for the Christmas season, please join us at choir rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church, beginning on Thursday, November 16th. Newcomers or experienced singers are welcome. Let's make our church music for the holidays very special and raise our voices in song.

BAPTISM CLASS

The date for the next Baptism Class is: **November 27th**. **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 dates for our next Baptism's are **December 3rd and December 17th**. 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.)

NEWS OF INTEREST

St. Paul – St. Ann – will host a Hometown Christmas Boutique and Craft Fair on December 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Over 30 Vendors to choose from. Sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mary Help of Christians #2571.

Marydell – we invite you to Marydell, 640 North Midland Avenue, Nyack, NY on Saturday, December 2nd to celebrate the tree of peace and light service at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. All proceeds from the Tree of Peace and Light will benefit Marydell Faith and Life Center.

The Catholic Widow & Widowers Club of Rockland County - will be meeting on November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at 1 Squadron Blvd. Office, (Opposite New City Library Parking Lot), New City. Dessert and coffee will be served. New members/Guests are welcome. For more information, call Janet at (914) 661-8599.

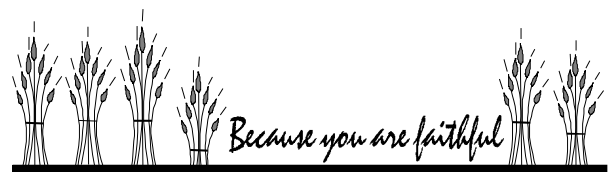
The Knights of Columbus – will sponsor the blessing of the Crèche at the Palisades Mall, Saturday, November 25 at 12 noon. Along with the blessing by Msgr. Nevin, there will be Christmas Carols by Albertus Magnus. It is a lovely way to start the Christmas season. All are welcome.

Free Concert for Life – The annual free Concert for Life to benefit the moms and babies at Good Counsel Home, Spring Valley, will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 pm at the Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point. Come and enjoy the music performed by pianist Michael Fennelly and soprano Megan Weston, The No Boundaries praise & worship musical group, the St. Joseph's High School Broadway Theater Workshop, and others. This year's honoree is Liz O'Brien, chair of the Rockland Right to Life Committee. Refreshments afterwards. A free-will donation will be suggested during the concert. To take an ad in the journal, call 845-492-6709.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for Nov. 13, 2017 was: \$7,553
Collection for Nov. 14, 2016 was: \$7,317

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT**



enter into the joy of God