

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week I shared with all of you news about the ciboria we received as a gift from His Eminence which was used at the Papal Mass last September. Today I have news of a new chalice and paten that was donated to our parish in memory of a long time parishioner.

Anne Honan, a long time parishioner passed away last month. In my visits with her since being assigned to Immaculate I came to understand Anne as a warm loving individual who not only had great love and reverence for her faith, but also for her parish here at Immaculate Conception.

Soon after her funeral I had two people visit the rectory. These two sisters, Melinda and Zsuzsa Szotyory presented me with a

beautiful and unique chalice and paten that they have donated and want our parish to have in memory of Ann Honan. There is a depiction of the last supper on the base of the chalice, I think it would be fitting to use it for this upcoming Holy Thursday Eucharistic celebration. We will also use it time to time in our daily chapel, especially when mass is offered for Ann Honan.

Our Lenten journey has begun. We unite ourselves with Christ in the desert. We understand that what He is doing, He does out of love for us, so that we might be saved and pass from death to eternal life. May we journey as Christ this Lent in preparation for the Glory of Easter.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

"Fast and Abstinence" and **Good Friday (March 25th)** are days of Fast and Abstinence. Friday are Lenten days of abstinence.

Good Friday:

These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat during Lent on Fridays.

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.

PRESIDENT'S DAY

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH

Office closed for ordinary business. Mass is at 8:30 a.m. In an emergency please call 786-2742.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

As we begin the Lenten season Immaculate PREP students will be thinking about how they can use the 3 "T's - Time, Talent and Treasures to help them to understand that almsgiving can be more than a financial gift to others.

A FEW IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, April 12th Confirmation retreat at Don Bosco Retreat Center. 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16th, Eucharist Mini-retreat, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on the first and third Sunday of the month. The dates for February, are February 7th and 21st.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

A Reminder for Parents of First Communion and Confirmation Candidates: Please remember to use your Mass attendance cards weekly. When attending Mass at Immaculate Conception, you may turn in a card to the priest or deacon after Mass. Do not turn it into an usher or place it in the collection basket. Make sure your child's name and grade are on it. When attending Mass elsewhere, you may ask the priest or deacon to sign their parish bulletin and then add your child's name and grade before turning it in at your child's next class.

POCKETBOOK BINGO

FEBRUARY 19TH

Save the Date: **February 19th, 2016** Pocketbook Bingo is coming to Immaculate Conception. **Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.** Start. Admission is \$35.00 (paid in advance) Call 786-5298 for details, includes 10 Games of Bingo 3 Cards per game. Bring your own food and refreshments - Coffee & cookies will be served.

BAPTISM CLASS

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **February 22nd and March 28th.** The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

BAPTISM

The date for our next Baptism is: February 21st. 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.

TAX INFORMATION

2015

If any parishioners require a contribution statement for income tax returns, please contact the rectory Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 786-2742.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
2/7	\$25	1831	Debra Spong
2/8	\$25	1674	The Geary Family
2/9	\$25	818	McGuire
2/10	\$100	1432	Susan Varano
2/11	\$75	51	Lindsay Wolk
2/12	\$25	1359	Lisa Sullivan
2/13	\$50	196	Elizabeth Werner

**GOOD FRIDAY/
LIVING STATIONS**

Jesus walked among us to comfort bless and touch the earth with beauty and love. As we enter into our Lenten Season, our parishioners on Good Friday will walk with Jesus on his final steps to the cross. The "Way of the Cross" through Mary's Eyes will once again be held in our parish.

We are hopeful that those who participated last year will once again join us. We invite anyone else who would like to walk with us to please join by calling or sending an email to:

*Carol Senatore 942-0128 sengcgirl@verizon.net or
Cookie McGillicuddy942-1024*

CookieMcgill@gmail.com

No need to have acting experience.

**LENTEN RETREAT
GIVEN BY
THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS
OF THE AMERICAS**

**COURT JOAN OF ARC #604
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST**

The Court Joan of Arc #604 will have a Lenten Retreat on **Sunday, February 21st** at the Immaculate Conception Church in Stony Point. We will meet at the Church and attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Lunch will follow in the gym in the school (across from the Church). The retreat will begin immediately after lunch.

The cost is \$20 for any woman, member or non member to cover the cost of the lunch. Deacon John Sadowski will be giving the Retreat. To register, please mail check for \$20 to:

Ann Trulli

92 Gurnee Avenue

Haverstraw, NY 10927 - 1320

Phone Number (845) 429-3395

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Gladys Margosian, Pat Reilly, Margaret McElroy, William & Geraldine Neary, Carolyn Snodeen, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Ed Onderdonk, Frank Moscatiello, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff, Beth Longo.

Our recently deceased: Mary Kelly.

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, FEBRUARY 13TH

8:30 Mark Jones (req. by The Lynch family)

5:30 **Vigil** Victor Mariani (req. by family)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Otto Weihe (req. by family)

11:30 Leonard & Theresa Lanza (req. by family)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH President's Day

8:30 Tim Pirola (req. by Carin Nardone & Family)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH

8:30 Lillian E. Caputo

(req. by The Di Gasbarro Family)

WEDNSDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

7:30 Diana Rogers (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

8:30 Pauline Frasco Costanza

(req. by Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Frasco)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH

8:30 Peter Gonoud (req. by Mary Gonoud)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

7:30 Michael Polchinski (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

8:30 Edward C. Geary (req. by family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

8:30 John Mangan (req. by The Keenan Family)

5:30 Vigil Rose Hagen (req. by family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Christopher Benetatos (req. by family)

11:30 Richard Moore (req. by family)

Celebrants for Masses February 20th/21st

5:30 p.m. Vigil Fr. Bejoy 7:30 a.m. Fr. Bejoy

9:30 a.m. Marian Shrine Priest 11:30 a.m. Fr. Bejoy

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 10 through March 20, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood Center at Perlman Drive in Spring Valley, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Betty Golemba (914) 450-4759 or visit www.40daysforlife.com.

2015 MASS BOOK HAS OPENED
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

The 2016 Mass Book has opened for **April May and June**. 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 greatly appreciated.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

Men's Club Meeting will be held **on Friday, February 19th at 8:30 p.m.** in Fr. Keenan Hall. We will be preparing for our Roast Beef Dinner. Please make a point to attend. All men of the parish are invited to attend. As always, bring a friend.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

10:30 a.m.

There will be a Prayer Shawl Meeting on Wednesday, February 17th at 10:30 in the Rectory. **New members are welcomed.**

GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
MARCH 6TH

11:30 A.M.

March 6th is Girl Scout Sunday. Girl Scouts are asked to be at the 11:30 a.m. Mass. We will meet at 9:15 a.m. in the Parish Center. Please wear uniform if possible.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Adoption - Baby Girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. Older parents welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at 623-5277.

The Rachel Ministry - is confidential and free help for those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth. The help takes place every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Shrine. For more information call Eileen Peterson at 492-6709. **The next meeting will be on February 15th.**

Child Protection - Anyone who needs to report an alleged incident of sexual abuse of a minor by priest, deacon, religious or lay person serving in the Archdiocese of New York is asked to contact Sr. Eileen Clifford, O.P. at (212) 371-1000 extension 2949 or Deacon George J. Coppola at (917) 861-1762. Both may be reached via e-mail at victimassistance@archny.org. Information can also be found on the Archdiocesan website, www.archny.org. In keeping with the Archdiocesan policy regarding sexual abuse of minors, this information is provided to ensure that our children remain safe and secure.

The Haverstraw Knights of Columbus located at 56 West Broad Street will host a **Lenten Pasta Dinner - February 26th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Adults \$10.00 Kids under 12 \$5.00 The meal will feature different Pasta options along salad, bread, and dessert. Wine, Soda and Coffee/Tea also included.

Did you attend Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep Seminary in the Archdiocese of New York? If you attended Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep (or know someone who did), the College/Prep Alumni Association would like to add you to its mailing list. You will then receive notifications of upcoming alumni events such memorial masses, class re-unions, etc. Our current mailing list includes over 600 names. To register please go on line to: <http://bit.do/cccpaa>.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection February 7th was: \$7,449

Collection February 8th was: \$7,262

Peter's Pence Collection 2016 was: \$1,634

Peter's Pence Collection 2015 was \$1,722

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