

Dear Friends in Christ,

A few weeks ago I spoke at all the masses to inform you all that the diocese has begun The Annual Cardinal's Stewardship Appeal. Two weeks ago we saw banners at doorways in the church reminding us of the appeal. This weekend we are conducting Commitment Weekend or as is more popularly known as the in-pew solicitation. This is done annually for two main reasons, to give parishioners the opportunity to make a pledge and also for any parishioner who may not have received any mailings from the Appeal Office, especially most recent newly registered parishioners.

As stewards and disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your gifts and make a gift to the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal. Please help support the educational, charitable and pastoral works of our archdiocese that help so many among us.

Beginning today, in this letter, you will see a weekly announcement of where we are at each weekend by way of the

number of gifts and amount that all of us have given to the appeal. Each week I receive updates from the Appeal Office letting me know how our parish contributions to the appeal is going. In turn, that information will be presented to all of you in the special weekly 'appeal announcement' that will be included in following bulletins until the end of the appeal.

Thank you for the continuing generosity you show to your parish each weekend, many times with second collections as well your generosity continues. Thank you for your generosity as well to the appeal that is underway in our parish.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris



As of Wednesday, February 24th. our parish has pledged \$5,665.00. This amount comes from 22 individual gifts. This puts us at 11% of our goal of 50,500.00.

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.

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.

AND
If you would like to clear your conscience or if anybody has any information about who hit a blue Toyota Rav in the church parking lot on Friday night after the Pocketbook Bingo, please call 786-5298.

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.

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.

THANK YOU
A great big thank you to all those who supported Immaculate Conception School of Religion's Pocketbook Bingo. It was a great success and a fun time for all who attended!

Please support our advertisers as their advertisements help us communicate through the bulletin

**The Catholic Relief Services Collection
SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH**

Our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. The Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. **Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and Jesus in disguise.**

**Albertus Magnus High School
Annual Golf Classic**

Paramount Country Club, New City, NY
Tuesday, May 31, 2016

\$250 per golfer includes: cart, balls, breakfast, dinner, beer and wine
\$125 for dinner only

Breakfast: 9am, Shotgun start: 10:30am,
Dinner & Silent Auction 3:30pm

For more information or to register for the event, submit a journal ad, purchase a 50/50 or become a sponsor, please visit

www.albertusmagnus.net or contact the AMHS

Development Office at 845-623-8842 ext 229.

Golfers and Dinner guests **MUST register by May 20th to attend**

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Excellence**

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

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:

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 27TH

8:30 Geraldine Hoyer

(req. by Frank & Geraldine Hoyer)

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 28TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Edward F. Geary (req. by family)

11:30 Mrs. Elvira Veltri

(req. by Cari, Stephen Ralph Perricelli)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH

7:30 Frank & Geraldine Hoyer (req. by Anne Hoyer)

8:30 Patrick Larkin (req. by The Sparta Family)

TUESDAY, MARCH 1ST

8:30 Bob Huslinger

(req. by Georgine Sullivan & Family)

WEDNSDAY, MARCH 2ND

7:30 Patrick Larkin

(req. by Wanda & Eugene Larkin Jr.)

8:30 William & Mildred Strebel

(req. by Lorraine Glynn)

THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD

8:30 Pauline Frasco Costanza

(Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Frasco)

FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH

7:30 Patrick Larkin (req. by The Manglass Family)

8:30 James Crosbie (req. by Jane Hylas)

SATURDAY, MARCH 5TH

8:30 Diana Rogers (req. by The Nardone Family)

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 6TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 John Sullivan (req. by Georgine & Family)

11:30 Victoria Felice (req. by family)

Celebrants for Masses March 5th/6th

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Fr. Bejoy

7:30 a.m. Fr. Herb

9:30 a.m. Fr. Bejoy

11:30 a.m. Fr. Herb

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
DURING LENT**

The three North Rockland parishes are joining hands again this Lent as we offer our people the opportunity to pray the Stations of the Cross at various times throughout the day. This handy schedule is sure to meet everyone's needs. Stations of the Cross will be offered on Fridays of Lent at 9:30 a.m. at St. Gregory Barbarigo, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Peter and at 7:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception. We expect to be collaborating with each other much more as we continue with the planning process called Making All Things New.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
2/21	\$25	1387	The Tiso Family
2/22	\$25	058	Theresa Leary
2/23	\$25	751	Sue Keefe
2/24	\$50	778	Deborah Kuehne
2/25	\$25	566	Cooney/Woodland Terrace
2/26	\$25	168	Carol Delgado
2/27	\$50	2188	Robert Durkin

**MEN'S CLUB BUS TRIP TO
ATLANTIC CITY –
SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH**

The Men's Club is running a bus trip Bally's Casino in Atlantic City on Saturday, April 9th. The bus leaves from the front of the Church at 8:00 AM and returns at 8:00 PM. Cost is \$35 per person and includes \$15 in slot play, snacks and refreshments on the bus and lots of laughs. Please call Peter Morris at 786-3770 or Tom Robinson at 786-3005 for reservations.

**MEN'S CLUB
ROAST BEEF DINNER
SATURDAY, MARCH 19TH**

Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner, will be held on Saturday, March 19th, in the school hall after the 5:30 Mass. We will be serving, Roast Beef, Potatoes, Green Beans, Our Famous Gravy, Dessert and Coffee. Cost is Adults: \$15, Seniors and Children Over 12: \$12, Children 6-12: \$6. For reservations, please call, Tom Robinson, 845-786-3005. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item for our food pantry.

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. Sadowski 786 5759.

NEWS OF INTEREST

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.

The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County - will be **meeting on Sunday March 20th** at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For information call Dotty at (845) 623-1739.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Joan of Arc #604 - will hold their monthly meeting on Sunday, March 6th at Knights of Columbus Building in Haverstraw at 12:30 p.m. Please bring a donation for the food pantry. Refreshments will follow. For information call Anastasia Phillips 942-2038. Thank you.

The Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt - will host their 16th Annual Hearts Afire Gala on Sunday, April 17th at 1 PM at the View on the Hudson in Piermont, New York. "The Hearts Afire Gala is a wonderful annual tradition of the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt. It truly brings sisters, family, friends and benefactors together for a lovely afternoon which helps support the mission of the congregation", said Jessica Lickun, Director of Development for the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt During the gala, the Religious of Christian Doctrine and Robert Manzella of Pustorino, Puglisi & Co., LLC – A Division of Grassi & Co. will be honored. Also, the Disney World Family Adventure Raffle winner will be announced. For more information about the Disney World Family Adventure Raffle visit, <http://tinyurl.com/DisneyRaffle>. To purchase an individual ticket, table, journal advertisement or learn more, contact Ms. Lickun via e-mail at jlickun@opblauvelt.org or by phone at 845-359-5767.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection February 21st 2016 was:	\$7,512
Collection February 20th 2015 was:	\$6,166

