

Dear Friends in Christ,

As a result of Commitment Weekend, our parish received 14 gifts that totaled \$1,375.00. Thank you for your generosity. I know other families will be making their gifts or have made them to the annual appeal, thank you as well.

What a beautiful gospel we hear today. It ties in to this Jubilee Year of Mercy. It is the gospel of The Prodigal Son. The famous artist Rembrandt Harmenszoon van Rijn captured this gospel in his masterpiece *Prodigal Son*. It is that painting of Rembrandt that Cardinal Dolan chose in publicizing the Jubilee Year of Mercy throughout the Archdiocese. It is the image that we see on our parish banner as we enter our own main doors inside the church.

Rembrandt truly captured that moment of the father welcoming back his son, the image of that embrace is so connected with that embrace we receive from the Father when we are united with him once again through reconciliation. In January, when our second graders received their First Penance, I referred to God embracing us, as my father did when I was found after being lost on a beach many, many years ago.

Our second graders again, along with all our children in our Religious Education Program had the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Penance over the past two weeks. All of

them, I hope, were able to place themselves in that image of the Prodigal Son where they were being embraced by the Father.

This is our Lenten journey, through sacrifice, denial, fasting and prayer we reconcile ourselves to the Father so that we may be ready for the Glory of Easter. Again, as a reminder, confessions are heard every Saturday from 4 to 5 pm in the church and any time by making an appointment with a priest.

Monday, March 21st is Reconciliation Monday. We will all have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 4 to 6 pm and again from 7 to 8 pm. May all of us in this Year of Mercy truly become the Prodigal Son and return to the Father.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

As of Wednesday, March 2nd., our parish has pledged \$9,640.00. This amount comes from 53 individual gifts. This puts us at 19% 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.

PARISH LENTEN MISSION

MARCH 14TH, MARCH 15TH, MARCH 16TH

During March we will have our Lenten Mission led by Fr. John Collins and he will be speaking at all our Masses on March 12th/13th. There will be a Mission **on March 14th, March 15th, March 16th. (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday).** We hope this will help during our Lenten Journey. Please pray that many will participate in this Mission.

LECTOR EVENING OF RECOLLECTION

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH

On Thursday evening, March 10, the lectors of the parish will meet in the Sacred Heart Chapel at 7 PM for their Lenten evening of Prayer and Recollection. The schedule for Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter will be discussed. Anyone interested in joining this important liturgical ministry is invited to join with us. In addition, anyone wanting to pray with us is also most welcome to attend. For more information, please call Deacon John at 786 5759.

MIDNIGHT RUN

Our next run is a breakfast run scheduled for Sunday morning March 13. We will meet on Saturday morning March 12, in the Annex building to sort and pack and prepare for the run. Sack lunches will be needed for this run. On Sunday morning we will depart the Church parking lot at 7 AM and expect to return around 10:30 that morning. Please note, this is the only run remaining on the schedule before Confirmation and the end of the school year. As such, there will not be any run

related service hours available after this event. To volunteer in any way or for more information about the run, please call Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786 5759.

HOSPITALITY SUNDAY MARCH 6TH

Our Hospitality Sunday will be this Sunday, March 6th after 9:30 mass in the school auditorium. Please stop by and join us for refreshments and friendship.

Holy Week Services

Saturday, March 19th

Confession 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Passion (Palm) Sunday, March 20th

Stony Point Church: 5:30 p.m. (Sat.)
9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Tomkins Cove Church: 7:30 a.m.

Monday, March 21st

Confessions: 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
& 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday, March 24th

Tenebrae in Church: 9:00 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper: 8:00 p.m.
Visits to Repository until 10:00 p.m.
School Auditorium

Good Friday, March 25th

Tenebrae in Church: 9:00 a.m.
Celebration of the Lord's Passion: 3:00 p.m. With
Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion
"The Traditional Stations" of the Cross
7:30 p.m. (in Church) With Music

Holy Saturday, March 26th

Tenebrae in Church: 9:00 a.m.
Confessions: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Solemn Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

(SATISFIES SUNDAY OBLIGATION)

Easter Sunday, March 27th

Stony Point Church: 9:30, 11:30 a.m.; 1:00 p.m.
Tomkins Cove Church: 7:30 a.m.

**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.

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, 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, 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)

MONDAY, MARCH 7TH

7:30 Frank & Geraldine Hoyer (req. by Anne Hoyer)
8:30 Marguerite Cristantello
(req. by Stephen & Nancy Fischer)

TUESDAY, MARCH 8TH

8:30 Marie Babcock (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9TH

7:30 Pat Larkin
(req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

8:30 Nicholas D'Eri (req. by Tricia Reilly Matthews)

THURSDAY, MARCH 10TH

8:30 Patrick Larkin
(req. by Donna & The Coto Family)

FRIDAY, MARCH 11TH

7:30 Frank & Geraldine Hoyer
(req. by Anne Hoyer)
8:30 Josephine Lodini (req. by Mary Dwyer)

SATURDAY, MARCH 12TH

8:30 Philip Mimmo Sr. (req. by family)
5:30 Vigil Joseph Felice (req. by family)

SUNDAY MARCH 13TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Robert Murphy (req. by family)
11:30 Ed Murray (req. by family)

Celebrants for Masses March 12th/13th

5:30 p.m. Vigil Fr. Herb 7:30 a.m. Fr. Bejoy
9:30 a.m. Fr. Herb 11:30 a.m. Fr. Bejoy

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

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH

Christians around the world are united in a special way during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Our hearts, minds and prayers are also especially aware of the Holy Land. The Good Friday Collection is requested by the Holy Father. **Please be as generous as your abundance allows.**

FAST AND ABSTINENCE

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 25TH

Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting obliges all from 18 years of age until 59. Abstinence obliges all from age 14 and continues to oblige throughout their entire life. Those not specifically obliged to abstain from eating meat are encouraged to join in this discipline to the extent they are able.

EASTER FLOWER

OFFERING

Envelopes will be available in the Church and we do encourage you to remember a loved one, by contributing to the Easter flower donations. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during Easter time and will be remembered in our prayers.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
2/28	\$25	1855	Joe Trizzino
3/1	\$25	2195	Debbie Stoll
3/2	\$25	382	James Coyle
3/3	\$100	1990	Bill Ryan
3/4	\$25	2106	Joe Cooney
3/5	\$25	469	Mr. /Mrs. Corry

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.

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.

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 Knights of Columbus 581 - will host a Family Breakfast on Sunday, March 13, from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon.

Adults \$10.00 and Children \$5.00 Please come out and support your council and enjoy a good Breakfast.



YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection February 28th 2016 was: \$7,599

Collection March 2, 2015 was: \$9,104

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