

Dear Friends in Christ,

“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.” With those words of praise, the people welcome Jesus back to Jerusalem from the desert, and we begin the holiest of all weeks of our church year. We call today “Passion Sunday”. It is the passion of the Lord which dominates these final days of the season of Lent leading up the celebration of the Easter triduum beginning Holy Thursday evening.

A reminder that tomorrow, March 21st the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre will be hosting *RECONCILIATION MONDAY*. In every parish in the metropolitan area, confession will be heard. Here at Immaculate conception, confessions will be heard from 3:00 to 6:00PM and again from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. If you are able to, please take advantage of this opportunity to be reconciled to the Father in preparation for the Glory of Easter, especially in this Jubilee Year of Mercy

Thank you to all who took part in our Parish Mission last Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Under the direction of Fr. John Collins, we were lead into a deeper spirit of discipleship. May the graces received through this mission sustain us in our continuing journey here on earth.

As I did last week may I again bring attention to the upcoming Easter Collection. It is through the generosity of the Christmas and Easter collections that a parish is able to meet its financial obligations. I do know for many of us that there is a struggle with weekly family finances. I pray that through prayerful reflection each family may be able to give as generously as possible so that we as a parish may continue to flourish. I truly believe that as we give from the heart, so much more will be given back to us by way of mercy and love. May God bless all of you for your generosity to your parish and the various ministries it can perform because of that generosity.

May God bless this Holy Week with his mercy,

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris



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

As of Wednesday, March 16th., our parish has pledged \$20,175.00. This amount comes from 97 individual gifts. This puts us at 40% 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.

Immaculate Conception School of Religion will be closed **from March 24th through March 29th**. We would all like to wish you a very Blessed Easter!

CATHOLIC TEACHERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Calling all Catholic Teachers in Public School: Annual Mass and **Communion Breakfast, April 2, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** The Riverview, one Warburton Avenue Hastings-on-Hudson, Guest Speaker: Rev. Brian E. McWeeney, Director Office of Ecumenical and interreligious Affairs, Archdiocese of New York. For registration information call Lynne DeVuono (845) 786-5298.

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.

POCKETBOOK BINGO FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH

You Asked For It, So We Responded: Next Pocketbook Bingo is scheduled for Friday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. Games start at 7:00 p.m. (\$35.00 per person) **PAID IN ADVANCE**. includes daubers, 10 games, 3 cards per game. Bring your own food and refreshments. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Call 786-5298 with any questions. See you there!!.

RECONCILIATION MONDAY

MONDAY, MARCH 21ST

We will have Reconciliation **Monday, March 21st at 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.** We also have Confession every Saturday between 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

UPDATED

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.

RECONCILIATION 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.

DAILY CHAPEL

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.

Solemn Easter Vigil: 8:00 p.m.

(SATISFIES SUNDAY OBLIGATION)

Easter Sunday, March 27th

Stony Point Church: 9:30, 11:30 a.m.

Tomkins Cove Church: 7:30 a.m.

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 19TH

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

5:30 Vigil Gertrude Guglielmello (req. by family)

SUNDAY, MARCH 20TH

PALM SUNDAY NO INTENTIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 21ST

7:30 Rose Nevin & Walter Emmert (req. by family)

8:30 Pauline Frasco Costanza

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:30 Deceased Members of The DiGasbarro Family

(req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD

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

8:30 Deceased Members of The Colleluori Family

(req. by family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 24TH - HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 Tenebrae

8:00 Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, MARCH 25TH - GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 Tenebrae

3:00 Celebration of the Lord's Passion

7:30 Live Stations Of The Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH - HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 Tenebrae

8:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

SUNDAY MARCH 27TH - EASTER SUNDAY

7:30 A.M. COVE CHURCH

9:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m.

MAIN CHURCH

Celebrants for Masses March 26th/27th

8:00 p.m. Vigil Fr. Herb (Concelebrated)

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.**

CYO BASKETBALL SIGN UPS
FOR THE 2016-17 SEASON

The Sign - Ups Season will take place **on Wednesday, April 6th and Thursday, April 7th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at the RHO Building. The program is open to all boys and girls in Grades 1st - 8th. If you have any questions please call Kathy Hurley at 821-0566. Thank You.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at the Marian Shrine, Stony Point **on April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Mass is at 10:00 a.m. Celebrant and homilist is Father Andre Patenaude from LaSallotte Shrine in Massachusetts. After lunch (a hot lunch is available), there will be a talk by Father Pat followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Please join us on this special day of prayer and thanksgiving. For information call 548-6729.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
3/13	\$25	2229	Jennifer Hennessy
3/14	\$100	1323	Suzanne Sparta
3/15	\$50	624	Jerry Garafolo
3/16	\$25	984	Michael Milmore
3/17	\$25	591	Doris/Jim Campbell
3/18	\$75	1045	Francis Muthig
3/19	\$25	463	Eric & Paul Curry

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.

Rachel Ministry - offers help for those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth, held at the Marian Shrine in the cafeteria building at **7:00 p.m. on March 21st.** For more information please call 492-6709.



YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

March 14, 2016 was: \$8,840
March 15 2016 was: \$9,269

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