

Dear Friends in Christ,

We are continuing to update and improve our public relations here at Immaculate. Last week our new Parish Website was debuted and this week, as you have already seen by picking up this bulletin, a new bulletin cover. You will find both our new website ([www.immaculatesp.org](http://www.immaculatesp.org)), and our Parish Bulletin cover to contain information about our worship and sacramental preparations along with the customary address and various phone numbers of the Rectory and Religious Ed. Office. I am thankful to Chris from Bon Venture, the bulletin company, for her assistance over last week to bring our cover to life.

Last Saturday's "Mercy Saturday" at the Marian Shrine was beautiful! His Eminence, Cardinal Dolan spoke to us about the gift of mercy and spoke of the Good Shepherd. I was so happy to see a number of parishioners who attended the afternoon gathering. We concluded the day with mass and a light collation afterwards with the Cardinal.

Last week I asked for your prayers for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders who took part in their Confirmation Retreat. Last Saturday they all completed their preparation in having interviews with myself, Deacon John and Deacon Phil. Please keep them in your prayers this week. This coming Saturday they will receive their Confirmation. We pray that the Holy Spirit will empower them with strength as they give witness to their faith as true disciples of Christ.

May 8<sup>th</sup> is Mother's Day. In your latest envelope mailing there is an envelope for the remembrance of mothers, living or deceased. We also have Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards. This card can be given to mom as a acknowledgement of her name being included in the novena of masses. Please return either envelope in the regular Sunday collection in the coming weekends. All envelopes will be placed on the altar for Mother's Day and will remain on the altar for the rest of the month of May.

May the joy of Christ's Resurrection remain in our hearts this Easter Season!

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



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

**As of Wednesday, April 20, 2016, our parish has pledged \$32,245.00. This amount comes from 154 individual gifts. This puts us at 64% of our goal of \$50,500.00**

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**A FEW IMPORTANT DATES**

Confirmation practice will **on WEDNESDAY April 27th at 7:00 p.m.**

First Communion practices will be on May 3rd and May 5th; All 2nd graders must attend both practices in lieu of classes.

**Registration for the 2016-2017**

Religious Education School year is coming upon us! Mark your calendars, registration for the upcoming year will be held the weeks of April 25 and May 2 during class times and in addition on May 2,3, 4, and 5 from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. If you will be registering a first grader or a new student, please bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

In order to have our children understand God's mercy for us, we will be undertaking projects to offer His mercy to others through us, as His

disciples. Each grade level will be asked to participate in a "Act of Mercy Project" which will be done during the religious education sessions. We ask for your prayers as we participate and celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

**WEDDING JUBILEES FOR COUPLES**  
**CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH OR 50TH**  
**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**  
**ANYTIME DURING 2016**

*Wedding Jubilees for couples celebrating their 25th or 50th wedding anniversary anytime during 2016. Golden Jubilarians will be honored by Cardinal Dolan on Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 26th at 2:00 p.m., Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Please call the parish office at 786-2742, if you are planning to attend. As in tradition, we will have our own celebration at our own Parish in the Fall.*

**FOOD PANTRY**  
**NEWS**

For the month of April, the Food Pantry is collecting canned fruit. If you are able to contribute, please leave your donations in the food bin in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you so much for your generosity. Thank You.

**MOTHER'S DAY  
NOVENA OF MASSES**

A Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 8th**. If you would like to have loved ones remembered in these Masses, please return the Mass intention envelope from your monthly packet.

Additional envelopes are available at the entrances to our church. Mother's Day cards for the living are also available at the entrance to the Church.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **May 23rd and June 27th**. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

**BAPTISM**

The dates for our next Baptisms are: **May 1st and May 15th**. 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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION  
FRIDAY, MAY 6TH**

**PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME 9A.M. - 12 NOON**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:30 a.m. Mass **on Friday, May 6th**. The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed in the Chapel until 12 Noon. **Hopefully this will allow more people to spend a 1/2 hour in prayer in the Chapel.** The Exposition will conclude with a Prayer Service and Benediction. We invite you to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar to pray for stability and peace in our world. **We are in need of volunteers; please call Jane Hylas 786-5904.**

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
4/17	\$25	606	Nick Galetta
4/18	\$75	911	Tricia Ross
4/19	\$25	1839	Patricia Spong
4/20	\$50	579	Stephen Fiscus
4/21	\$25	2136	Dorothy Lipski
4/22	\$25	1617	Gianne LoVecchio
4/23	\$75	624	Jerry Garafolo

**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,

**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, APRIL 23RD**

8:30 Carmen & Gino Baez (req. by family)  
5:30 p.m. Vigil Donna Flora (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH**

7:30 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Sylvestre Cumento (req. by family)  
11:30 Margaret & Patrick Kilduff  
(req. by Pat & Jack Ryan)

**MONDAY, APRIL 25TH**

7:30 Anthony Alva (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)  
8:30 Ann Gaffney (req. by Margaret & Jerry Moran)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26TH**

8:30 James Cooney (req. by The Ziegler Family)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27TH**

7:30 Beth Longo  
(req. by William & Maryellen Gonyea)  
8:30 Intentions of the Rosary Group  
(req. by Winnie & Herb Haering)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH**

8:30 George Maltbie (req. by family)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 29TH**

7:30 Geraldine Geary (req. by family)

8:30 Nicholas Rosalie & Phyllis Traficenti  
(req. by Daughter)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH**

8:30 Kathryn Filor  
(req. by The DiGasbarro Family) family)  
5:30 p.m. Vigil Jerry Fisher (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, MAY 1ST**

7:30 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Fr. John Quinn (req. by Pat & Jack Ryan)  
11:30 Patricia Bishop Barry (req. by family)

**Celebrants for Masses (Subject to Change)**

**April 30th/May 1st**

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

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Hospitality Sunday will be held next **Sunday, May 1st after the 9:30 Mass.** Please stop by and join us for refreshments in our School Auditorium.

*The flowers this week are  
In Loving Memory of  
Donna Flora  
donated by  
The Family*

**PARISH PAY USERS**

Please check the expiration date on your credit card periodically. To update, call 1-866-PARISH or [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com). Thanks to all of our parishioners who have selected to use this modern and convenient way to make your weekly contribution to Immaculate Conception Parish.

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**Immaculate Heart Academy** - will be hosting a Spring Open House on Thursday, April 28 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Join us to learn about our outstanding school, curriculum, and IHA's artistic, athletic and extracurricular programs. Members of our administration, faculty and coaching staff will be on hand to answer questions. Online preregistration is requested at [www.ihanj.com](http://www.ihanj.com). Call 201-445-6800 for more information. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Ave. Township of Washington, NJ 07676.

**St. Francis of Assisi, West Nyack**, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. May 3rd through June 7th. Please call the Rectory at 634-4957. If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.

**North Rockland 5K RUN/WALK** - On Sunday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m. at Bowline Point Town Park, the proceeds of this event will benefit three families from the community, Terri Pileggi-Marcoux, Jose Ramirez Flores and Angelina Hicks. The children's race begins at 8:30 a.m. This is chaired by Town of Haverstraw supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. town of Stony Point Supervisor Jim Monaghan and North Rockland athletic director Joseph Casarella. For more information, visit [www.townofhaverstraw.org](http://www.townofhaverstraw.org) or call 429-2200

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**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](http://www.albertusmagnus.net) or contact the AMHS

Development Office at 845-623-8842 ext 229.

**\*\*Golfers and Dinner guests MUST register by May 20<sup>th</sup> to attend\*\***

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Excellence***

**SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS AT SJR**

St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, NJ is the site for sports camps in football and basketball for area youths this summer.

The **SJR Elite Performance Football Camp** runs in two sessions: June 27 - 30; and July 5 - 8. The camp runs daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and is open to boys, grades 4-10. Free T-shirt to campers...guest lecturers... great fun & competition!

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual **Green Knights Basketball Camp**, for boys ages 9 to 15, runs in three sessions: July 11-15; July 18-22; and July 25-29. The camp day is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Great fun & competition... guest lecturers... free basketball & T-shirt to each camper!

Please call (201) 391-3300 for camp applications and further information or visit our website ([www.sjrnj.org](http://www.sjrnj.org))

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Collection April 18, 2016 was: \$6,459**

**Collection April 19, 2015 was: \$6,591**

***Banns Of Marriage***

***Lauren Cole Hatchard & James Olson III***