

**May 29, 2016**

**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ or, as the majority of us know this day by, Corpus Christi Sunday. This feast goes back to the 13th century; but it celebrates something far older - the institution of the Sacrament of Holy Communion at the Last Supper.

Every year on this feast day, I think of a group of Sisters who live a cloistered life in a monastery in the Bronx. These sisters are known as the Sisters of Corpus Christi Monastery. The monastery located in the Hunts Point section of the Bronx. The Corpus Christi Monastery is the oldest Dominican Monastery in the United States; a 127-year-old branch of the first monastery of nuns founded by St. Dominic de Guzman in Prouilhe, France in 1206.

The main focus of their vocation is the twenty-four-hour adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that takes place in the Corpus Christi chapel. In that adoration, each nun prays for a number of priests and seminarians serving parishes and studying for the priesthood in the Archdiocese of New York. God bless Sr. Mary of the Sacred Heart for the hours and years of prayers she has been offering for me! The sisters also pray for the people of the Archdiocese and their needs.

Today the Monastery celebrates its 127<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Behind the cloistered walls, is truly a place of paradise, tranquility and peace. Hunts Point is not the trendiest place to live, but these

sisters bring grace and through their imitation of Christ, a loving sense of mercy to that section of the Bronx. One can say they are diamonds in the rough. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, which I have had the honor to celebrate many times for these holy women, is offered daily. They are also the sisters who provide us with the communion hosts we use to celebrate each of our masses here.

Please visit their website to find out more about this cloistered order of nuns at [www.opbronx.org](http://www.opbronx.org). May we keep them in our prayers as they keep each of us in their prayers every day!

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior give us the constant strength and grace to live out our discipleship.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



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

**As of Friday, May 27, 2016, our parish has pledged \$36,000.00. This amount comes from 175 individual gifts. This puts us at 72% of our goal of \$50,500.00**

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MONDAY, MAY 30TH**

Office closed for ordinary business. In an emergency please call 786-2742. Our office re-opens on Tuesday, at 9:00 a.m.

**SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**  
**JUNE 5TH**  
**BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS**

Fact: The annual Black and Indian Mission Collection is the first national Collection, authorized by the U.B. bishops in 1884.

Next Sunday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Your financial contribution helps support the Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection. **Please be generous in next week's Second Collection.**

**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.*

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD**  
**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**9A.M. - 12 NOON**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:30 a.m. Mass **on Friday, June 3rd.** 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. **Eucharistic Adoration will resume in September.**

**FR. HERB DEGARIS**  
**25TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH**  
**11:30 a.m. Mass**

Fr. Herb will be celebrating his 25th Anniversary at the 11:30 a.m. Mass **on Sunday, June 5th**. Please join us after Mass for a light Reception in the School Auditorium to celebrate this joyous occasion. All are welcome to attend.

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

The family of Lucia and Cosimo Corvasce have very generously set up a scholarship for a young person who will be entering his/her first year of college this coming September, 2016 from Immaculate Conception Church. If you are interested, please send me an essay on how you are planning on continuing your Catholic faith as you embark on a new journey in your life on your college campus, in your community and in your spiritual life.

Please send all essays to Lynne DeVuono, CRE Immaculate Conception School of Religion, 24 East Main Street, Stony Point, NY 10980 and I will be sure to forward them to the family.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-2017**

We are currently accepting registrations for the upcoming 2016-2017 Religious Education School Year. If you missed our in-person registration week, please call the Religious Education office as soon as possible at 786-5298 to arrange a time to come into the office to register. After June 30 there will be a \$25.00 late registration fee added to the tuition. **All students returning in September must be registered before the end of the religious education year in order to be placed in a class in September.** There are a few classes closed already on Tuesday. If you will be registering a first grader or a new student, please bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

If financial circumstances make it impossible to pay the registration fee in full, please do not let that prevent you from registering. Call us to make arrangements. The parish is always happy to extend this courtesy.

**FLOWER MEMORIAL**

The Flowers this weekend were donated for all our family members and friends who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We honor them for their dedication and love of our country.

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**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, Danielle Sack, Louis Pezzola, 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, MAY 28TH**

8:30 Geri Hickey (req. by Marie & Joe Porrovecchio)

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Rudolph Morris (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, MAY 29TH**

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Michelle Gonoud (req. by Mary Gonoud)

11:30 Marguerite Cristantello (req. by family)

**MONDAY, MAY 30TH**

7:30 Ruth Sheridan (req. by Daughter)

8:30 For the Troops & Veterans

(req. by A Grateful American)

**TUESDAY, MAY 31ST**

8:30 Tim Murnane (req. by family)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1ST**

7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Mary Gaynor

(req. by Maureen & Eugene Rogers)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 2ND**

8:30 Josephine Meehan

(req. by Jim & Nan Normoyle)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3RD**

7:30 Eileen O'Brien (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

8:30 Marilyn Becker (req. by Marty & Bea Sasin)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4TH**

8:30 Dennis Martin (req. by Marge Rogers)

5:30 Vigil Michael & Catherine Looby

(req. by family)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH**

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 John Sullivan

(req. by Georgine Sullivan & Family)

11:30 Francis Joseph Hoyer (req. by Anthony Hoyer)

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

**June 4th/June 5th**

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

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**BOY SCOUTS BLOOD DRIVE**  
**SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH**

The Blood supply in our area is very low and as summer arrives it is imperative that the supply grows to help our community. Please donate to our blood drive on Sunday, June 12th at Immaculate Conception Church auditorium between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Mark the date! Don't forget to bring a photo ID. **For more information, email Joyce Castronovo at (914) 645-1411**

**CALENDAR REQUESTS**

**FROM ALL**  
**PARISH ORGANIZATIONS**

All persons responsible for scheduling their parish organizations' meetings and special events for next year must submit their requests for use of parish facilities and the time needed to the Rectory **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH**. Requests should be dropped off at the Rectory. Thank You.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
5/22	\$25	752	Anita Jessie
5/23	\$100	2256	Joan Ketteri
5/24	\$25	291	Richard Breece
5/25	\$25	2226	Kathleen Hopkins
5/26	\$25	1363	Maureen Kavanwagh
5/27	\$50	149	Ian Laroe
5/28	\$25	625	Jerry Garafolo

**ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED**

Any young person, boy or girl, in our parish from 4<sup>th</sup> grade and older can join this important liturgical ministry. Altar servers play a large part in insuring that our worship is complete and that participation is full and active from the entire community. Training will be provided and a schedule prepared so there will be no questions about which Mass to attend. Serving at Mass is a wonderful way to earn service hours. For more information about becoming an altar server or to sign up for this ministry, please contact either Deacon John Sadowski 786 5759 or the rectory 786 2742.

**THE MASS BOOK HAS OPENED**  
**FOR**  
**JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER**

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 most appreciated.

**Father's Day Novena**  
**JUNE 19TH**

On Father's Day, **June 19th**, we will begin a Novena of Masses for fathers, living and deceased. If you would like to have loved ones remembered during these Masses, please return the envelope from your monthly packet or pick up one at the entrance to the Church. There are also Father's Day cards for the living available at the entrance to the church. **Envelopes are available on the tables in the vestibules. Father's Day Novena envelopes may be dropped in any of our collections prior to Father's Day.**

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Joan of ARC #604** - Will be hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, June 7th at Knights of Columbus Hall in Haverstraw at 7:00 p.m.** Please bring donation for the food pantry. Refreshments will be served. For information call Anastasia Phillips 942-2038.

**Albertus Magnus Soccer Camp** - Boys and Girls Grades K- 5 August 15th - 19th. For more information please contact Coach Brian Fitzpatrick 304-4929 brianfitz.1@verizon.net.

**The Catholic Widow & Widowers Club of Rockland** - will be meeting on July 17th 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 623-1739.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Collection May 22, 2016 was: \$ 7,180**  
**Collection May 17, 2015 was: \$ 6,709**

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

***Paula Bonanno & John Kolesar III***