

Dear Friends in Christ,

I was able to take a few days off this past week. It is good to every so often to find time to refresh and revive oneself every so often. I want to thank Father Vladimir Chripko, the pastor of Saints Paul and Ann Parish, and his associates who are clergy of the Oratorian Fathers of St. Philip Neri who have been the celebrants of the masses.

Thanks also to Margie Celenza, our Parish Secretary who 'held down the fort' in making sure that the needs of the parish and most importantly, the needs of the parishioners were met.

Something that I look forward to every couple of years is the excitement of the Olympics. It used to be every four years, the last time that occurred was in 1992. Two years later, in 1994, the Winter Olympics were held again and then in 1996 the Summer Olympics. The 2016 Summer Olympics are off and running from Rio. I find it enjoyable from time to time to watch the various sports and those who train for years upon years excelling as much as they physically can. Of course

there is always a sense of pride when we witness our flag being raised and the National Anthem of our country being heard.

There is a sense of hope in this celebration, that these three weeks of the world's athletes gathering together may be the start of a change in our world, especially in this time of violence and bitter hatred.

I am sure that during the Closing Ceremony we will again see a less formal Parade of Nations from the Opening Ceremony where athletes from different nations will embrace each other, take selfies, join in laughing and just embracing the moment. It seems that sports, in a way, speaks one universal language.

Could the effects of last week's World Youth Day and now the 2016 Summer Olympics be the start of a change in a way of life that our world so desperately needs? Christ showed us that way, we have chosen to listen to Him, may the rest of our world pause to hear His voice too.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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 to schedule a time to come in to register your child in the 2016-2017 program. After June 30 there will be a \$25.00 late registration fee added to the tuition. There are several classes that are closed on Tuesday. If you are registering a 1st grader or a new student to the program, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

Please note that we will not be accepting registration forms on the first week of class. 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.

New York Catholic Bible School Program

Beginning Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, the New York Catholic Bible School Program, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, will be holding classes on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Church of St. Denis, 604 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

The New York Catholic Bible School exists because there is joy and hope in the Bible! Being grounded in our beliefs leads us to a deeper relationship with God and an evolving sense of life's meaning. Intense study of the Bible brings us to life-changing personal growth in spirituality and service. This program is for adults who are seeking "something more" in their spiritual journey, and who are willing to commit to two years of study with an option to complete the full four-year program.

No particular educational background is required. Tuition is \$150 per trimester with a \$35 non-refundable registration fee. **Registration is a must and is done through the New York Catholic Bible School website.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION . . .

E-mail: Bible@archny.org

Telephone: Maureen McKew, Director
646-794-2855

Elda Luisi, Registrar
646-794-2862

Website: <http://www.nyfaithformation.org/ny-catholic-bible-school>

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Flower memorials are available for anyone desiring to memorialize a loved one. The cost is \$50 for an arrangement of flowers to be placed near the altar. Please call the rectory to reserve a specific date.

*The flowers this week are
In Loving Memory of
Melody Phillips
donated by
The Family*

PARISH PAY

Along with other parishes we are using Parish pay, a company who helps us with parishioners' request to use checking accounts, savings or their credit cards to give to the offertory. Now you can stop worrying about not having for the collection. You can now give whatever your budget allots. You will be able to budget what you give to the parish and the parish will be able to accurately budget for the year. There are ways to enroll Parish Pay you can visit their website at www.ParishPay.com call PARISHPAY 1-866-727-4741. or visit the rectory to get an enrollment form. **Anyone can use this system, only you authorize the amount you wish to give and only you can make modifications on your giving.**

**THIS WEEKEND AUG. 7TH
2ND COLLECTION**

This weekend, we will have a combined collection for the Catholic Home Missions and the Church in Latin America. While the Church there is overflowing with numbers, new members, and vibrancy, it suffers from material resources. This collection enables the dioceses, parishes, clergy and religious, and other Catholic institutions in these nations to train and form seminarians, men and women religious, and missionaries and catechists so that the Church can continue to serve our poor, sick, and struggling brothers and sisters in the Lord. It is more important than ever that we *keep faith* with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.

At the same time, the Catholic Home Missions enables the Church to assist the neediest among us here, at home, in the United States. We know from the news media how our fellow Americans - in Appalachia, the Deep South, and the Rocky Mountain States - are more in need than ever before. Please be generous this weekend to enable the Church to continue our ministry in these areas of evangelization.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY
IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

The Morning Masses will be at
7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. as usual.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Sam Pace, Michael Orapello, Gladys Margosian, Margaret McElroy, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Danielle Sack, Louis Pezzola, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff,.

Our recently deceased: William Smith and Janet Larkin.

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, AUGUST 6TH**

8:30 Marie Babcock (req. by family)
5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Victor Mariani (req. by family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

7:30 For The People of The Parish
9:30 Melody Phillips (req. by family)
11:30 Mary & Frank Sullivan (req. by family)

MONDAY, AUGUST 8TH

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. Domenic Accurso (req. by family)
8:30 Antonia Rodriguez (req. by family)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9TH

8:30 Tim Murnane (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10TH

7:30 Mass In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
(req. by The Lewis Family)
8:30 Alois & Kuni Amend (req. by family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11TH

8:30 Peggy Robinson (req. by Dorothy Geary)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12TH

7:30 Barbara Willett Walsh (req. by Husband)
8:30 George Cassidy (req. by Jim & Nan Normoyle)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13TH

8:30 Marge Ferro (req. by Pat & JoAnn DiGasbarro)

5:30 **Vigil** Michael & Catherine Lobby (req. by family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

7:30 Marie Babcock (req. by family)
9:30 For the People of the Parish
11:30 Nora & John Saunders (req. by Pat & Jack Ryan)

MIDNIGHT RUN

Here is another great opportunity to get a head start on service hours for this coming school year. The next run is a breakfast run scheduled for **Sunday, August 21.** The run prep will take place on Saturday morning August 20 starting at 10 AM. There is a lot of sorting and storing work to be done at the annex, so everyone's help will be appreciated.

For the run, we will meet in the Church parking lot at 6:45 AM and plan to depart by 7 AM. We should return to Stony Point in time for the 11:30 Mass that morning. For the run, any donations of water, sack lunches or back packs will be greatly appreciated. For any information about the run or to volunteers in any way, please call Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski at 845 786 5759.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the months of July and August, 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!

BAPTISM CLASS

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **August 22nd and September 26th.** **Appointments are needed if you are going to attend the class so we have an idea of how many will be joining each month. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.**

BAPTISM

The date for our next Baptism is **August 21st.** We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) to make an appointment during **Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)**

NEWS OF INTEREST

Dominican College – An Information Session interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 10, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hennessy Center.**

Going on Vacation? - Please remember that your parish (and all of our weekly expenses) will still be here. When your return, please remember to make up for missed collections. We count on your financial support 52 weeks a year. Thank You.

Please Make A Will And Remember Your Parish - Most of us own more than we realize. But no matter the size of an estate, if you want to provide for your surviving relatives and others, you need to have a will. If you die without making a will, you lose the ability to control the disposition of your assets. The law of the state will tell your family where your money and property goes. Your bequest can be a specific amount of money, property or stock. Naming our Parish as a charitable beneficiary is simple, to make a gift, simply include the following words in your will: ***I give, devise, and bequeath to Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Stony Point, New (here you write the amount being give) to be used for the needs of the Church.***

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Blood Drive: Sunday August 28, 2016. Please plan to donate! Blood Supplies are traditionally run low in the summer and each and every pint can help save a life! For more information please contact the rectory at 359-1230 or email secretary@olshtappan.com.

H.A.N.D.S. – (Healing and Nurturing Distraught Survivors) sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. **All Groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York 10956. The meeting this month is August 16th. For more information call Ann 634-6706. Services are free of charge.**

H.A.N.D.S. has a Widows and Widowers Group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. These meetings are held every Monday evening at the H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York 10956.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection July 31, 2016 was: \$6,045
Collection August 2, 2015 was: \$6,840

