

Dear Friends in Christ,

Last week we welcomed back to our Parish Religious Education Program all of our students. We began the year with an information night and then a chance for the students to meet their new teachers for the year. Let us pray for our young parishioners who are partaking in a new year of learning and growing in their faith.

Early last Sunday before the 9:30 morning mass there was a few moments for very strong wind. As a result, one of the large trees on the side of the school building near the dumpster lost a large limb. Thankfully, no damage to the building or cars occurred. The tree itself is still vibrant, and most likely will continue to grow and beautify our grounds for many years to come.

Next weekend we welcome Mr. Alex Sangbin Lee to our parish. Alex is presently a seminarian studying at St. Joseph's Seminary. He will speak at each mass about his life, vocation and the importance of the seminary system

in training and preparing the future priests of the Archdiocese of New York and the Dioceses of Brooklyn and Rockville Centre. May we welcome Alex with open arms and pray for all those contemplating a vocation to the priesthood or religious life.

Lastly, something very minor but it's been a 'pet peeve' of mine for some time. After three months of waiting for a specific size spigot, I am pleased to announce that the Holy Water font in the vestibule of the church is repaired. Holy Water is now easily dispensed from pressing the new spigot button. Please continue the tradition of bringing Holy Water to your homes to use for blessings of oneself and family members as you leave and return to the safely to your homes.

May God continue to bless us all with His mercy,

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

OFFICE OF

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

It was wonderful to see everyone this week at our Back to School Nights. We at Immaculate Conception PREP are looking forward to a wonderful year, sharing our children's path in faith formation! **Regular classes begin on Tuesday, September 20th.**

"A Taste of North Rockland", a fundraising even co-sponsored by the North Rockland Lions Club and North Rockland Rotary Club is taking place on Monday, September 19, 2016 from 6:00-9:00 PM.. \$35 per person (check or cash) in advance.

A portion of the proceeds will be to benefit our Food Pantry and other Food Pantries in our community.

RSVP to Carol at 845-323-0588 or visit www.eventbrite.com/e/a-taste-of-north-rockland-tickets

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY
2ND COLLECTION WEEKEND
OF OCTOBER 1ST/2ND

There will be a Second Collection on the Weekend of October 1st/2nd to assist the Seminary (the cost in preparing priests is daunting, and for this reason we count on your support). With it, we are able to continue our solid tradition of excellence in the formation of academic training of candidates for the priesthood. **Please be generous in the second Collection for St. Joseph's Seminary.**

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
SATURDAY OCTOBER 1ST
12 NOON

On Saturday, October 1st we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, we will have a Blessing of Animals **at 12:00 Noon in the parking lot** of the Stony Point Church. We encourage you to bring your pets for this special blessing.

This is a very beautiful way of thanking God for these creatures that bring much happiness to our lives and asking His Divine Blessings upon them. We ask that you park your cars on the west side of the front parking lot and along the chapel side of the church, leaving enough room in the area directly in front of the church doors for the large number of people and pets.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Now that September is here, we need to start preparing for the holidays. We are requesting canned yams/ sweet potatoes, turkey gravy and corn muffin mixes. If you can help out, please leave your donations in the food bin in the back of the church. Thank you again for your generosity.

BIBLE Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth

Join us at Saint Gregory's to better understand God's Word in the Bible. The Bible can be described as a collection of love letters from God giving us the information we need to achieve eternal salvation and union with God's Love. Saint Gregory's scripture study group wants you to join them to participate in a new study titled Panorama of the Old Testament. Explore the sweeping saga of God's people and their sacred journey. This study surveys the variety of books found in the Old Testament. Uncover interwoven themes, the background of familiar characters and God's overall plan of salvation. We start this program on Sept, 29; Thursday afternoon at 3 with a second repeat session at 7PM and will last for five weeks. Each session is independent of the others, so even if you miss a week or two you can participate and learn a great deal. Enter into discussion, learn the Word of God. We will meet once a week on Thursday the afternoon session in the basement of the rectory and the evening session in room 101 of the school. All you need is a Bible and a pen, other materials will be provided. When you reflect on Scripture you must learn what the Scripture says, what the Scripture passage means, what it means to you and what is most important, what you are going to do about it. To learn more about this program please call Deacon John Kelly or Lucy Kelly at 845 947-2095.

BAPTISM CLASS

The date for the next Baptism Class is: 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 October 2nd. 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.)

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

Our recently deceased: James Gamboli, Sylvia Duffy and Matthew McCune.

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, SEPTEMBER 17TH

8:30 Marge Ferro (req. by Joseph & Madelaine Cavegn)

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Charles Lewis (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Mary Ann Keenan (req. by Marlene Gosda)

11:30 Edward Onderdonk

(req. by Jean & Steven Bellon)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:30 Mass in Thanksgiving to St. Jude

(req. by the Lewis Family)

8:30 Mary Stelzl (req. by Bea & Marty Sasin)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH

8:30 Joseph Sciabica (req. by Marge Rogers)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST

7:30 Joe & Jennie Sinopoli (req. by family)

8:30 Vincent Lyons (req. by family)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22ND

8:30 Robert Devlin Family

(req. by The DiGasbarro Family)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

7:30 Joe & Anna Winheim (req. by family)

8:30 Victor Badillo Jr. (req. by The Pacione Family)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

8:30 Carolyn Sullivan

(req. by Margaret Sullivan & Family)

5:30 **Vigil** Herbert B. & Philomena DeGaris

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Edward Onderdonk

(req. by Tara & Michael Brady)

11:30 Mark Jones (req. by The Jones Family)

IMC is looking into starting a new program for the Parish,

The Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program.

A statue of the Virgin Mary would be brought to the sick and shut-in's of the parish and remain in their home for one week. This is a wonderful way to reach out to the sick and shut-in's who are alone and those with family and friends to gather in prayer and companionship. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would like to have the statue please contact Mary Ann Winheim 845-270-7648 or Kathy Messina 845-354-1106



Jessica Burke & Michael Husted (I)
Raymond Gregg & Colleen Rossi (I)

ROCKLAND COUNTY LIFE CHAIN
OCTOBER 2ND

NANUET 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.

Please join the Rockland County Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, October 2nd to be held at the intersection of Route 59 and Middletown Road **in Nanuet from 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. The theme is God creates Life, All Lives Matter!**

ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING & SILVER WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION

This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York. **Our Parish is celebrating the Anniversaries for 25th & 50th on Sunday, OCTOBER 16TH during the 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by a reception. Please call the rectory to register. Thank you.**

MIDNIGHT RUN

The next run is scheduled for the night of October 15. We will meet in the parish annex on Friday evening October 14 to sort and pack in preparation for the run. The Saturday night run will depart the Church parking lot at 7 PM and should return around 2AM Sunday morning. Donations of sack lunches, sweatshirts and back packs will be greatly appreciated. For information about the run or to volunteer in anyway, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 845 786 5759.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Children's Irish Dance Classes – will commence next month in the Stony Point area. For further information call 942-5221.

Pro-Life Mass – celebrated every first Monday night of the month at 7:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church, 128 Parrott Road in West Nyack. **The next Pro Life Mass will be on Monday October 3rd.**

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 September 19th** . For more information please call 492-6709.

Don Bosco Prep Announces 2016 Open Houses – **Thursday, September 29th from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. and Sunday October 30th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.** Members of the school community will host formal and informal sessions throughout campus highlighting the school including: Academic Excellence, Admissions, Spiritual Vitality, Leadership Training and Athletic Distinction. Families may register online at www.donboscoprep.org under "Admissions". For information, please contact the Don Bosco Prep Admissions Department at admissions@onboscoprep.org and (201) 327-8003.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection September 11, 2016 was: \$6,503
Collection September 13, 2015 was: \$7,768

