

Dear Friends in Christ,

I would like to introduce all of you to a new program that has been provided to all parishes of the Archdiocese. The program is a website based program and it is called FORMED. For the next twelve months we will all have access to this site free of charge. FORMED is an innovative online platform through which you can have access to a wide range of top-quality faith formation resources. As I said, our parish has a free one-year subscription. This can be compared to NetFlix for Catholics, but it is so much more. Now, the best Catholic study programs, movies, audio presentations and eBooks form the most trusted apostolates are all just a click away. Visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), click the register button on the lower right corner and enter our parish code which is 636Z43. You will then be prompted to register your free account.

I have already viewed a beautiful movie about the life of Saint Teresa of Calcutta. I will be later today viewing a movie entitled "Padre Pio – Miracle Man". There many spiritual books that can be downloaded free of charge onto your iPad or Kindle. I invite all of you to please take advantage of this site, for no other reason than to have some good quality faith formatted programs for our children and young parishioners.

Speaking of the children, what a joy to have seen so many families take part in last Sunday's Family Mass. I was so

pleased that a large number of our young parishioners came and gathered with me at the altar for the homily. As I asked at that mass, may we all pray for our children and young adults as they continue to grow this year in faith and give even more witness to Jesus.

It is hard to believe that thirty-three years ago this past Thursday was the anniversary of the death of Servant of God Cardinal Terence Cooke. I was in my second month of my first year of College Seminary. Thirty-three years have gone by so fast. His cause for sainthood was formally presented in April of 2010 by then Archbishop Dolan to Pope Benedict XVI. What a great blessing it would be for our country and the Church of New York if indeed this holy man one day becomes a saint. We can never forget that even on his death bed by way of his constant Pastoral Letters to the church and how vibrantly strong he was to the very end of his own life in defending life itself. Even as he suffered so quietly with his own pain in his final days.

May all of us continue to be heralds of the message of the sanctity of human life, from conception to natural death, may God bless all of you,

-Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

forward to seeing all of you at our next mass which will be on November 5 at 9:30. This will be hosted by the 7th grade.

**Look into your heart:** Is the Holy Spirit calling you to spread the Good News in a special way to the children of Immaculate Conception PREP? If so, please call Lynne DeVuono at the religious education office as we would love to be able to split one 4th grade in half. The main theme of the 4th grade curriculum is the 10 Commandments. We promise that we will provide any and all guidance you might need to help you in this ministry.

**COLUMBUS DAY**  
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**  
Rector office closed for ordinary business. Mass is at 8:30 a.m. In an emergency please call 786-2742.

**OFFICE OF**  
**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Look in the vestibule this weekend for the St. Francis Animal Giving Tree! Mrs. Martinez and Mrs. Costa's class will be in charge of this project for community service, This project will benefit animals in need at Hi-Tor Shelter. Please be generous and join St. Francis in his love for "All Creatures, Great and Small"! Items will be collected from September 24 through Sunday, October 16. We thank you in advance.

This past Sunday, we had our first Family Mass at 9:30. The children of the parish were invited to come sit up on the altar to listen to Fr. DeGaris explain the gospel. They participated in answering questions and their answers were really insightful and inspiring. I heard some very good feedback when I went to have coffee at the Hospitality gathering. We prayed for all of our students that were unable to attend this first mass and we look

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**  
**SUNDAY OCTOBER 22<sup>ND</sup>**  
**SECOND COLLECTION**  
Our parish will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year we are invited to reach out and help build the world's youngest Catholic Churches, as well as local churches throughout the Missions. Through the work of these church, and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy. His. hope and peace. Please keep the Mission in your daily prayers. Please give generously in the collection for the Society for the propagation of the Faith.

**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING  
& SILVER WEDDING  
MASS CELEBRATION**

**. Our Parish is celebrating the Anniversaries  
for 25th & 50th on Sunday, OCTOBER 16TH  
during the 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by a  
reception.**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
COUPLES**

*Edward & Margaret Klouda  
James & Nora Malloy  
Martin & Maeve Feeney  
James & Diane Gilmartin  
Felix & Laraine Laquidara*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR  
25<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
COUPLES**

*John & Sherry Greene  
Mark & Donna Yanitelli  
Brian & Eileen Hayman  
John & Marjory Fox*

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

The Food Pantry is starting to prepare 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.

**MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL FALL  
ROAST BEEF DINNER  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29TH**

The Men's Club Annual Fall Roast Beef Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 29th** in the school hall **after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.** We will be serving our expertly prepared Roast Beef, covered with our "world" famous gravy and delicious oven roasted potatoes, green beans, and dessert.

Cost: Adults - \$15. Seniors & Children over 12 - \$12

Children 6 - 12 \$6 For reservations, and to reserve a table **Call Tom Robinson 786-3005**

**PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM TO THE DINNER  
FOR OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY**

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**Our recently deceased:**. Robert Wilson, Louis Pezzola, James Faherty.

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, OCTOBER 8TH**

8:30 Daniel T. O'Connor (req. by family)

5:30 **Vigil** Vincent & Marie Ivancich (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**

7:30 Yannick Lastennet (req. by family)

9:30 Mark Stewart (req. by Bea & Marty Sasin)

11:30 *For the People of the Parish*

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 10TH**

8:30 Tim Murnane (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11TH**

8:30 Dec'd Members of The Terrigno Family  
(req. by family)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

7:30 John & Antonia Portelli (req. by family)

8:30 Angelo & Christine Orlandi (req. by family)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH**

8:30 Peter Dolan (req. by The Celenza family)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**

7:30 Anna Marie Prunty (req. by family)

8:30 Mark Jones (req. by family)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)

5:30 **Vigil** *For the People of the Parish*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16th**

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Mark Stewart (Bea & Marty Sasin)

11:30 Mary Ann Keenan

(req. by Carol Casey & Dean Markowitz)

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**MIDNIGHT RUN**

There are two important announcements regarding the run. The schedule has changed. Our next run is Saturday, **November 26**. It is a night run that was previously scheduled for October 15. We will not be going on October 15 and apologize for any inconvenience. We will prepare for the run on Friday evening November 25 starting at 7 PM. For the Saturday run, we will meet at the Church Annex at 7:30 PM, and expect to leave for Manhattan at 8 PM. We should return between 1 and 2 AM the following morning.

As you have seen in the bulletin, two of our Girl Scouts have earned their Silver Award for the work they have completed in the run storage and donation room. Gabriella and Kiley have done an excellent project that organized the room and set up a process for accepting and sorting donations as they are made. We ask that all donations please be made during either the first or third week of each month and that no children's or women clothes be donated until further notice.

For any information about the run, or to participate in any way, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 845 786 5759. Thank you.

**CYO BASKETBALL WILL HOST**  
**POCKETBOOK BINGO**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT KIRKBRIDE HALL**

CYO will host Pocketbook Bingo at Kirkbride Hall **on Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Admission is \$40.00, includes 10 games of Bingo 3 cards per game. For tickets or more information please call:

Kathy Hurley 821-0566

Jaimie Reilly 527-9999

**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your own refreshments

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**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

**ALL SOULS DAY**

All Souls Day is on **Wednesday, November 2nd**, envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church, and may be returned either in the collection or to the Rectory office so that your loved ones may be remembered in Mass Intentions on this traditional day of prayer for our beloved deceased. Also that day will begin a Novena of Masses for all those for whom we have been asked to remember.

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**Immaculate Heart Academy - will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 16 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.** IHA's Open House is a great opportunity to learn about the school. Call (201) 445-6800 for more information. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Avenue, Township of Washington, NJ.

**Iona College Rockland Graduate Center –** An MBA information Session will be held on Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at our campus located at 2 Blue Hill Plaza in Pearl River, New York. Please call (845) 620-1350 or register online at ionaevents.org.

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

***James Manzione & Nicole Diaz (II)***

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Collection October 2, 2016 was: \$ 6,494**

**Collection October 4, 2015 was: \$ 6,838**

**Parish Pay for the Month of Sept. \$ 3,735**

