

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Midnight Run for November was an event full of fellowship and thanksgiving. So many people made the run a great experience for all who participated. Special thanks to Kevin Lynch from Lynch's Pub for the wonderful donation of a hot meal for the folks on the street in Manhattan. Many thanks also for the work of the Stony Point Girl Scouts, the Rodriguez family and many others, providing sack lunches, toiletries and other necessities of life. Volunteers from our parish, Albertus Magnus High School, North Rockland School District Students and the Leo Club at Tappan Zee High School brought the spirit of friendship and some holiday joy to the people we met on the streets. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The next run has been confirmed with Santa Claus. We will bring a hot breakfast and the spirit of giving at Christmas on the morning of December 18. We will meet on the morning of Saturday December 17, at 10 AM to prepare for the run. We will gather in the parish activity building on that morning. On Sunday morning, we will meet in the Church parking lot at 6:30 AM and

depart by 7 AM. We should return to Stony Point that morning in plenty of time for the 11:30 Mass. If anyone is interested in helping cook the breakfast that morning, please contact Deacon John Sadowski at 786 5759.

Please remember that donations of clothing should include only men's clothes and certain women's items like coats and sweaters. Please do not bring any childrens items (clothes or toys) to the church or activity building. Stony Point Methodist Church has a "Kids Closet" and will likely appreciate those items.

For more information about the run or to volunteer in any way, please contact either Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski at 786 5759. There are only two more runs scheduled prior to Confirmation at our parish. If anyone is hoping to earn service hours by volunteering with the run please keep this in mind.

Let us continue to prepare for His Coming this Advent.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am a Confirmation candidate at Immaculate Conception PREP and for my service, I have decided to do "24 Boxes for Christmas". I will be raising money by selling candy and collecting donations to fill shoe boxes with cookies, candy, hats, gloves, scarves and toiletries for those who are homebound or in need in our parish.

I am in need of your help! You may leave monetary contributions in the church vestibule in a jar that I have set up and I would also greatly appreciate donations of new hats, gloves, scarves, small snack size boxes of candy or cookies and toiletries.

Each box will be wrapped and sent with an anonymous Christmas card. Imagine the smiles.

Please give from your heart to your fellow parishioners in the spirit of Christmas. I have 21 days to reach my goal. Thank you so much!

**CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Calendar Raffles will be available for purchase at the Rectory. We depend heavily on this fundraiser to defray the costs of maintaining the Parish Religious Education building. Tickets are \$10.00 each, hold 120 opportunities to win cash prizes ranging from \$25.00 to \$100.00 over a period of four months. Raffles will be drawn daily from February 1, 2017 through May 31, 2017. These can be great teacher gifts, stocking stuffers or a Parish Lottery ticket to give to your family, friends and co-workers and our odds are better than the regular lottery! What a great way to spread our parish family

name! We thank you in advance for participating in our Religious Education fundraiser.

**FORMED**

Formed has now added a children's section for the Christmas Season. Check it out.

<p><b><u>DECEMBER 8TH</u></b> <b><u>FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION</u></b> <b><u>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</u></b> December 7<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m. Vigil December 8<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) 7:30 a.m. 12 Noon &amp; 7:30 p.m.</p>
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**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

Our Immaculate Conception Food Pantry is busy planning Christmas baskets. We are in need of turkeys, turkey breasts and roasting chickens as well as canned fruit, cake mixes and icings. **We will be distributing these Christmas baskets on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>** to our clients who have reserved one. **We will be closed on Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Turkeys can be dropped off at the rectory any weekday between 9:00 and 5:00 or any Friday at the food pantry between 2:30 and 5:30, no later than Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you so much.

A special thank you to the Girl Scouts of Troop 40240, our Religious education students and the students and teachers of Farley Elementary School who donated bags and boxes full of groceries! We are very grateful for your help.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 19TH**

On Monday, December 19th, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time for Confessions will be here from 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. and we do hope you will take advantage of the extra hours that are being available for the Sacrament and please pray that many will make themselves avail for the beautiful preparation for Christmas.

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS**  
**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**DECEMBER 11TH**

*Dear Friends in the Lord:*

*It's that special time of the year when we pause to give thanks to the Lord for the religious who have served and continue to serve the Church with much dedication and great distinction. Sunday, December 11th our parishes are conducting the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious that benefits some 34, 000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. As we reflect on the service of our women and men religious, we recall the words of Jesus in John's Gospel: "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will be servant be" (Jn 12:26). Through their prayer and works, religious can be found wherever Jesus is found - not just in our parishes, schools, and hospitals, but also in service to the poor, the lonely, and the oppressed. **Please be generous in this second collection.***

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

You will notice in your envelope sets that you receive for Advent and the Christmas season that there is an envelope marked Christmas Flowers, we do depend on your generosity to help us decorate the church in a beautiful way. **You may drop them in any collection between now and Christmas.**

**Christmas Choir**

If you are interested in singing for the Christmas season, please join us at choir rehearsal on Thursday evenings at 7:00 PM in the church, on Thursday's. Newcomers or experienced singers are welcome. Let's make our church music for the holidays very special and raise our voices in song.

**MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
**8:00 P.M.**

The Men's Club Christmas Dinner, will be held on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at Lynch's starting at 8:00 p.m. We will have a choice from 4 entrees, appetizers and a 3 hour open bar. All men of the Parish are invited to attend. Cost is \$40 per person. Please call Tom Robinson at 786-3005.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially:** Michael Costello, Lynn Westbrook, Michael Orapello, Rita Quirk, Ed & Ann Hanus, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Attracta Parks Pryor.

**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, DECEMBER 3RD**

- 8:30 Phil Laquidara Jr.  
(req. by Tom & Joyce Robinson)
- 5:30 **Vigil** Dec'd Members of The Keenan & Greene Family (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

- 7:30 **For the People of the Parish**
- 9:30 Rory & Tom McCann (req. by family)
- 11:30 Peter Devitt (req. by The Corcoran Family)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**

- 7:30 Anne Honan (req. by The Roche Family)
- 8:30 Fred Graziano  
(req. by Joseph & Madelaine Cavegn)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

- 8:30 Margueritte Cristantello (req. by Elliott)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

- 7:30 Pearl Harbor 1941  
(req. by A Grateful American)
- 8:30 Fred Graziano (req. by Linda Nelson)

**5:30 Vigil** James Torens Jr.

(req. by Mom, Dad & Family)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8TH (Holy Day)**

- 7:30 Edward Onderdonk (req. by The Roche Family)
- 12 Noon James G. Faherty III  
(req. by The Petruzzi Family)

- 7:30 p.m. Robert Wilson (req. by Simone Schassler)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

- 7:30 Pat Reilly (req. by The Roche Family)
- 8:30 Felix Laquidara (req. by Joe & Norma Rodriguez)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**

- 8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)

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

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH**

- 7:30 Horace & Mildred Degliantoni (req. by family)
- 9:30 Irene Mullins (req. by Elizabeth Stewart)
- 11:30 Joseph & Victoria Felice (req. by family)

*The flowers on the Altar this weekend are  
To Congratulate  
Pat & Jacqueline (Dee) Aquanno  
On their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
Donated by The Family*

**CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Immaculate Conception is once again sponsoring the Christmas Giving Tree to help needy families and individuals in our area. The Christmas Tree will be displayed with the tags in the vestibule of the Church. **Return the gift (s) and place it under the Giving tree no later than Monday, December 12th. This gives us sufficient time to get the gifts to the people before Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.**

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING  
DECEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup>**

It's time for our annual Christmas caroling. Come bring some joy to our church friends who are home bound this Christmas. We will meet outside the church **at 2pm on December 11th** and car pool to different houses. Please consider joining us as we bring joy to our church family and share the real meaning of Christmas. If you know of someone who could use a little cheering up or have any questions please contact Mandy at 845-642-2985.

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**Christmas Boutique!** Saturday, December 10. Albertus Magnus High School, located at 798 Route 304, Bardonia, NY. Visit with Santa. Have lunch, shop for all sorts of goodies! Clothes, crafts, items knitted, sewn, quilted, crocheted, painted! Christmas holiday ornaments woodworking, cosmetics, jams and jellies and so much more!. Free adult-supervised babysitting while you shop. \$3.00 donation admission. Children under 14 free. Vendor donated and 50/50 raffles. Shop her for unique gifts and items. For more information, contact us at [albertuschristmasboutique@gmail.com](mailto:albertuschristmasboutique@gmail.com)

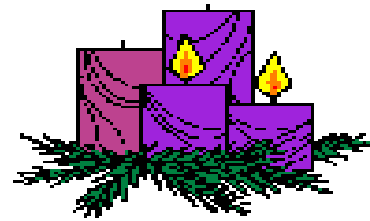
**St. Anthony's Cemetery** - is pleased to announce that our cemetery expansion is completed. We will begin selling pre-need graves on Monday December 5<sup>th</sup> – BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Appointments will only be taken over the phone starting December 1<sup>st</sup>. No Walk-Ins will be accepted. Contact the Cemetery office to schedule your appointment at 623-2138 Extension 7, Monday – Friday, during the

hours of 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**St. Gregory Barbarigo School Christmas Concert** – You are cordially invited to attend the Christmas Concert on Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. in the School Gymnasium. Please RSVP to the School Office at 947-1330. Thank you.

**National Night of Prayer Life** – Let us pray for our nation. The National Night of Prayer for Life on December 8 starting 9:00 p.m. with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to 1:00 a.m. Mass will be at midnight at St. Francis of Assisi on 128 Parrott Road in West Nyack, New York.

**The Catholic Widow and Widowers Club of Rockland County** will be meeting on Sunday December 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church.



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**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Collection November 28, 2016 was: \$8,582.50**  
**Collection November 27, 2015 was: \$8,576.00**  
  
**Collection November 21, 2016 was: \$8,224.50**  
**Collection November 22, 2015 was: \$6,778.00**  
  
**Collection for Human Dev. 2016 was: \$1,662**  
**Collection for Human Dev. 2015 was: \$1,571**  
  
**Parish Pay for the Month of October \$4,257**  
**Parish Pay for the Month of November \$4,443**

*Please remember Immaculate Conception Church in your will.*