

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week the archdiocese is holding once again its annual *Feeding Our Neighbors Food Drive*. Timothy Cardinal Dolan calls on non-Catholics and Catholics alike to feed our neighbors by replenishing food pantries and soup kitchens that so many families rely on to survive.

There is just one goal for Feeding Our Neighbors: to ensure that no hungry neighbor is turned away. In celebration of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York 100th Anniversary, they are committing to collection 2 million meals this year!

The importance of feeding the hungry is not lost on us here at Immaculate, with the success of our Parish Food Pantry from the generosity of you the parishioners. However, there is a beautiful union that will go on this coming week as we continue to run our pantry, we are united with every other parish who is collecting food. United as the family of the Church of New York this week, may all of us live out this vital Corporal Work of Mercy, 'When I was hungry, you gave me to eat. When I was thirsty, you gave me to drink'.

Next Sunday, please join us at our 9:30 am monthly Family Mass. Again, one of our school of religion classes will host us and the homily will be geared toward

the children of the parish. Our Parish Choir along with our newly formed Children's Choir will lead us in song. Afterward, please join us in the School Auditorium for our monthly Hospitality Sunday.

We are blessed to have a vibrant Scouting program for our young parishioners here at Immaculate. Brownies, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts that are a sign to us of an active group of 'next generation' parishioners. The Boy Scouts of America annually celebrates its founding on February 8, 1910. Scout Sunday is celebrated the Sunday before that founding day. I am very proud to announce that the Hudson Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America has asked that our parish host this annual mass. Next Sunday, February 5th there will be a special 1:30 mass celebrated. I am honored to have been asked to be the celebrant. As I have mentioned many times, my years of scouting was a major part of the formation of my faith growing up. My Scoutmaster was a Deacon in the church that sponsored my old troop and he constantly instilled in all of us 'a scout is reverent'. What a joyful surprise to see him and his wife at my Silver Anniversary last Spring.

May we continue to pray for our Scouts and the good that they do for our community.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

**CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Calendar Raffles are 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, and holds 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. RAFFLE TICKETS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, JANUARY 31<sup>ST</sup>.** What a great way to spread our parish family name! We thank you in advance for participating in our Religious Education fundraiser.

**MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS**

**A Reminder for Parents of First Communion and Confirmation Candidates:** Please remember to use your Mass attendance cards weekly. When attending Mass at Immaculate Conception, you may turn in a card to the priest or deacon after Mass. Do not turn it into an usher or place it in the collection basket. Make sure your child's name and grade are on it. When attending Mass elsewhere, you may ask the priest or deacon to sign their

parish bulletin and then add your child's name and grade before turning it in at your child's next class.

**COVE CHURCH – WINTER TIME**

After consultation with the congregation of the Sunday morning Cove Church mass a few weeks ago, it has been decided to do away with the often confusing guideline to move the Cove Church mass to Stony Point. The new policy is simple... if there is uncertainty, parishioners are asked to go to the parish website **IMMACULATESP.ORG**. An announcement will be posted on the main home page that will be seen as soon as the website loads up. Only in the event of mass moving to Stony Point will an announcement be posted.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 5TH**

Hospitality Sunday will be held next **Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>**, **after the 9:30 Mass**. Please stop by and join us for refreshments in our School Auditorium.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY,**  
**FEBRUARY 3RD**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:30 a.m. Mass **on Friday, February 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. **We are in need of volunteers; please call Jane Hylas 786-5904.**

**FEAST OF ST. BLAISE**  
**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD**

The traditional date in which we receive the Blessing of Throats – **on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 7:30 a.m. and 8:30 a.m. Mass.**

*Through The Intercession of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness; In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

**PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION**  
**NEXT WEEKEND**  
**FEBRUARY 5TH**

The Peter's Pence Collection helps support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Be a pilgrim of charity - **please be generous in next week's Second Collection.**

**SUPERBOWL SUNDAY WITH THE**  
**MEN'S CLUB**  
**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH**

Come up and watch the game with the Men's Club. There is always plenty of food, refreshments and fun. The doors open at 4:30 PM. Cost \$20 for adults, kids free. Call Tom Robinson, 786-3005

*The Flowers This Week are  
In Loving Memory of  
Cosimo Corvasce  
Donated by family*

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Warren Sayre, Sr., Ed & Ann Hanus, Michael Costello, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan.

**Our recently deceased: Joseph A. Cofino**

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, JANUARY 28TH**

8:30 Gino Baez (req. by The Rodriguez Family)

5:30 Vigil Evelyn Mariani (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH**7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 John, Eileen, &amp; Mary Ann Corry (req. by family)

11:30 James Faherty III (req. by family)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 30TH**7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Mary &amp; Frank Sullivan (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 31ST**

8:30 Larry Letizia (req. by Kevin McMenamin)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST**7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Cosimo Corvasce (req. by family)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**

8:30 Robert Coley (req. by Cousin)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD**7:30 *Intention Available*8:30 *Intention Available***SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH**

8:30 Anton Ljuljic (req. by The Nicks Family)

5:30 Vigil Peter Greene, Jr. (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH**7:30 *Intention Available*9:30 *For the People of the Parish*

11:30 Nicolina Giordano

(req. by John &amp; Judi Pidgeon)

**FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS**  
**SUNDAY JANUARY 29<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH**  
**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**DONATE MONEY**  
**GIVE FOOD**  
**RAISE AWARENESS**

An Archdiocesan - Wide Drive to Replenish Dwindling Food Pantries **Sunday, January 29th through Sunday, February 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2017**

Nearly 325,000 children have difficulty affording food, that's 22% of children in the 10 counties of the Archdiocese. Do your part to make sure no hungry neighbor is turned away from Sunday, January 29<sup>TH</sup> through Sunday, February 5<sup>TH</sup> for the Feeding Our neighbors Campaign.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

The date for the next Baptism Class is: **February 27<sup>th</sup>**. The **Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.**

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The dates for our next Baptisms are: **February 5<sup>th</sup> and February 19<sup>th</sup>**. We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) before the date to make an appointment. We ask you to please attend the class a month prior to your child's Baptism in order to facilitate record keeping; and also to have, by the time the class is given, your child's Birth Certificate and Sponsor Certificates from the Parishes where the Sponsors themselves worship at the present time. We thank you for your help and cooperation and pray for the newborn children who will be Baptized in our Parish in these coming months.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

For the month of January, we will be collection canned fruit and juices. If you are able to contribute, please leave your donation in the food bin in the vestibule of the church., Once again, thank you for your amazing generosity! Best wishes for a wonderful new year from al the staff at the food pantry.

**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.

**TAX INFORMATION - 2016**

If any parishioners require a contribution statement for income tax returns, please contact the rectory Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 786-2742.

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**Adoption** – Baby Girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. Older parents welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at 623-5277.

**Albertus Magnus High School** – will be celebrating their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. A Mass and Reception to commemorate the occasion will be held at Albertus Magnus Gym on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. with a reception in the Rotunda immediately following Mass. A 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pearl River Hilton. Details and Registration are available on [www.albertusmagnus.net](http://www.albertusmagnus.net), under ALUMNI, Special Events or by contacting the AM Development Office at 623-8842, extension 229.

**Don Bosco Prep To Host  
7th Collegiate A Cappella Sing-  
Off on February 4**

Don Bosco Prep presents a collegiate *A Cappella* Sing-Off concert on Saturday evening, February 4, at 7:30pm featuring Fairfield University's *Bensonians*, Ramapo College's *4Gotten SuitCase*, Marist College's *Time Check*, Seton Hall University's *Seton Notes*, and Villanova University's *Minor Problem*. Tickets are \$15, and may be purchased by contacting Toni Bilotti Cecere at [tcecere@donboscoprep.org](mailto:tcecere@donboscoprep.org) or calling (201) 327-6457. Don Bosco Prep is located at 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, New Jersey 07446. The concert will be held in De Sales Hall Auditorium. (Snow date: Sunday, February 5, at 1:00pm.)

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Sunday Collection Jan. 22, 2017 was: \$8,049**  
**Sunday Collection Jan. 24, 2016 was: \$4,248**

*Please remember Immaculate Conception Church  
in your will.*