

Dear Friends in Christ,

Four months ago, we were introduced to a new program that has been provided to all parishes of the Archdiocese. The program is a website and it is called FORMED. For the next eight 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. Sadly, only seventeen families from the parish have taken advantage of this program. FORMED 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, 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.

May I draw your attention to two items in the vestibule of our church. The new Vocation Poster is posted that include pictures of every seminarian who are presently in our college and major seminary. If you have a moment, please take a look. If you like, you may pick one of the seminarians on the poster and offer a daily pray for them! Secondly, there are still some names of our eight graders who are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation this coming fall. If you can, please take a name off the banner and commit to offering a daily prayer for that student.

Starting next week, as was done last year, I will include a weekly update to all of you regarding the number of and amount of money collected from our parish for the Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

- 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.** 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.

MIDNIGHT RUN

SUNDAY MORNING FEBRUARY 12TH

The next run is scheduled as a Breakfast Run on Sunday morning, February 12. We will plan on preparing for the run on Saturday morning, Feb 11 at 10 AM in the Parish Center. Anyone interested in helping prepare the hot breakfast is asked to please contact Deacon John. For the run, we will plan to depart the church parking lot by 6:45 AM Sunday morning. We should return in time for the 11:30 Mass. Any donations of men's coats and/or pants would be greatly appreciated. As always, sack lunches are very much appreciated. To volunteer in any way or for more information about the run, please contact either Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski at 845 786 5759. This is the next to last run to be scheduled before Confirmation. If service hours are needed, this is a great opportunity to earn them.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

THIS 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 this week's Second Collection.**

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who contributed cans of fruit during the month of January. For the month of **February** we will continue to collect cans of fruit. In order to meet state guidelines, we distribute over 200 cans of fruit weekly to our food pantry client guests! For this reason, we seem to run out of this item very quickly! Your generosity is a huge help!

A special thank you to the members of our Wayne Hose Fire Company for their very generous donation. We are very grateful!

“A SCOUT IS REVERENT”

The Boy Scouts Association Troop 61 is proud and honored to be hosting this year’s Annual Rockland County Scout Sunday Mass at its charter organization Immaculate Conception Parish. Over the past three years, under the direction of Mr. Salvatore Castronovo, Troop 61 Chaplain, approximately 25 scouts have completed the religious emblem programs for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius X11. All scouts receive their medals at the Annual Emblem Sunday Celebration mass held at St. Patrick’s Cathedral. . Each year Troop 61 continues to see an increase in the number of scouts participating in these programs. It is a blessing to see how scouting has helped today’s young men stay connected with their faith.

ANNOUNCED MASSES

We call to your attention that scheduled Parish Masses are available almost immediately if you wish to have a relative or loved one remembered upon death or just to pray for their good health and recovery from illness. You can contact the Rectory at anytime during office hours. You can have a Mass offered for a loved one. It is also a beautiful way to remember someone at a wake for the family.

DINE TO DONATE
FUNDRAISER

Anthony Rao, parishioner and Life Scout from Troop 61 will be having a Dine to Donate fundraiser at Lynch's Restaurant located at [79 S. Liberty Dr. Stony Point on Thursday, February 23, 2017](#). Please come enjoy a delicious meal anytime during the day and evening to help support Anthony's project which is to set up a collection bin at the Stony Point Little League Fields to collect slightly used sports equipment to donate to needy children. Thank you for your support.

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: John Denman.

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, 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 Susan Coyle (req. by family)

9:30 *For the People of the Parish*

11:30 Nicolina Giordano

(req. by John & Judi Pidgeon)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH

7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Patrick J. Devlin (req. by family)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

8:30 Mary & John Dolan

(req. by The Keenan Family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

7:30 Kevin McDermott (req. by family)

8:30 Anna Ferro (req. by The Mangialardi Family)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

8:30 Dorothy Donato (req. by family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Eddie Bouer (req. by Cousin)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

8:30 Anton Ljuljic (req. by The I. C. Men’s Club)

5:30 **Vigil** Victor Mariani (req. by family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

7:30 Joseph LoScalzo (req. by Lynn & Jim Greene)

9:30 Bernard & Mary Martin

(req. by Pat & John Ryan)

11:30 *For the People of the Parish*

BAPTISM CLASS

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

BAPTISM

The date for our next Baptism is: and February 19th. 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.

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.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
2/1	\$100	579	Michele Woods
2/2	\$ 25	054	Chelsea & Aaron Adams
2/3	\$ 50	1721	Natalie Grall
2/4	\$ 25	956	Jim & Donna Moran
2/5	\$ 75	757	Al Gadry
2/6	\$150	1083	Hudchester & Erysthee
2/7	\$ 25	1364	Charlotte Fagelman

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2017 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Sunday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Rectory for registration **The closing date to register for the Mass is Friday, May 12th, 2017.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Resect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

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

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

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 February 21st. 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.

The Rachel Ministry - is confidential and free help for those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth. The help takes place every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Shrine. For more information e-mail Rachel Minister1@aol.com or call 492-6709. **The next meeting will be on February 20th at 7:00 p.m.**

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Sunday Collection Jan. 29, 2017 was: \$9,138

Sunday Collection Jan. 24, 2016 was: \$7,890

Parish Pay for the Month of Jan was: \$5,896.00

Please remember Immaculate Conception Church in your will.