

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

"O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you."

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SERVED BY

Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris----- *Pastor*
Deacon Philip Marino
Deacon John Sadowski
Rev. Msgr. William J. Foley ----- *Pastor Emeritus*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday | Main Church in Stony Point

Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass -----5:30 PM
Sunday Morning-----9:30 and 11:30 PM

Sunday | Church in Tomkins Cove

Sunday Morning----- 7:30 AM

Weekday

Monday thru Friday ----- 7:30 AM
Saturday----- 8:30 AM

Holy Days of Obligation: Consult bulletin for mass times.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Recited daily after the 7:30 AM Mass

Novena: Monday after the 7:30 AM Mass the Miraculous Medal Novena is prayed.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Confessions are heard on Saturday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 PM and anytime upon reasonable request.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: First & Third Sundays at 1:00 PM. Expectant parents may contact the Rectory Office to arrange for the baptism seminar class on the fourth Monday of every month. The class is held in the Rectory, at 7:30 PM. Adults are baptized and confirmed at the Easter Vigil after completing the stages of the Rite of Christian Initiation.

RCIA – Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults: A process for those who wish to enter the Catholic Faith, or for present Catholic individuals who after being baptized may need to receive the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Confirmation. For more information, please call the Rectory Office.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Since Catholic marriage requires a time of preparation, arrangements should begin *at least six months* before the proposed date of the wedding to allow for the Marriage Preparation Program and Natural Family Planning (NFP). It is required that either the bride or groom must be a registered and practicing member of Immaculate Conception Church.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: If you are planning to enter the hospital for surgery, experiencing a prolonged or serious illness, or are very weak due to advancement of age, please call the Parish Rectory to arrange for the sacraments of reconciliation, communion and anointing at home. Communal anointing of the sick is celebrated at mass during the Advent and Lenten seasons. Please notify us of any hospitalization so that we may be of assistance.

WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS: The Immaculate Conception community warmly welcomes you! Please introduce yourself to the celebrant of the mass you are attending as you leave the church so that, on behalf of the entire community you may be welcomed. You can register at the Parish Rectory and receive any information needed from the office receptionist. Kindly notify us of any change of address.

RECTORY OFFICE

786-2742 | 942-2614 fax
r547@archny.org

Margie Celenza
Parish Secretary

Monday thru Friday:

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM;
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Lynne DeVuono, *Coordinator*
Immaculate.prep@yahoo.com

24 East Main Street
Stony Point, NY 10980
786-5298 | 786-3416 fax

Monday thru Thursdays:

9:00 AM to 5:00 PM

MISSION STATEMENT: *Immaculate Conception Parish is a Christian community of disciples in the Roman Catholic tradition, called by Jesus, united in Eucharistic worship and growing in faith, hope and love. Nourished through the sacraments and strengthened by God's transforming love, we are empowered to know the gospel message and to witness to others. As Christian stewards, we are thankful for God's many gifts and we commit ourselves to share our time, talent and treasure in Christ-like service within our parish community and beyond. We seek God's blessing and guidance to be faithful to this mission.*



Dear Friends in Christ,

This past Monday morning, Fr. John was picked up at the rectory and officially left us. The rectory is a quieter place these few days now that he is gone. Now the 9-month countdown begins for his return to us in June!

This weekend there is a special collection to help defray the cost of the restoration of our church bell. Thank you all for the comments many of you have shared leaving mass these past two weekends. Thank you also for your generosity in advance to this collection.

On Friday, the 22nd our 9th grade Confirmandi attended their Confirmation Retreat. May I ask that we all keep these students in our prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, October 7th.

All Pastors received a letter from the Cardinal thanking us all for the collection for Hurricane Harvey. In that letter, he is asking for our assistance for the victims of

Hurricane Irma. In response to the Cardinal's request, we will have a second collection in two weeks, on October 7-8th for the victims of Hurricane Irma.

As I write my remarks, Hurricane Maria is bashing against Puerto Rico. It is the day after the 7.1 earthquake that struck Mexico City. The news this morning is hard to hear about the victims of the earthquake, especially many young innocent ones found in a collapsed school. By the time you are reading these remarks, I am sure we have heard more saddened news. I am also sure we once again witnessed communities and people running to the aid of those who have been affected. Once again, we see the goodness of humanity respond. For that we give thanks and glory to God.

May we too always respond to one another with that same compassion and love of Christ.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

Religious Education

For the **8th Grade students who will be receiving Confirmation in 2018:**

Spirit Day is Saturday, October 21 at St. Catharine's in Blauvelt. After my meeting on Wednesday, September 27th, I will have all of the particulars, but I am assuming that we will be meeting at St. Peter/St. Mary in Haverstraw at 8:00 am to get on the buses. I will email you when I get all the details and I will also post it in the Bulletin.

For the **9th Grade Confirmandi:**

September 30, 2017:
Interviews at the Rectory.

October 4th:
Confirmation rehearsal in church at 7:00 pm followed by Confession.

October 7:
Confirmation at 2:00.
Meet in the school at 1:00 to meet personally with Bishop Lagonegro with your sponsor.

ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY
SECOND COLLECTION
WEEKEND OF
SEPTEMBER 30TH/OCTOBER 1ST
There will be a Second Collection on the Weekend of September 30th/October 1st 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.***

ROCKLAND COUNTY
LIFE CHAIN
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST
NANUET 2:00 – 3:30 P.M.
Please join the Rockland County Life Chain on Respect Life Sunday, October 1st 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 Life THE FIRST INALIENABLE RIGHT!**

**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING &
SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15TH**

11:30 a.m. MASS

This event is sponsored by the Family Life/Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York. **Our Parish is celebrating the Anniversaries for the 25th & 50th on Sunday OCTOBER 15TH, DURING THE 11:30 A.M. Mass followed by a reception. Please call the rectory to register. Thank You.**

MIDNIGHT RUN

Our next run is scheduled for Saturday Night, September 30. We will meet on Friday evening, September 29 at 7 PM in the Sr Casserly Center to sort and pack and prepare for the run. As in the past, all help is greatly appreciated, either to prepare or participate on the run. Donations of sack lunches and bottled water are most helpful and greatly appreciated by our brothers and sisters on the streets. Because of the great generosity of our community, sorting on Friday evening will need lots of help. For the run on Saturday, we will meet in the parking lot at 8:30 PM, and should return to Stony Point between 1 and 2 AM Sunday morning. This is a wonderful opportunity to earn service hours and minister to the less fortunate on the streets in Manhattan. And just one reminder, please limit donations to serviceable, adult clothing – jackets, pants, shirts, etc. Children's clothing and toys should be brought to local drop boxes or thrift shops. For any information about the run or to volunteer in any way, please call Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786 5759.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH 12 NOON

On Saturday, September 30th 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.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Ed & Ann Hanus, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Charlotte Lia, and Jaxon Waller.

Our recently deceased: Antoinette Scherman.

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 23RD

8:30 Carolyn Sullivan

(req. by Margaret Sullivan & Family)

5:30 Vigil Josephine Accurso (req. by family)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Terri Crawford (req. by family)

11:30 Isabelle & James Crosbie (req. by family)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH

7:30 Mark J. Jones (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Eleanor Stierle

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH

7:30 Cosimo Corvasce (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Christopher Kiel Griffin

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH

7:30 Felix Baez (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

9:00 (SGB) Michael Fahy

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH

7:30 Francis E. Borphy (req. by The Sullivan Family)

9:00 (SGB) The People of St. Gregory Barbarigo

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29TH

7:30 Thomas Pidgeon (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

9:00 (SGB) Chaeko M. Mani

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH

8:30 Dec'd Members of the DiGasbarro Family

(req. by family)

5:30 Vigil Michael Leach (req. by family)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Mary O'Connell (req. by family)

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

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
FOOD PANTRY FUND RAISER
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH**

**Golf Outing at Phillip Rotella Golf Course, Thiells
Mt Ivy Road, Thiells**

8:00 a.m. to 9:00 - Registration, Continental Breakfast, sleeve of golf balls & golf towel

9:00 a.m. – Shotgun start, box lunch and beverage on the turn.

2:00 Prizes: closest to the pin, Long Drives, Low Team Awards

Scramble format to keep things fun. **Only \$105/per person**

If interested, contact Steve McCready (call or text at (845) 590-0217 as early as possible so I can order the golf towels. Thank You.

**MEN'S CLUB FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH**

Men's Club Flea Market will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30th in Tractor Supply parking lot. We would appreciate if you have items to donate, please bring them to the parking lot the day of the flea market.

**MEN'S CLUB ROAST BEEF DINNER
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH**

Men's Club Roast Beef Dinner will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14th in the school hall after the 5:30 Mass.

We will be serving expertly cooked roast beef, oven roasted potatoes, green beans and our world famous gravy, Cost: Adults, \$15, Seniors and Children over 12, \$12 and Children 6-12, \$6. To reserve a table of 6 or more, call Tom Robinson, 786-3005. Please bring a food item for our food pantry.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the month of September, the Food Pantry will be collecting **canned tuna fish and canned chicken.**

A special thank you to our Immaculate Conception Men's Club! They donated a very generous check to our food pantry because of the proceeds they raised from the corn hole game played at our fabulous parish picnic last Saturday. The money will be used to purchase food for the more than 700 clients that come to us each month. Men's Club, you are awesome! We are so grateful for your help and support!

Christ Life Series

Please join us for an Information night on **Wednesday, September 27 at 7pm** in the School gym to be part of equipping and implementing the Christ Life Series here at Immaculate Conception. This evangelical program fosters the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ and shows how it can be applied in our everyday life. Meet with fellow parishioners from our North Rockland Cluster, St. Peter/St. Mary and St. Gregory to make this inspiring program come alive.

NEWS OF INTEREST

A Rummage Sale – sponsored by the Blessed Mother Sodality of St. Anthony's Church in Nanuet will be held from 2 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 21st and from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Sunday October 22nd in the St. Anthony's School Cafeteria. A bake sale will be held. Any questions, please contact Diane Hennessy 623-3939.

Villa St. Francis, Peekskill, an independent living residence for women, is offering an end of the year promotion and savings of \$5,000 to new residents. Villa St. Francis overlooks the scenic Hudson River and offers many amenities, including all meals, **housekeeping**, activities and much more. Please call Catherine for more information at 914-737-4244.

Piano Lessons – Given by a Dominican Sister, living in Garnerville. If interested call Sister Diane Dupee at 947-8306.

Stony Point, Apartment for Rent – 1 Bedroom Kitchen, Bathroom, Laundry Room. Please call (201) 776-2558.

Banns Of Marriage

Adriana Nicoletti & Steven Gizzi II

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for Sept. 17, 2017 was: \$ 6,965
Collection for Sept. 12, 2016 was: \$ 6,592

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT**