

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to share with so many of you the joy myself and the very large congregation at last Sunday's Family Mass experienced. It was a celebration of faith filled with joy and happiness. Our eighth graders read and brought up the gifts. The eighth graders also took part in the Enrollment Ceremony where they formally become candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation. A nice surprise for the congregation was the first time this school year that our Children's Choir who sang after the reception of Holy Communion. For the last three or four weeks, they have practiced on Thursdays, what a joy to have the children sing. I was told that more tables had to be put out to accommodate all of you who joined us after mass for hospitality. Again, a beautiful Sunday Breakfast was had by all!

Thank you to our cooks and the Hospitality Committee for such a beautiful breakfast and gathering.

Our next Family Mass will be **on December 3rd**, at 9:30 a.m. followed by Hospitality Sunday in the Parish Auditorium.

Please be mindful that next Sunday, we are holding our annual Parish Blood Drive from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm in the Parish Auditorium. Even if you haven't signed up for a time slot, you are welcome to just show up. In giving blood, we are truly giving life!

This past Friday, November 10th our country celebrated Veterans Day. As I have shared with you all in the past, I am the proud son of a Korean War Veteran, who served in the Air Force. We remember all our brave men and women who served our country. We give glory and thanks to God that you have all returned to family and loved ones. As a country, may we never fail to show gratitude and respect for the sacrifices so many of you made. In this month of All Souls, we remember our veterans who, like my father, are no longer with us. May God have mercy on their souls.

As we remember fondly our loved ones this Month of All Souls, may they, through the mercy of God, rest in eternal peace.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

It was at last Sunday's 9:30 mass that I really experienced the Immaculate family community in action.

We had Father DeGaris prepare our feast with Deacon Sadowski assisting him, Deacon Marino reading the gospel and explaining it to us, especially to our younger parishioners, an adorable children's choir making their first yearly debut to entertains us with song, our 8th year students, along with their sponsors, families and catechists, announcing their commitment to seek and follow the Holy Spirit as they were officially enrolled as Confirmation candidates and we received the Eucharist together as one Body in Christ. Let's not forget to mention the wonderful hot breakfast that awaited us in the gym by our Hospitality volunteers. This is truly what blessings are all about!

Mass attendance cards have been sent home for the 2nd and 8th year students. Please make sure that you bring one with you on Sunday to have signed when you come to mass. If you are attending another parish on Sunday, please get a copy of that parish's bulletin signed by either the priest or deacon. Thanks for your cooperation.

Heads up.....Our yearly Calendar Raffle will be available on November 28!!!

FAMILY CATECHESIS will be held on Tuesday, November 14 and Thursday, November 16. It will start at 6:00 on both days. Please mark your calendar to come to either the Tuesday or Thursday evening presentation. If you bring your child to one of the Tuesday programs and cannot attend on November 14, please come on November 16. For our first program, we are asking each family to bring a dinner that they are grateful for to share with others. We will provide the dishes, cutlery, napkins, cups, coffee, tea and water. Just a reminder: The two Family Catechesis programs are mandated by the Archdiocese of New York and are therefore mandatory in our program. A reminder email will be sent home to the families.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES CAMPAIGN
FOR CHARITY & JUSTICE
NOVEMBER 19TH

Next Sunday, November 19th there will be a Second Collection for Catholic Charities Campaign for Charity & Justice. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH 8:30 P.M.

Men's Club meeting, Friday, Nov. 17th at 8:30 PM, in Fr. Keenan Hall. We will be planning the Christmas Dinner, Superbowl and the Polar Plunge.

All men of the Parish are invited to attend. As always, bring a friend.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the months of November and December, our food pantry will be collecting canned yams/sweet potatoes, stuffing mix, turkey gravy, and corn muffin mixes. Your donation can be left in the bin in the vestibule of the church. Thank you so much for your generosity.

We will also be collecting turkeys and roasting chickens. Please drop off these donations to the rectory Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or to the food pantry on Fridays between 2:30 and 6:00. **We will be distributing**

Thanksgiving bags on Friday, November 17th.

This year, we are anticipating over 100 families will come to us for help. We are very grateful for your continued support!

THANKSGIVING MORNING MASS

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD

AT 9:00 A.M.

Parish Mass of Thanksgiving (the only Mass that day), with music that will help us to place ourselves into the presence of God on this national day of Thanksgiving. Perhaps it is appropriate as we are going through an economic crisis to remind us of all we do have, that we should give thanks for even in the midst of the crisis that so many of us and our families are facing. We do encourage you to be with us that day. We would like to continue the tradition we started a couple of years ago **of bringing an item of food from your own dinner table to be blessed at the Mass.** We will join together as God's family in church and then have the item blessed and then go to our own family's celebration. We will mention this again in the coming weeks. There is a beautiful blessing in the "Book of Blessings" that we use in our ceremony.

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, Martin Fressle, and Jaxon Waller.

Our recently deceased: Anna Marie D'Onofrio, Mark Dinan and Christopher Martino.

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, NOVEMBER 11TH

8:30 Mary Gaynor (req. by family)

5:30 Vigil Kathleen Javenes (req. by family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Dec'd Members of the I.C. Men's Club
(req. by the Men's Club)

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

7:30 Andrew Joseph Hull (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) The People of Saint Gregory Barbarigo

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH

7:30 Michael Costello (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Daniel O'Brien

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH

7:30 Neal Cassioppoli (req. by Bea & Marty Sasin)

9:00 (SGB) Timothy Patrick Campbell

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH

7:30 Eileen & Andy Kane (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Gerald D'Amato

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

7:30 Mary & Michael Costello (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Matthew Roff

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)

5:30 Vigil John Joseph Rezman (req. by family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 Robert Murphy (req. by family)

11:30 Richard Mazzaferro (req. by family)

**PARISH PAY
HAS BEEN TRANSITIONED TO
"WE SHARE"**

"Parish Pay" has been transitioned to "We Share". We are asking all the Parishioners who are currently using Parish Pay to please call: **1-800-950-9952** to update your information. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

*The flowers this week
are in loving memory of
Andrew Joseph Hull
donated by the family
and*

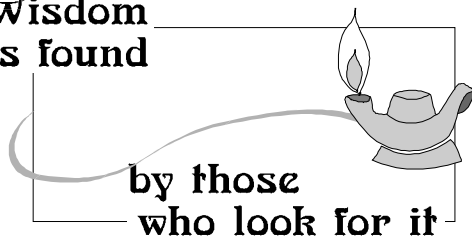
*Kathleen Javenes
donated by the family*

MIDNIGHT RUN

The generosity of many people has resulted in the storage room overflowing with donations of clothing and other items. Volunteers are needed for the work on Friday evening November 17, preparing for the run on the following night. Items will be sorted and packed to be ready for the distribution on the run. **We will meet on Friday evening, November 17 at 7 PM in the Sr Casserly Center, located behind the Main Church.**

For the run, sack lunches and bottled water will be needed. **On Saturday, November 18, we will meet in the Church parking lot at 8:30 PM to load the clothing, food and other items.** We hope to depart around 9 PM and return to Stony Point on Sunday morning around 1:30 AM. For more information about the run or to volunteer in any way, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski at 786 5759. Thank you.

**Wisdom
is found**



**by those
who look for it**

**OUR ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY,
NOVEMBER 19TH**

Our Annual Parish Blood Drive will be held next **Sunday, November 19th** in the auditorium of the Parish Center from 8:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The blood supply is low and the demand is great, especially during the holiday time. Please set this date aside and plan on donating blood, the gift of life, that day. Please bring photo ID and your Social Security number. Please eat breakfast and make sure you are hydrated. If there is anyone who would like to volunteer to help that day, please call Joyce Castronovo at (914) 645-1411. Thank you.

NEWS OF INTEREST

St. Paul – St. Ann – will host a Hometown Christmas Boutique and Craft Fair on December 2nd from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Over 30 Vendors to choose from. Sponsored by The Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Mary Help of Christians #2571.

Marydell – we invite you to Marydell, 640 North Midland Avenue, Nyack, NY on Saturday, December 2nd to celebrate the tree of peace and light service at 4:00 p.m.

The Catholic Widow & Widowers Club of Rockland County - will be meeting on November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at 1 Squadron Blvd. Office, (Opposite New City Library Parking Lot), New City. Dessert and coffee will be served. New members/Guests are welcome. For more information, call Janet at (914) 661-8599.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for Nov. 5, 2017 was: \$ 8,861

Collection for Nov. 7, 2016 was: \$ 9,471

Nov. 1st (All Saints Day) 2017 was: \$1,498

Nov. 1st (All Saints Day) 2016 was: \$1,539

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED
SUPPORT**