

Dear Friends in Christ,

Today is the last Sunday of the liturgical year in which the church celebrates the Solemnity of Christ the King. This Holy Day of Christ the King expresses the all-embracing authority of Christ as King and Lord of the Universe. This feast helps us to look towards our future, and our ultimate future is when Jesus will return in glory for the final judgment each of us will one day receive. This Solemnity is a newer feast in the Catholic Church. The feast of Jesus Christ, the King of the Universe was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and is observed on the Last Sunday of the liturgical year as it helps us to meditate on Christ the King and Lord and also on the Second and Final Coming of Christ, which we will meditate on next month in the Season of Advent.

With the end of any year, it is common for us to look back on the last twelve months of our lives and see that each of us have grown by way of faith. Our

parish community continues to grow in faith and strength. For me, I look back on this year and give glory to God that I have formally been named your Pastor. I do look forward to the coming years where I know that we as a family of faith will continue to flourish in the graces God will bestow upon us.

Next week's bulletin will contain a "State of the Parish" report where all parishioners will be informed about the spiritual activities of our parish this past year and where we stand financially as of August 31, 2017.

As we begin the Advent Season next weekend, may all of us take time in the coming four weeks to ready ourselves for the coming of Christ.

May God continue to bless us with his Divine Mercy,

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Thanksgiving was alive and well at Immaculate Conception PREP at our Family Programs on November 14 and 16.

It never ceases to amaze me how generous and encouraging our PREP families are!

As the holidays approach, if you are planning on asking someone to be a Confirmation Sponsor, now is the time to give the person the form to submit to their parish. Sponsor forms are due on January 9, 2018. If you cannot locate the Sponsor Document that was given out at the Confirmation meeting, you may download it from the Religious Education link on the parish website.

**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!!!**

**The first grade will be hosting the December 3rd Family Mass at 9:30 a.m.** Please join the first grade in welcoming the Advent Season at Immaculate Conception Church and enjoy breakfast immediately following the mass in the gym.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Hospitality Sunday will be held next **Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 9:30 Mass.** Please stop by and enjoy a wonderful breakfast. in our School Auditorium.

**PARISH PAY**  
**HAS BEEN TRANSITIONED TO**  
**"WE SHARE" A PART OF L.P.I.**

"Parish Pay" has been transitioned to "We Share". We are asking all the Parishioners who are currently using Parish Pay to contact "We Share" a unit of LPI, please dial **1 800-950-9922** to join or update your information. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

**DECEMBER 8TH**

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

December 7<sup>th</sup> (Thursday)  
 5:30 p.m. Vigil

December 8th (Friday)  
 7:30 a.m. & 12 Noon

**RETIRED RELIGIOUS**  
**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**DECEMBER 10TH**

*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 10th 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.*

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION**  
**MONDAY DECEMBER 18TH**

On Monday, December 18th, we will celebrate our Advent Reconciliation Monday. The time for Confessions will be here from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 – 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.

**FOOD PANTRY**  
**NEWS**

Our Immaculate Conception Food Pantry is now busy planning for Christmas. We are in need of turkeys, hams and roasting chickens, as well as canned sweet potatoes, turkey gravy, cake mixes and icings. We will be distributing Christmas bags **on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>** to our clients who have reserved one. Meat 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 6:00. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

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

**Our recently deceased:.** Ann Hanus, Frank Farina and Conrad Lierena..

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 25TH**

8:30 Lina Giulia & Fina Trulli (req. by family)  
 5:30 Vigil Dec'd Members of the Dolan Family  
 (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH**

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*  
 9:30 The Hofer family (req. by family)  
 11:30 John & Mary Ryan (req. by family)

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH**

7:30 Antoinette Scherman  
 (req. by The Juliano Family)  
 9:00 (SGB) The People of Saint Gregory Barbarigo

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28TH**

7:30 Francis A. Brophy  
 (req. by The Sullivan Family)  
 9:00 (SGB) Intentions of Alice & Denny Martin

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**

7:30 Kathleen Javenes (req. by family)  
 9:00 (SGB) Peggy O'Brien

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH**

7:30 Antoinette Scherman  
 (req. by The Sullivan Family)  
 9:00 (SGB) John & Charles Mallon

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST**

7:30 Fr. John Crowley (req. by The Monaghan Family)  
 9:00 (SGB) Rose Evanko

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2ND**

8:30 Robert Bogert (req. by Anne & Warren Sayre)  
 5:30 Vigil Owen Kelly (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD**

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*  
 9:30 Marguerite Cristantello (req. by Elliot)  
 11:30 Marguerite Cristantello (req. by Elliot)

**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 Thursday, December 14th. This gives us sufficient time to get the gifts to the people before Christmas. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Please bring any gift cards to the Rectory. Thank you. (Please attach the original tag from the tree onto the gift). It is most helpful.**

**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, beginning on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. Newcomers or experienced singers are welcome. Let's make our church music for the holidays very special and raise our voices in song.

**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.**

*The flowers this week  
are in loving memory of  
George P. McGuire  
donated by the family*

**COVE CHURCH – WINTER TIME**

After consultation with the congregation of the Sunday morning Cove Church mass, 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.

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**St. Paul – St. Ann** – will host a Hometown Christmas Boutique and Craft Fair on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> to celebrate the tree of peace and light service at 4:00 p.m. All are invited to attend. All proceeds from the Tree of Peace and Light will benefit Marydell Faith and Life Center.

**Free Concert for Life** – The annual free Concert for Life to benefit the moms and babies at Good Counsel Home, Spring Valley, will be on Saturday, Dec. 9, at 2 pm at the Marian Shrine, 174 Filors Lane, Stony Point. Come and enjoy the music performed by pianist Michael Fennelly and soprano Megan Weston, The No Boundaries praise & worship musical group, the St. Joseph's High School Broadway Theater Workshop, and others. This year's honoree is Liz O'Brien, chair of the Rockland Right to Life Committee. Refreshments afterwards. A free-will donation will be suggested during the concert. To take an ad in the journal, call 845-492-6709.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Due to the Holiday the Bulletin had to be sent early. The Collection will be reported in next week's Bulletin. Thank You.**

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**

I will find you...  
I will heal you...  
I will strengthen you...

