

Dear Friends in Christ,

Over the last few weekends much work has been done outside our main church property. As you remember, in the late summer the over grown holly trees were removed. Most recently new mulch and a bulletin board was installed. This board will become an information area about any activity that is going on or soon to happen. All this work has been done by members of our Boy Scout Troop 61 under the guidance of Scout Andrew Tesik who has drawn out the plans early last Spring of what we are seeing come to light. Andrew is doing all this organization and work towards his future reception of the Eagle rank in scouting. Becoming an Eagle Scout is a tremendous achievement in any young man's life, as it was for me back in my days of being a Scout in Troop 459 in the Bronx. I too organized my

Eagle project around beautifying my home parish buildings and grounds. Thank you, Andrew, and all the members of Troop 61 who assisted you!

Please refer to the insert in the bulletin today. It is my informing you as parishioners of the "State of the Parish". I thank all of you for your support and continuing generosity that has made our parish stand better today than where we were a year ago.

May we truly prepare this Advent for the coming of the Lord.

Come Lord Jesus, Come!

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**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!!!**

**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**

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

**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.***

**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 **1 800-950-9952** to join or update your information. We appreciate your cooperation. Thank you.

**MEN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 8:00 P.M.**

The Men's Club Christmas Dinner will be held on Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Lynch's Restaurant at 8:00 p.m. There will be a 3 hour open bar, appetizers, choice from 4 entrees and dessert. The cost will be \$40 per person. All Men of the Parish are invited to attend. For reservations, call Tom Robinson – 786-3005.

**BLOOD DRIVE THANK YOU TROOP 61**

On behalf of the NY Blood Center and Boy Scout Troop 61, many thanks are extended to everyone that came out to donate blood on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. Your thoughtfulness and generosity resulted **in the collection of 48 units** of blood that will be used to help many individuals in need. God's blessings be with you, always! Best wishes for a safe and joyous holiday season!

**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 available for the beautiful preparation for Christmas.

**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.**

**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:.**

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, 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)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**

7:30 James Sousa  
 (req. by The Mulcahy & Sousa Families)

9:00 (SGB) Denis Conway

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH**

7:30 Fr. John Crowley (req. by The Monahan Family)  
 9:00 (SGB) Livia Pirone

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**

7:30 Andrew W. Friscoe  
 (req. by Al & Gabriella Kaiser)

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**

7:30 Ellen Lyons (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Las Vegas Deceased & Families

5:30 Vigil The Stefanese Family (req. by family)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> – HOLY DAY**

7:00 (SGB) Marie Gebbia

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

12:00 Noon Louis Vicari

(req. by Mary Ann McDonough)

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

7:30 p.m. (SGB) Mary Evanko

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH**

8:30 Robert Wilson (req. by Wife)

5:30 Vigil Dec'd Members of The Keenan & Greene family (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10TH**

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*

9:30 James G. Faherty III (req. by family)

11:30 Victoria & Joseph Felice (req. by family)

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

After communion we sing “surely the presence of the Lord is in this place” and indeed He is! Your generosity and kindness was overwhelming! On November 17<sup>th</sup> we were able to supply Thanksgiving dinners complete with large turkey to 98 families, as well as weekly food packages to over 100 families. Two different people donated 50 turkeys each, which along with individual donations put us well above our goal. Currently, we have found foster homes for these turkeys here in town as our freezer space ran out a while ago! We would also like to acknowledge four Boy Scouts from Troop 61 here in Stony Point. Eddie Cigna, Morgan Perkins, Evan Gabari and James Breven spent hours carrying bags and heavy frozen turkeys to our clients’ cars. We are so proud of their willingness to help other! Thank you boys!

For the month of December we will be collecting cake mixes and frosting, peanut butter and cereal. At this point, we have enough holiday food items to complete our Christmas bags which will be distributed on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you again for your support. It is deeply appreciated!

**CYO**  
**BASKETBALL**  
**POCKETBOOK BINGO**

CYO Basketball would like to thank everyone that supported our Pocketbook Bingo.

**CHRISTMAS CAROLING**

**SUNDAY**  
**DECEMBER 17TH**

Come join us on December 17th to bring some joy to our home bound friends with a little Christmas caroling. We will meet out front of the church at 1 pm.. If you have someone you would like us to visit please let the rectory know. Any questions you can call Mandy at 642-2985.

**MIDNIGHT RUN**

The forecast of rain and cold was not enough to discourage a wonderful group of volunteers that included many young people – high school students and Confirmation candidates, from bringing Thanksgiving wishes and fellowship to groups of our less fortunate brothers and sisters on the streets in Manhattan this past Saturday night. Many thanks to the members of the Haverstraw Volunteer Hose Fire Company who donated sack lunches, to Lynch’s Restaurant for their donation of a hot meal, to the bakers who donated the trays of delicious chocolate chip and assorted home baked cookies, to the Rodriguez family for the sack lunches, and to the volunteers who helped with the preparations and who participated on the run. Many thanks to all of you.

**The next run is the Christmas run scheduled for Saturday night, December 23. The invitation has gone out in the hopes that Santa can once again come along with us. Much help will be needed as we plan for what has become an annual event as we bring wrapped presents onto the streets in New York City. Please watch the bulletin for more information about this run.**

In the meanwhile, as a result of everyone’s generosity, our storage room is overflowing with the donations of clothing. So at least for the time being, only donations of winter coats or sweatshirts should be made to the run. There is also a need for all types of toiletries, but most especially soap and tooth paste. For information about the run, or to volunteer in any way, please contact either Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786 5759.

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

Collection for Nov. 20, 2017 was:	\$7,606
Collection for Nov. 21, 2016 was:	\$8,224
Collection for Human Dev.:	\$2,561
Collection for Catholic Charity was:	\$1,560

***THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED  
SUPPORT***

