

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*
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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,

A beautiful tradition that has been lost over modern time is the Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts. The proclamation of the date of Easter and the other moveable feasts dates from a time when calendars were not readily available. It was necessary to make known the date of Easter in advance, since many celebrations of the liturgical year depend on its date.

Although calendars now give the date of Easter and the other feasts in the liturgical year for many years in advance, the Epiphany proclamation still has value. It is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith which are celebrated each year.

As we concluded the Christmas Season last Monday with the Baptism of the Lord, may the following printed announcement show us that as we just celebrated the birth of the Christ Child, we now look forward to the day of His Resurrection.

As we are still at the early start of this New Year, may it be filled with grace and mercy for all of us as we live out our Discipleship united with Christ, our Savior.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy, we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the fourteenth of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the first day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the thirteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the third day of June, the feast of Pentecost.

On the eighteenth day of June the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the second day of December, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

MARTIN LUTHER KING
MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH
Office closed for ordinary business. Mass is at 7:30 a.m. In an emergency please call 786-2742.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Grades 1 through 7 will be bringing home their books this coming week for their Family Unit Test. **Be on the look out!**

2nd year students: Your First Reconciliation will be **on Saturday, January 20th.** Please come to the school gym at 12:30 and we will go over to church together. Don't forget to practice your Act of Contrition.

Confirmation Candidates: Saint Report is due on February 13. If you did not get in the Sponsor

Certificate, it is imperative that you get it back to us ASAP.

Calendar Raffles are to be returned to the PREP office by PREP families on Thursday, January 18, 2018. This is our one major fundraiser and we need everyone's support. Parishioners are invited to "take a chance" on our calendar raffle. They are available for purchase at the Rectory or you may call the PREP office 786-5298 to pick up at the school. Thank you all for your support of our programs.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING
FRIDAY JANUARY 19TH
8:30 p.m.

Men's Club Meeting, Friday, Jan 19th at 8:30 PM in Fr. Keenan Hall. We will be discussing the dinner for Discovering Christ series on Jan 21st, The Polar Plunge and Super Bowl Sunday. All men of the parish are invited to attend. As always bring a friend.

BAPTISM CLASS

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **January 27th and February 24th**. Please call the Rectory at 786-2742 to register for either class.

BAPTISM

The date for our next Baptism is: **January 21st**. 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. You must be registered in advance for the Baptism Class. 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.

**MARCH FOR LIFE ON
FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH 2018**

Join us on our bus trip to Washington, DC for the world's largest annual prolife demonstration. The bus will leave from St. Francis of Assisi in West Nyack at 6:00 a.m. and return at 11:00 p.m. \$30 Adults; \$15 students. For reservations or more information call 735-4379 or 425-1322 (para espanol) or check the website www.rocklandrtl.org. This annual trip is sponsored by the Rockland Right to Life Committee. Love Saves Lives is the theme of this year's march. Come put these words into action as we march from the Washington Monument to the Capitol Building in the defense of the unborn and the help rebuild a culture of life in America.

*The Flowers This Week are
In Loving Memory of
Paul Michael Baisley
&
Vernard "Bouncer" Baisley
donated by The Family
And
In Loving Memory of
Maureen Cooney
donated by The Family*

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, 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, JANUARY 13TH**

8:30 Gertrude Schien (req. by Jane Hylas)
5:30 Vigil Peter Greene Jr. (req. by family)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14TH

7:30 *For the People of the Parish*
9:30 Gerald Kilduff (req. by Mary & John Walsh)
11:30 James Faherty (req. by family)

MONDAY, JANUARY 15TH

7:30 Dorothy McCarron (req. by family)
9:00 (SGB) Louis R. Vicari

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16TH

7:30 Mary Gaynor (req. by family)
9:00 (SGB) Catherine Coleman

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17TH

7:30 Vernard & Paul Michael Baisley
9:00 (SGB) Ann Hanus

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18TH

7:30 Isabelle Crosbie (req. by Jane Hylas)
9:00 (SGB) Jean Margiotta

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19TH

7:30 Francis Kehoe (req. by Warren & Anne Sayre)
9:00 (SGB) For The Intentions of Ed Stubbing

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20TH

8:30 Maureen Cooney (req. by family)
5:30 Vigil Mary Costello (req. by family)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21ST

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Melody Phillips & Bertha Brooks
(req. by family)
11:30 Thomas Red Pidgeon
(req. by Mary & John Walsh)

MIDNIGHT RUN

Our next run is scheduled as a breakfast run on the morning of February 25, Sunday. More information will be coming in the bulletin in future weeks.

Please do not make any further donations of clothes or coats until further notice. Everyone's generosity has brought our storage room to overflowing. For more information about the run or to volunteer in anyway, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 786 5759.

DISCOVERING CHRIST

"I felt I always had a close relationship with Jesus. After experiencing Discovering Christ, my relationship with Jesus has become stronger through my prayer life. I pray often and in a deeper way. I know Jesus is in control even when things are out of control. (MaryAnn O'Donnell, St. Greg's).

We invite you to journey with us for 7 weeks to renew, strengthen and/or build your relationship with God Our Father and Jesus Christ. Our sessions will be held at Immaculate Conception School in Stony Point, NY, beginning Sunday, January 21st with dinner at 6pm. Watch the bulletin or visit our north Rockland parish web sites or call Deacon George at 845-362-1982.

COVE CHURCH – WINTER TIME

Once again like last year, if on a given Sunday morning there is uncertainty due to snow, about where the 7:30 mass will be celebrated, parishioners are asked to go to the parish website at 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

The Children of Mary Nursery-Kindergarten, located at the Marian Shrine in Stony Point, will be holding its annual Open House on Saturday, January 20th at 9:30 a.m. The snow date is Saturday, January 27th.

Mass for the Brokenhearted – The Lord is close to the brokenhearted... and He saves those whose spirits have been crushed. For all those whose hearts are burdened due to grief, loss, broken relationships, illness, worry. Mass on Thursday, February 15th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Church 128 Parrott Road, West Nyack.

Sacred Heart School and Church is looking to hire a full time Janitor. Applicant will be performing regularly cleaning tasks but must be able to lift 50lbs and be available to set up school and church functions. Salary will be determined by experience and ability to repair and facilitate daily needs of the parish and school. Please contact: Christine Schnabel 845-357-0035.

A.O.H. Division 1 North Rockland is having their annual Communion Breakfast on January 21st. It begins at the 9:30 a.m. Mass here at Immaculate and breakfast will follow at Lynch's in Stony Point. Neil Cosgrove will be our speaker highlighting some of the current issues facing Ireland today. \$25@ the door. If you would like to become a member, 1st years dues are waived. Contact Dan Donohue at (914) 261-7542.

Hospital Bed & Stair Lift – Available at no cost. Pick up in Tappan, New York. If interested, please call the PREP office at 786-5298.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Jan. 8, 2018 Collection was: \$8,391
Jan. 9, 2017 Collection was: \$7,196

Christmas Collection 2017 was: \$36,389
Christmas Collection 2016 was: \$35,778

Catholic University 2017 was: \$ 1,486
Catholic University 2016 was: \$ 1,399

We Share for the Month of December was \$5,855

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT