

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we continue to celebrate Christ's Resurrection this Easter season, we hear from Saint Luke with his account that took place that first Easter evening over two thousand years ago. Once we hear Christ greet his apostles with the greeting "peace be with you". What comforting words then and for us today.

It is that peace of Christ that dwells within us that gives us each the perseverance to go through each day of our faith filled lives as witnesses to the Gospel of Life. May we continue this journey of Easter Grace not only toward Ascension Thursday but continuing to the glory of Pentecost.

Over the winter months the statue battled the snow and cold, but the fingers have shown wear and tear from the ailments of mother nature. Last week, through the

generosity and skill of one of our parishioners, the hands on the statue of Mary outside the Food Pantry have been restored.

What a beautiful tribute to Mary, our Patroness, to have her image by way of statues adore each of our buildings. The Cove Church, the school building, our main church and the food pantry building. I will be looking into soon purchasing a garden type statue of Our Lady to adore the outside of the Rectory building. If any individual parishioner or family would like to donate this future statue in memory of a loved one, please contact me at the rectory or speak with me after mass one day.

May the joy of Christ's Resurrection continue to resound in our hearts this Easter !

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

It was wonderful coming back to PREP after our Spring Break and many snow days! We are off to the finish line!

2nd Grade: -My Father's House Scavenger Hunt and Teaching Mass will be on Saturday, April 28th at 1:00 p.m. in the church.

First Communion fee is due now

First Communion first practice is on May 1 at 4:45 in the church

First Communion 2nd practice is on May 3 at 4:45 in the church (remember to bring pew banner

First Communion, Saturday May 5 at 10:30 a.m. Children to meet in the gym at 9:30

May Crowning, Sunday May 13 at the 9:30 mass. Second grade hosting

Confirmation: Please have all paperwork to the PREP office immediately if you have not done so already.

7th Grade Families - There will be a meeting for students and an adult family member on Tuesday, April 17th. Information was sent home to the parents

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2018 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, **Sunday, June 3, at 2:15 p.m.** Pre-registration is required. Please contact the Rectory for registration **The closing date to register for the Mass is Monday, May 14th, 2018.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life Resect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York. **All Golden Jubilee couples will receive a commemorative certificate.**

**Catholic School Breakfast
April 30th 8:30 a.m.**

As you may know, the Catholic School Region of Rockland is hosting the Inaugural Catholic Schools Breakfast on Monday, April 30, 8:30 am, at the Hilton Pearl River with special guest His Eminence, Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan. The event will honor Dr. Margaret Mary Fitzpatrick, President of Saint Thomas Aquinas College; and Sister Mary Eileen O'Brien, President of Dominican College. It will also feature former New York Yankee, John Flaherty, as the Master of Ceremonies. All proceeds will be directed back to Rockland Catholic schools, improving the areas of greatest need. To purchase tickets or to learn more, please visit: www.RocklandBreakfast.org or call 646-794-3141.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING

FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH

8:30 p.m.

Men's Club Meeting, Friday, April 20th at 8:30 p.m. in Fr. Keenan Hall. We will be preparing for the flea market. All men of the parish are invited to attend. As always bring a friend. .

MEN'S CLUB FLEA MARKET

SATURDAY, APRIL 28TH

TRACTOR SUPPLY PARKING LOT

The Men's Club Flea Market, Saturday April 28th in Tractor Supply parking lot. Check your attic, basement, shed and garage. To arrange for pick up or to drop off, call:

Tom Robinson 786-3005

Bob Mariani 558-4856

John Nicks 947-1459

Or any Men's Club member.

Please do not leave items at the Rectory

BAPTISMS

The Sacrament of Baptism is usually celebrated on the first and third Sunday of every month. **The dates for our next Baptisms are: April 15th, May 6th, and May 20th.** 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 required Baptism Class if the Baptism you are arranging is for your first child.

All Baptism requests require a copy of the child's Birth Certificate, which must be brought to the rectory office at the time of arranging a date.

God Parent/Sponsor forms are required for each God Parent. They may attain this certificate from their home parish where they worship at the present time. If a God Parent is a parishioner of Immaculate, they simply need to speak to Fr. DeGaris.

BAPTISM CLASSES

Baptism Classes are held every other month on the last Monday at 7:30 pm in the rectory. **The dates for the next few upcoming Baptism Classes are April 23rd, June 25th, August 27th.** Please call the Rectory Office to register for this required class for parents preparing their first-born Baptisms.

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, Michael Orapello, Amy Crane and Jaxon Waller.

Our recently deceased: Albert Kaiser Sr.

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 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, APRIL 14TH

8:30 Virginia Schindele

5:30 Vigil Dec'd Members of the Hofer Family
(req. by family)

SUNDAY, APRIL 15TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Maurice Schassler Jr.

(req. by Anastasia Phillips & Family)

11:30 Donald Cicchetti (req. by family)

MONDAY, APRIL 16TH

7:30 Robert Lupano (req. by Indji Bessim)

9:00 (SGB) Luis, Dominick, Anthony Tummillio

TUESDAY, APRIL 17TH

7:30 Marie Peterson (req. by Bea & Marty Sasin)

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18TH

7:30 Lina Giulio & Fina Trulli (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Edward Meehan

THURSDAY, APRIL 19TH

7:30 Carol Ann McGovern Harris

(req. by Jean Sullivan)

9:00 (SGB) Rita & Frank Daly

FRIDAY, APRIL 20TH

7:30 Higinio Baez (req. by family)

9:00 (SGB) Dennis Martin, Sr.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21ST

8:30 Ann Hanus (req. by Bea & Marty Sasin)

5:30 Vigil For The People of the Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 22ND

7:30 Regina Brophy (req. by The Sullivan Family)

9:30 Francis M. Kehoe (req. by Millie Castro)

11:30 Henry Deluca (req. by family)

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN
CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
SECOND COLLECTION
APRIL 29TH**

At the request of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, the Archdiocese of New York will take up a special Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe to support essential unmet pastoral needs in that sector of the Lord’s vineyard formerly under Soviet control. Our assistance is vital to the growth and strength of the Church in these regions. Please be generous in this week’s second collection.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>#Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
4/5	\$25	1947	Mary Ellen Hampson
4/6	\$75	0031	Meghan Goggin
4/7	\$25	1546	Debbie Bicknell
4/8	\$50	156	Andrea Faherty
4/9	\$25	875	Jerry Howe
4/10	\$25	1246	James Hansen
4/11	\$25	1110	Lisa Schoales

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Community Stem Fair on April 21st, 2018 Hosted by Boy Scouts The Rockland District, Hudson Valley Council of the Boy Scouts of America will be hosting a Community STEM Fair **on Saturday April 21, 2018, 9:00am to 2:00pm** at North Rockland High School, 106 Hammond Rd, Thiells, NY 10984. The event is open to everyone and will be free. The goal is to introduce or reinforce the excitement of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to all school age children. The fair will include a display of science projects, team competitions, presentations, displays, prizes, refreshments and family fun! Many companies, organizations and colleges will be there to share their expertise. For more details and to register to present a science project, visit: www.hudsonvalleyscouting.org/districts/rockland-district or email troop61@optonline.net

Adoption – Baby Girls in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. Older parents welcome. For more information call Barbara Salvesen at 623-5277.

St. Francis of Assisi Church Bereavement Support Group April 24th, May 1st, May 8th, May 15th, May 22nd and May 29th at Rader Hall, Room #6 at 7:00 p.m. Please call the rectory at 634-4957 to register. If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.

The Annual Gala – conducted by One to One Learning, a program sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Sparkill, will take place on May 4, 2018, at the Nyack Seaport 21 Burd Street in Nyack. One of the honorees is St. Francis of Assisi Parish in West Nyack, of which Rev. Robert McKeon is Pastor. Admission ticket price is \$125.00 and there will be a limited Raffle at \$100.00 per chance with 300 raffle tickets being sold. For information regarding ticket purchase, raffle, donations or journal ads, please call (845) 512-8176, or visit www.one2one-learning.org

St. Margaret Parish – will host a Mystery Theater Night on Saturday, April 21st from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in St. Margaret’s School Auditorium. Full Buffet Dinner & Dessert “BYOB” soft drinks provided \$60 per person 50/50 raffle prizes. Tickets available at the Parish Center Office.

SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection for April 9, 2018 was:	\$6,672
Collection for April 8, 2017 was:	\$9,163
Easter Collection 2018 was:	\$30,823
Easter Collection 2017 was:	\$31,071
Holy Land Collection 2018 was:	\$ 1,373
Holy Land Collection 2017 was:	\$ 1,316
Easter Flower Collection 2018 was:	\$1,320
Easter Flower Collection 2017 was:	\$1,248

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT