

Dear Friends in Christ,
Last week, on behalf of all of you, I received the following message and gift from Cardinal Dolan;

“The visit of our Holy Father to New York this past September was truly one of the highlights in the history of the archdiocese. Pope Francis captivated the attention and affection of everyone, Catholic and non-Catholic alike.

As a memento of the Holy Father’s visit, I am delighted to present you and your parish with one of the ciboria that was used at the Mass celebrated at Madison Square Garden on Friday, September 25.”

Obviously with great joy I accepted this gift on your behalf. This “Papal Ciboria” is being used at all masses this weekend. It is the ciboria that is being brought up in the presentation of

the gifts at each mass. It may look familiar to some of you, it is identical to the ciboria that Cardinal Egan gifted to the parish soon after the Papal Mass at Yankee Stadium in 2008 celebrated by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

Please consult the insert in this week’s bulletin. It is information about the Lenten Season we will begin this coming Wednesday, Ash Wednesday. You will see information about fasting, abstinence, almsgiving and enhancing one’s prayer life during the Lenten Season.

May this upcoming journey of Lent, by way of our own self-sacrifice and denial, prepare us for the glory of Easter.

- Rev. Herbert T. DeGaris

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION
THIS WEEKEND

Today we support the Holy Father in his charitable works. The Peter's Pence Collection is taken up worldwide to support the most disadvantaged: victims of war, oppression, and natural disaster and others in need of emergency assistance. Be a pilgrim of charity - **please be generous in today's Collection.**

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday is February 10th the Mass Schedule is as follows: 7:30 a.m. 8:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Ashes will be distributed after the homily at the Parish Masses on Ash Wednesday/ Service of the Word will be at: 12 Noon and 4:00 p.m.

Ashes will also be distributed in conjunction with a brief Service of the Word. In accordance with Church norms ashes will only be distributed at Mass or at one of the scheduled Word Services. Ashes will be available to bring to the homebound, after the service.

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

"Fast and Abstinence" Ash Wednesday (February 10th) and Good Friday (March 25th) are days of Fast and Abstinence. Friday are Lenten days of abstinence.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday:

These are days of Fast and Abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat during Lent on Fridays.

FLOWER MEMORIALS

Flower memorials are available for anyone desiring to memorialize a loved one. The cost is \$50 for an arrangement of flowers to be placed near the altar. Please call the rectory to reserve a specific date.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A FEW IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, April 12th Confirmation retreat at Don Bosco Retreat Center. 8:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 16th, Eucharist Mini-retreat, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held on the first and third Sunday of the month. The dates for February, are February 7th and 21st.

CALENDAR RAFFLE

Calendar Raffles are available for purchase. We depend heavily on this fundraiser to defray the costs of maintaining the Parish Religious Education building. Raffles will be drawn daily from February 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016. What a great way to spread our parish family name! We thank you in advance for participating in our Religious Education fundraiser. Raffle tickets are also available at the Rectory (between 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.). Thank you.

MASS ATTENDANCE CARDS

A Reminder for Parents of First Communion and Confirmation Candidates: Please remember to use your Mass attendance cards weekly. When attending Mass at Immaculate Conception, you may turn in a card to the priest or deacon after Mass. Do not turn it into an usher or place it in the collection basket. Make sure your child’s name and grade are on it. When attending Mass elsewhere, you may ask the priest or deacon to sign their parish bulletin and then add your child’s name and grade before turning it in at your child’s next class.

POCKETBOOK BINGO
FEBRUARY 19TH

Save the Date: **February 19th, 2016** Pocketbook Bingo is coming to Immaculate Conception. **Doors open at 6:30 p.m. 7 00 p.m.** Start. Admission is \$35.00 includes 10 Games of Bingo 3 Cards per game. Bring your own food and refreshments - Coffee & cookies will be served.

SUPERBOWL
WITH THE MEN'S CLUB
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

Come and enjoy the Super bowl with the Men's Club *on Sunday, February 7th*. There is plenty of food, refreshments and TV's and a good time. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. It is always a good time. Cost \$20 per adult. Kids are free. Call Tom Robinson at 786-3005 or John Nicks at 947-1459.

BAPTISM CLASS

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **February 22nd and March 28th**. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

BAPTISM

The dates for our next Baptisms are: **February 7th and February 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. 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.

TAX INFORMATION 2015

If any parishioners require a contribution statement for income tax returns, please contact the rectory Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. 786-2742.

MIDNIGHT RUN
FEBRUARY 13TH

February 13 is the night of our next run. We will prepare for the run on Friday evening Feb 12 starting at 7 PM in the Parish Annex. On Friday we will sort and pack the many donations received from so many people. For the run, we are in need of sack lunches, bottled water and hot chocolate mix. On Saturday night, we will gather at 8:30 PM, planning to depart for NYC at 9 PM. We should return to Stony Point by around 2 AM Sunday morning. There is one more run scheduled before Confirmation, so this is a very good opportunity to catch up or complete the required service hours. For information about the run or to volunteer in any way, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski 845 786 5759.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

Date	Prize	Ticket	Winner
2/1	\$100	1190	Eric Rios
2/2	\$25	1103	The Pacella Family
2/3	\$50	277	Debbie Bicknell
2/4	\$25	1227	Mike Saccardo
2/5	\$75	2236	John Croyle
2/6	\$150	2029	Emanuel & Concetta Vincitore

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Gladys Margosian, Pat Reilly, Margaret McElroy, William & Geraldine Neary, Carolyn Snodeen, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Ed Onderdonk, Frank Moscatiello, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff, Beth Longo.

Our recently deceased: Carmen Ruiz.

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, FEBRUARY 6TH

8:30 John Sulluivan (req. by Margaret & Family)
 5:30 Vigil Peter Greene, Jr. (10th Anniversary)
 (req. by Family)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish
 9:30 Dorothy Donato (req. by family)
 11:30 Andrew Lanza (req. by family)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

7:30 Kevin McDermott (req. by family)
 8:30 William & Mildred Strebel
 (req. by Lorraine Glynn)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

8:30 Mary & John Dolan (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 Frank Hoyer (req. by Anne Hoyer)
 8:30 Sr. Mary McLaughlin (req. by Msgr. Foley)
12: 00 Noon & 4:00 p.m. Service of the Word
 7:30 p.m. Diana Rogers (req. by The Bicknell Family)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

8:30 Michael Martucci (req. by family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

7:30 Regina Brophy (req. by family)
 8:30 John Reilly (req. by family)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH

8:30 Mark Jones (req. by The Lynch family)
 5:30 Vigil Victor Mariani (req. by family)

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish
 9:30 Otto Weihe (req. by family)
 11:30 Leonard & Theresa Lanza (req. by family)

Celebrants for Masses February 13th/14th

5:30 p.m. Vigil Fr. Bejoy 7:30 a.m. Fr. Herb
 9:30 a.m. Fr. Bejoy 11:30 a.m. Fr. Herb

2015 MASS BOOK OPENS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH

The 2016 Mass Book will open for **April May and June on Thursday, February 11th.** Please stop by the Rectory so you can arrange your masses on Monday - Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Exact change would be greatly appreciated.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From February 10 through March 20, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Planned Parenthood Center at Perlman Drive in Spring Valley, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach.

If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact Betty Golemba (914) 450-4759 or visit www.40daysforlife.com.

LENTEN RETREAT

GIVEN BY THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS

OF THE AMERICAS

COURT JOAN OF ARC #604

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST

The Court Joan of Arc #604 will have a Lenten Retreat on **Sunday, February 21st** at the Immaculate Conception Church in Stony Point. We will meet at the Church and attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Lunch will follow in the gym in the school (across from the Church). The retreat will begin immediately after lunch.

The cost is \$20 for any woman, member or non member to cover the cost of the lunch. Deacon John Sadowski will be giving the Retreat. To register, please mail check for \$20 to:

Ann Trulli

92 Gurnee Avenue

Haverstraw, NY 10927 - 1320

Phone Number (845) 429-3395

Saints Peter and Paul. Plus we will visit two churches that have designated Holy Doors for this jubilee year: St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Shrine and St. Patrick's Cathedral. This walk is a total of 13.5 total Miles! Saturday, April 16 (Rain date: Saturday, September 17th)) 9:00 a.m. Opening Prayers at The Shrine of St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 701 Fort Washington Avenue, New York. 6:15 p.m. Pilgrims' Mass at The Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, 7 State Street, New York, NY 10004. You must register in advance at www.pofnyc.org in order to participate in this event.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Joan of Arc #604 - will hold their monthly meeting on this **Sunday, February 7th at Knights of Columbus Building in Haverstraw at 12:30 p.m.** Please bring a donation for the food pantry. Refreshments will be served. For information, call Anastasia Phillips 942-2038.

The Haverstraw Knights of Columbus located at 56 West Broad Street will host a **Lenten Pasta Dinner - February 26th from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Adults \$10.00 Kids under 12 \$5.00 The meal will feature different Pasta options along salad, bread, and dessert. Wine, Soda and Coffee/Tea also included.

Did you attend Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep Seminary in the Archdiocese of New York? If you attended Cathedral College or Cathedral Prep (or know someone who did), the College/Prep Alumni Association would like to add you to its mailing list. You will then receive notifications of upcoming alumni events such memorial masses, class re-unions, etc. Our current mailing list includes over 600 names. To register please go on line to: <http://bit.do/cccpaa>.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection January 31, 2016 was: \$7,893

Collection January 25, 2015 was: \$7,698

NEWS OF INTEREST

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

Pilgrimage of NY 2016 Year of Mercy: The top of Manhattan to the bottom of Manhattan! We will be walking the length of Manhattan, visiting churches in honor of the Year of Mercy We will visit two churches named after two saints who are examples of God's Mercy:

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