

Dear Friends in Christ,

We continue to celebrate Easter Sunday with today being the final day of the Octave Week of Easter. Today is the Second Sunday of Easter, also known as Divine Mercy Sunday.

It was Divine Mercy Sunday two years that Saints John XXIII and John Paul II were canonized by Pope Francis. Saint John Paul the Great canonized Saint Faustina Kowalska on April 30, 2000 and proclaimed the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. Eleven years ago, Saint John Paul passed Away on the eve of Divine Mercy Sunday. Since his death, more and more faithful are understanding and praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet as part of their daily spiritual growth. Pamphlets are available in the rear of the church containing more information on the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

It was such a beautiful Holy Week and Easter Sunday that was celebrated here at Immaculate. I always look forward to the Easter Vigil. This year was such a blessing with six people receiving the sacrament of Confirmation, two received the Holy Eucharistic for the first time and one individual was baptized. We welcome our brothers and sisters into our family of faith!

This year, I was overwhelmed with emotion by sitting in the congregation on Good Friday evening witnessing The Living Stations. What an awesome spiritual event that was. I could see that same intense feeling from so many who attended. I am grateful to the organizers and participants in the Living Stations that truly brought the way of the cross to life for us.

I also wish to thank our decorating committee who beautifully prepared our both Churches and Daily Chapel for the glory of celebrating the Easter liturgies. It was from your contributions to the Easter Flower Collection that made it possible.

May the joy of Christ's Resurrection remain in our hearts this Easter!

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



**the CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts*

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the good and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. please share your blessings and make a gift to the 2016 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal.

**As of Wednesday, March 30, 2016, our parish has pledged \$27,540.00. This amount comes from 136 individual gifts. This puts us at 55% of our goal of \$50,500.00**

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**A FEW IMPORTANT DATES**

Confirmation interviews are being sent to the Confirmation Candidates for **Saturday, April 16th**. Please check your email for your time slot.

**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.**

**POCKETBOOK BINGO**

**FRIDAY,**  
**APRIL 15TH**

**You Asked For It, So We Responded:** Next Pocketbook Bingo is scheduled for Friday, April 15th at 6:30 p.m. in the Gym. Games start at 7:00 p.m. (\$35.00 per person) **PAID IN ADVANCE**. includes daubers, 10 games, 3 cards per game. Bring your own food and refreshments. Coffee, tea and cookies will be served. Call 786-5298 with any questions. See you there!!.

**USHERS NEEDED FOR**  
**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS AND**  
**CONFIRMATION**

We are in need of two ushers for the Confirmation Mass on **Saturday, April 29th at 10:30 a.m.** and two ushers for the First Communion Mass on Saturday, May 7th at 11:00. Please contact Bob Mariani at 270-7098 if you can help.

**CYO BASKETBALL SIGN UPS**  
**FOR THE**  
**2016-17 SEASON**

The Sign - Ups Season will take place **on Wednesday, April 6th and Thursday, April 7th from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** at the RHO Building. The program is open to all boys and girls in Grades 1st - 8th. If you have any questions please call Kathy Hurley at 821-0566. Thank You.

**HOSPITALITY SUNDAY**

Hospitality Sunday will be held **on Sunday, April 10th after the 9:30 a.m. Mass.** Please stop by and join us for refreshments in our School Auditorium.

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who helped us make Easter especially joyful! With your help we were able to provide **65** families with Easter baskets complete with a ham, turkey, or roasting chicken. Thank you so much.

For the month of April the Food Pantry is in need of canned fruits. please leave your donation in the food bin in the vestibule of the Church. We are very appreciative.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD**

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated at the Marian Shrine, Stony Point **on April 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Mass is at 10:00 a.m. Celebrant and homilist is Father Andre Patenaude from LaSallotte Shrine in Massachusetts. After lunch (a hot lunch is available), there will be a talk by Father Pat followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. Please join us on this special day of prayer and thanksgiving. For information call 548-6729.

**THANK YOU TO THE MEN'S CLUB**

We would like to express our gratitude to the Men's Club for their generosity in raising funds for the Parish. They have presented the Parish with an Easter gift and we thank them for all they do to inspire all the social activities of the Parish as well as to help our Fund Raising.

**NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a Second Collection next Sunday for the Archdiocese of the Military. Please be generous in next week's Second Collection. Thank You.

**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, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Ed Onderdonk, Frank Moscatiello, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff,

**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, APRIL 2ND**

8:30 Marguerite Cristantello  
(req. by John & Mary Walsh)

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Josef Hagen (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD**

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Mrs. Elvira Veltri  
(req. by Cari, Stephen & Ralph Perricelli)

11:30 Sylvestre Cummento (req. by family)

**MONDAY, APRIL 4TH**

7:30 Frank & Geraldine Hoyer (req. by Anne Hoyer)

8:30 Edward McElroy (req. by Greg & Shirley Hladik)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5TH**

8:30 Peter Cahill (req. by Monica & Bill O'Neil)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6TH**

7:30 Ida Hannigan (req. by Husband)

8:30 Edward McElroy  
(req. by Madelaine & Joseph Cavegn)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 7TH**

8:30 Vernard Baisley (req. by Greg & Shirley Hladik)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 8TH**

7:30 Amelia Martinez  
(req. by The McLaughlin Family)

8:30 Vernard Bailsey (req. by Cookie McGilicuddy)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH**

8:30 Edward McElroy  
(req. by Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Jones)

5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Special Intention  
(req. by Kathy Messina)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 10TH**

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 Michael Occhicone  
(req. by Georgine Sullivan & Family)

11:30 Andy Huber (req. by family)

**Celebrants for Masses (Subject to Change)**

**April 9th/10th**

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

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**BAPTISM CLASS**

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **April 25th and May 23rd**. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.

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The dates for our next Baptisms are: **April 3rd and April 17th**. 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.

**OFFERTORY PROCESSION**

If you are having a mass offered for a loved one on a weekend we invite you to share in the Mass by bringing the gifts to the altar. As you carry forward the gifts, you symbolize the spiritual offering of everyone in attendance at that Mass. You can volunteer to one of the ushers before Mass. This is especially appropriate when the Mass is being offered for the intention of a loved one to share in this special yet symbolic manner.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
3/27	\$50	1393	James McNamee
3/28	\$25	243	Tanya Dellolio
3/29	\$75	1366	Christine Gerbehy
3/30	\$25	2006	Owen Smith
3/31	\$75	1528	Mr./Mrs. R. Robinson
4/1	\$50	1064	Mary & Roger Mason
4/2	\$25	2268	Jeannette Font

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**The Rachel Ministry** - is confidential and free help for those who have lost a baby at birth or prior to birth. The help takes place every 3rd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Marian Shrine. For more information e-mail Rachel Minister1@aol.com or call 492-6709. **The next meeting will be on April 18th at 7:00 p.m.**

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Joan of Arc #604** - will hold their monthly meeting **on Tuesday, April 5th at Knights of Columbus Hall in Haverstraw** at 7:00 p.m. The Education Contest Essay Reception will be held. Please bring a donation for the food pantry. Refreshments will be served. For more information call Anastasia Phillips at 942-2038.

**SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS AT SJR**

St. Joseph Regional High School in Montvale, NJ is the site for sports camps in football and basketball for area youths this summer.

The **SJR Elite Performance Football Camp** runs in two sessions: June 27 – 30; and July 5 - 8. The camp runs daily from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and is open to boys, grades 4-10. Free T-shirt to campers...guest lecturers... great fun & competition!

The 28<sup>th</sup> annual **Green Knights Basketball Camp**, for boys ages 9 to 15, runs in three sessions: July 11-15; July 18-22; and July 25-29. The camp day is from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Great fun & competition... guest lecturers... free basketball & T-shirt to each camper!

Please call (201) 391-3300 for camp applications and further information or visit our website ([www.sjrnj.org](http://www.sjrnj.org))

**H.A.N.D.S.** (Healing And Nuturing Distraught Survivors) sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. It is facilitated by Ann Carucci, founder of H.A.N.D.S., who lost her son and daughter-in-law in a boating accident. Their bodies were never recovered. **All groups meet from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York 10956.** The meetings this month are April 6th and April 19th.

Services are free of charge. Ann is also available for personal one-on-one counseling sessions.

**H.A.N.D.S.** has a Widow and Widowers Group facilitated by Ann Carucci, who lost her husband. **These meetings are held every Monday evening at the H.A.N.D.S. International Headquarters, 9 Scott Drive, New City, New York.**

**Don Bosco Prep Announces Spring Open House on Thursday, April 14, 2016 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** Members of the school community will highlight aspects of the school including: Academics, Admissions, Athletics, Guidance, and Youth Ministry/Community Service. Families may register online at [www.donboscoprep.org](http://www.donboscoprep.org) under "Admissions." For further information, please contact the Don Bosco Prep Admissions Department at [admissions@donboscoprep.org](mailto:admissions@donboscoprep.org) and 201-327-8003. Don Bosco Prep is located at 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**We will report our Easter Collection and Flower Collection in three weeks.**

**Banns Of Marriage**

**Elizabeth Fennell & Keith Campo I  
Anthony Pacione & Jith Joseph I**

