

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am very happy to announce that our new website is up and running! You can find the new website at [www.immaculatesp.org](http://www.immaculatesp.org). It is still a work in progress and in a way will always be as information will be added to it such as upcoming events and important information that will be easily accessible mostly by you, the parishioners but also anyone who may come to visit.

May 8, 2016 is Mothers Day. In your latest envelope mailing there is an envelope for the remembrance of mothers, living or deceased. We also have Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Cards available in the vestibule of the church and also at the rectory office where a spiritual card can be given to the individual. If you would like to have your mother remembered in the Novena of Masses for the Mother's Day intentions, please return either envelope in the regular Sunday collection in the coming weekends. All envelopes will be placed on the altar for Mother's Day and will remain on the altar for the rest of May.


Last Tuesday, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students had their Confirmation Retreat. I was told by a number of people at the Marian Shrine how well behaved and respectful they were during the time the retreat was carried out. I share this with you to not only boast about the way our young parishioners act in public representing our parish, but also to ask for your prayers for our

students who are being confirmed on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. May the Holy Spirit strengthen them and ourselves as we continue on our journey toward Pentecost Sunday.

Recently, you may notice more local advertisers who have joined in supporting our weekly bulletin. I am grateful to them and ask anyone who may use their services to let them know you have seen their add in our bulletin and thank them.

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

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



**As of Wednesday, April 13, 2016, our parish has pledged \$30,245.00. This amount comes from 150 individual gifts. This puts us at 60% of our goal of \$50,500.00**

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

**A FEW IMPORTANT DATES**

Confirmation practice will **on WEDNESDAY April 27th at 7:00 p.m.**

**First Communion practices will be on May 3rd and May 5th; All 2nd graders must attend both practices in lieu of classes.**

**Registration for the 2016-2017**

Religious Education School year is coming upon us! Mark your calendars, registration for the upcoming year will be held the weeks of April 25 and May 2 during class times and in addition on May 2,3, 4, and 5 from 9:00 to 1:00 p.m. If you will be registering a first grader or a new student, please bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

In order to have our children understand God's mercy for us, we will be undertaking projects to offer His mercy to others through us, as His disciples. Each grade level will be asked to participate in a "Act of Mercy Project" which will

be done during the religious education sessions. We ask for your prayers as we participate and celebrate the Jubilee Year of Mercy.

**WEDDING JUBILEES FOR COUPLES  
CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH OR 50TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY  
ANYTIME DURING 2016**

Golden Jubilarians will be honored by Cardinal Dolan on **Saturday, June 25th at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, June 26th at a 2:00 p.m.** Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral and Silver and Golden Jubilarians. Please call the Parish Office if you able to attend. Thank you. We will celebrate at own Parish in the Fall. More information will follow.

**FOOD PANTRY  
NEWS**

For the month of April, the Food Pantry is collecting canned fruit. If you are able to contribute, please leave your donations in the food bin in the vestibule of the Church. Thank you so much for your generosity. Thank You.

**MOTHER'S DAY  
NOVENA OF MASSES**

A Novena of Masses will begin on Mother's Day, **Sunday, May 8th**. If you would like to have loved ones remembered in these Masses, please return the Mass intention envelope from your monthly packet.

Additional envelopes are available at the entrances to our church. Mother's Day cards for the living are also available at the entrance to the Church.

**MEN'S CLUB  
THANK YOU**

The Men's Club would like to thank everyone who went on the Atlantic City trip. Win or loses, everyone had a good time. Thank you for supporting the Men's Club.

**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.

**BAPTISM**

The dates for our next Baptisms are: **May 1st and May 15th**. 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

**ANNOUNCED MASSES**

We call to your attention that scheduled Parish Masses are available almost immediately if you wish to have a relative or loved one remembered upon death or just to pray for their good health and recovery from illness. You can contact the Rectory at anytime during office hours. You can have a Mass offered for a loved one. It is also a beautiful way to remember someone at a wake for the family.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
4/10	\$25	70	Josephine Mahoney
4/11	\$25	1039	Brian/Suzanne Murphy
4/12	\$50	1580	Debbie Cruger
4/13	\$25	122	Danielle Peluso
4/14	\$100	115	Ricci Family
4/15	\$50	453	Jennifer Cronin
4/16	\$25	734	Dakota Howe

**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 16TH**

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)  
5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Rose & Josef Hagen (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH**

7:30 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Mary McCue (req. by Tina Lombardoni)  
11:30 James & Sara Bishop (req. by family)

**MONDAY, APRIL 18TH**

7:30 Madlyn Volberg (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)  
8:30 Tim Murnane (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, APRIL 19TH**

8:30 Walter Duffy (req. by family)

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20TH**

7:30 Thanksgiving to St. Peter  
(req. by The Merisme Family)  
8:30 Michael Celenza Sr. (req. by family)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21ST**

8:30 Carmen & Gino Baez (req. by family)

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22ND**

7:30 Paul Spiteri (req. by family)  
8:30 Peter & Dorothy McCarron (req. by family)

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23RD**

8:30 Carmen & Gino Baez (req. by family)  
5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Donna Flora (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24TH**

7:30 For the People of the Parish  
9:30 Sylvestre Cumento (req. by family)  
11:30 Margaret & Patrick Kilduff  
(req. by Pat & Jack Ryan)

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

**April 23rd/24th**

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

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**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.**

**St. Francis of Assisi, West Nyack, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** May 3 through June 7th. Please call the Rectory at 634-4957. If you have lost a loved one, come for discussion, understanding and faith in healing.

***Albertus Magnus High School  
Annual Golf Classic***

Paramount Country Club, New City, NY  
Tuesday, May 31, 2016

\$250 per golfer includes: cart, balls, breakfast,  
dinner, beer and wine  
\$125 for dinner only

Breakfast: 9am, Shotgun start: 10:30am,  
Dinner & Silent Auction 3:30pm

For more information or to register for the  
event, submit a journal ad, purchase a 50/50 or  
become a sponsor, please visit

[www.albertusmagnus.net](http://www.albertusmagnus.net) or contact the AMHS  
Development Office at 845-623-8842 ext 229.

\*\*Golfers and Dinner guests MUST register by May 20<sup>th</sup>  
to attend\*\*

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**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.**

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Collection April 11, 2016 was: \$7,557**

**Collection April 12, 2015 was: \$6,836**

**Military Collection for 2016 was: \$1,889**

**Easter Flower Collection 2016 was: \$ 758**

**Easter Flower Collection 2015 was: \$1,919**

**Good Friday Collection 2016 was: \$1,019**

**Good Friday Collection 2015 was: 916**

**Easter Collection for 2016 was: \$28,550**

**Easter Collection for 2015 was: \$29,451**

**Banns Of Marriage**

***Lauren Cole Hatchard & James Olson II***

***Elizabeth Fennell & Keith Campo III***

***Anthony Pacione & Jith Joseph III***

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