

Dear Friends in Christ,

Yesterday, we celebrated the reception of First Holy Communion by our second graders. What a joy to watch their innocent expressions as each child received the Holy Eucharist. Are we not constantly aware of Christ when he said, 'unless we become like a child, we cannot enter the kingdom of heaven'. I pray that these younger parishioners, who names are honored on the front cover of our bulletin this week, may by their innocence, keep us older folk in check with living out our own discipleship.

Today we continue to celebrate our second graders, a number of them will be present at our 9:30 mass to honor our Mother Mary with the annual May Crowning Ceremony. May all of us, as Mary showed, continually do the will of God by becoming His servant for one another.

We honor our Mother in Heaven and we also honor our early mothers as well. May I extend a Blessed Happy Mother's Day to all of our moms! What a gift you all are! God bless all our moms physically with us and many of us remember our moms this day, like Mary, who are in heaven. Mother's Day has had an extra meaning to me these past twenty-five years. It was on Mother's Day, May 12, 1991 that I celebrated my 'First Mass'. I could take up all the pages of this bulletin telling you all about my mom. I know all of us, I pray, can do the same. On behalf of your children, THANK YOU for all that you do, continue to do, and have done. May all our mothers be greatly blessed as they continue to follow the example of Mary, the mother of us all.

Mother Day Remembrance envelopes are placed on the altar starting today for the Novena of Masses. The envelopes will remain for the rest of the month of May.

This Wednesday, May 11th, myself and my classmates will concelebrate mass at Saint Patrick's Cathedral with Cardinal Dolan in celebration of our Silver Jubilee. As I mentioned last to you all last week, on June 5th I will celebrate the 11:30 mass. After mass I invite all of you to the school auditorium for a light collation.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday, the birth of the Church. A fun tradition that my last two parishes had was that parishioners wore some article of red clothing to celebrate. This practice has been always seen a fun, reverent way of celebrating Pentecost. You are more than welcome to start this joyful tradition here next week.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



the **CARDINAL'S**
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Sharing God's Gifts

As of Wednesday, May 4, 2016, our parish has pledged \$33,745.00. This amount comes from 161 individual gifts. This puts us at 67% of our goal of \$50,500.00

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

A FEW IMPORTANT DATES

Last class for Thursday program is Thursday May 12th. There will be a year-end mass at the church at 5:00 p.m. All are invited to participate with the children.

Last class for Tuesday Program is Tuesday, May 17th. There will a year-end mass at the Church at 5:00 p.m. All are invited to participate with the children. 7th grade students report to their regular class at 7:00 p.m.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Registration for the 2016-2017

Religious Education School year is coming upon us! Mark your calendars, registration for the upcoming year will be ongoing. **There will be a \$25.00 re-registration fee after June 30th.** If you will be registering a first grader or a new student, please bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

WEDDING JUBILEES FOR COUPLES

CELEBRATING THEIR 25TH OR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ANYTIME DURING 2016

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 2:00 p.m, Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Please call the parish office at 786-2742, if you are planning to attend. As in tradition, we will have our own celebration at our own Parish in the Fall.

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the month of May, the Food Pantry is collecting Cereal. 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.

*The flowers this week are
In Loving Memory of
Virginia Schindele
donated by The Family*

**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.

ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

Any young person, boy or girl, in our parish from 4th grade and older can join this important liturgical ministry. Altar servers play a large part in insuring that our worship is complete and that participation is full and active from the entire community. Training will be provided and a schedule prepared so there will be no questions about which Mass to attend. Serving at Mass is a wonderful way to earn service hours. For more information about becoming an altar server or to sign up for this ministry, please contact either Deacon John Sadowski 786 5759 or the rectory 786 2742.

CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
5/1	\$25	1074	Orifini Family
5/2	\$25	1140	Kim Petro
5/3	\$100	1220	Joanne Chicatelli
5/4	\$25	209	Gina/Ryan Walsh
5/5	\$25	1521	Yanitelli Family
5/6	\$75	930	Conor Dove
5/7	\$25	1432	Susan Varano

**MOTHER'S DAY FOR
BIRTHRIGHT**

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 8th and our parish will have the opportunity to support those mothers who choose life for their babies by donating a new baby gift to Birthright. Any and all new baby items are most welcome, especially disposable diapers and baby wipes. Our Girl Scouts will be helping out with this worthy drive. Please bring an unwrapped baby gift to Mass and leave it in the vestibule of the Stony Point church. If you prefer to make a donation checks should be made out to Birthright of Rockland. **We will be collecting these items for the month of May. Thank you for your support.**

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, Louis Pezzola, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff,

Our recently deceased: Eileen O'Brien.

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, MAY 7TH

8:30 Jane McNaught
(req. by Joseph & Madelaine Cavegn)
5:30 p.m. Vigil Margaret & Andrew Huber
(req. by family)

SUNDAY, MAY 8TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Terri Crawford (req. by family)
11:30 Jim Hylas (req. by family)

MONDAY, MAY 9TH

7:30 *Intention Available*
8:30 Vincent Lyons (req. by family)

TUESDAY, MAY 10TH

8:30 Leo & Anthony Ruzzi
(req. by the DiGasbarro Family)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH

7:30 Carmela & Carmelo Cassar (req. by family)
8:30 Herbert B. & Philomena DeGaris (in honor of Fr. Herb's 25th Anniversary)

THURSDAY, MAY 12TH

8:30 Marguerite Cristantello
(req. by Greg & Shirley Hladik)

FRIDAY, MAY 13TH

7:30 Carmen DeBrincat (req. by family)
8:30 James, Marguerite & Elizabeth Ryder
(req. by Kay Metzko)

SATURDAY, MAY 14TH

8:30 Virginia Schindele (req. by family)
5:30 p.m. Vigil Ann & Henry Fondu (req. by family)

SUNDAY, MAY 15TH

7:30 For the People of the Parish
9:30 Peter & Dorothy McCarron (req. by family)
11:30 Marguerite Cristantello
(req. by Jim & Diane Gilmartin)

Celebrants for Masses (Subject to Change)

May 14th/May 15th

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

CALENDAR REQUESTS
FROM ALL
PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

All persons responsible for scheduling their parish organizations' meetings and special events for next year must submit their requests for use of parish facilities and the time needed to the Rectory **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH**. Requests should be dropped off at the Rectory. Thank You.

BOY SCOUTS
BLOOD DRIVE
SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH

The Blood supply in our area is very low and as summer arrives it is imperative that the supply grows to help our community. Please donate to our blood drive on Sunday, June 12th at Immaculate Conception Church auditorium between 8:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Mark the date! Don't forget to bring a photo ID. **For more information, email Joyce Castronovo at (914) 645-1411**

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 or contact the AMHS Development Office at 845-623-8842 ext 229.
Golfers and Dinner guests MUST register by May 20th to attend

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NEWS OF INTEREST

World Apostolate of Fatima Shrine on May 13th at Mt. View Road, Washington, NJ 07882. Celebrate 100th anniversary of the apparitions of the Angel of Peace at Portugal and 99 anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima, -11: Holy House tour; 10:30 Confessions - upper Shrine; 12:00 Rosary Procession; 12:30: Guest Speaker Fr. Ronan Murphy; 1:00: Holy Mass Fr. R. Murphy; 2:30 Benediction Fatima Farewell; Brown Scapular enrollment; 3:00: Divine Mercy Chaplet; 3:30 - 4:30: Holy House tour. Enter designated year of mercy Door. www.bluearmy.com (908) 689-1700.

North Rockland 5K RUN/WALK - On Sunday, June 5th at 9:00 a.m. at Bowline Point Town Park, the proceeds of this event will benefit three families from the community, Terri Pileggi-Marcoux, Jose Ramirez Flores and Angelina Hicks. The children's race begins at 8:30 a.m. This is chaired by Town of Haverstraw supervisor Howard T. Phillips, Jr. town of Stony Point Supervisor Jim Monaghan and North Rockland athletic director Joseph Casarella. For more information, visit www.townofhaverstraw.org or call 429-2200.

Saint Aedan's Church on Ehrhardt Road in Pearl River - will host a Rummage Sale on Thursday, May 12th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Only) No Evening Sale.

Adoption - Baby girls and boys in China need homes. Infants and toddlers available. Call Barbara Salvesen at 623-5277.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection May 1, 2016 was: \$7,788
Collection May 3, 2015 was: \$8,124

Central & Eastern Europe 2016 was: \$1,374
Central & Eastern Europe 2015 was: 884

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