

Dear Friends in Christ,

Sunday, February 7th almost four months to the day, was the last time we gathered to celebrate Ordinary Time and have seen green vestments for a Sunday Liturgy. The season of Lent and Easter were beautifully celebrated along with Pentecost, Trinity and Corpus Christi Sundays. In this time, we celebrated the Confirmation of our eighth graders and the reception of First Holy Eucharist by our second graders. The season of winter and all of its snow is behind us and now that the unofficial start of Summer with Memorial Day last weekend being celebrated, we are all anticipating the end of school and a couple of months of Summer enjoyment.

What a joy for me today to publicly celebrate my Silver Anniversary at the 11:30 a.m. mass. Please join the parish celebration after the mass in the auditorium, especially if you are attending another mass, you are more than welcome to come back for the light collation that will be provided.

I began this letter recalling events over the past four months. I would not dare to the same for the time span of twenty-five years. I can tell you that the time has seemed to go by so fast overall but there were moments where the past twenty-five years came to a crashing halt. Immediately the sudden death of my father during my assignment at Saint Gregory Barbarigo and after a four-and-a-half-year battle with cancer my mother succumbing to cancer during my assignment in Blauvelt come to mind. Because of their faith, and having them pass it onto myself and my brothers, we have been able to continue on as all of us do after the death of a loved one.

Our first reading and gospel today tells of two individuals who are dead receiving the gift of life by Elijah then by Christ Himself. We know that through Christ, as we recently celebrated through our Easter Season, death is conquered, eternal life is attained. The gift of eternal assures that we will surely be united with all our loved ones one day. Believing that, I know my mom and dad are present this day and every day still involved with my life. The flowers, in front of the Altar this weekend are in memory of my parents, Herbert B. and Philomena DeGaris.

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior give us the constant strength and grace to live out our discipleship.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris



the **CARDINAL'S**  
ANNUAL STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

*Sharing God's Gifts*

**As of Friday, June 3, 2016, our parish has pledged \$36,100.00. This amount comes from 175 individual gifts. This puts us at 72% of our goal of \$50,500.00**

**SECOND COLLECTION**  
**THIS WEEKEND JUNE 5TH**  
**BLACK & INDIAN MISSIONS**

Fact: The annual Black and Indian Mission Collection is the first national Collection, authorized by the U.B. bishops in 1884. This Sunday, our parish will take up the annual Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Your financial contribution helps support the Catholic American Indian communities on reservations, in rural areas and inner cities. The collection also supports African American schools and evangelization programs particularly in the south. With open hearts let us unite ourselves with the love of Christ in supporting the Black and Indian Mission Collection. **Please be generous in this week's Second Collection.**

**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.*

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

The family of Lucia and Cosimo Corvasce have very generously set up a scholarship for a young person who will be entering his/her first year of college this coming September, 2016 from Immaculate Conception Church. If you are interested, please send me an essay on how you are planning on continuing your Catholic faith as you embark on a new journey in your life on your college campus, in your community and in your spiritual life.

Please send all essays to Lynne DeVuono, CRE Immaculate Conception School of Religion, 24 East Main Street, Stony Point, NY 10980 and I will be sure to forward them to the family.

**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016-2017**

We are currently accepting registrations for the upcoming 2016-2017 Religious Education School Year. If you missed our in-person registration week, please call the Religious Education office as soon as possible at 786-5298 to arrange a time to come into the office to register. After June 30 there will be a \$25.00 late registration fee added to the tuition. **All students returning in September must be registered before the end of the religious education year in order to be placed in a class in September.** There are a few classes closed already on Tuesday. If you will be registering a first grader or a new student, please bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate.

If financial circumstances make it impossible to pay the registration fee in full, please do not let that prevent you from registering. Call us to make arrangements. The parish is always happy to extend this courtesy.

**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.

**Father's Day Novena  
JUNE 19TH**

On Father's Day, **June 19th**, we will begin a Novena of Masses for fathers, living and deceased. If you would like to have loved ones remembered during these Masses, please return the envelope from your monthly packet or pick up one at the entrance to the Church. There are also Father's Day cards for the living available at the entrance to the church. **Envelopes are available on the tables in the vestibules. Father's Day Novena envelopes may be dropped in any of our collections prior to Father's Day.**

**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.

**CALENDAR RAFFLE WINNERS**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Ticket</u>	<u>Winner</u>
5/29	\$75	1352	Chris Huslinger
5/30	\$25	1899	Patrick Walsh
5/31	\$75	3	Mr. & Mrs. T Robinson

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially:** Gladys Margosian, Margaret McElroy, William & Geraldine Neary, Judy Stroup, Billy Keenan, Danielle Sack, Louis Pezzola, James Molloy, Gerald Kilduff,

**Our recently deceased:** Pat Reilly and Edward Onderdonk..

**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, JUNE 4TH**

8:30 Dennis Martin (req. by Marge Rogers)

5:30 Vigil Michael & Catherine Looby

(req. by family)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH**

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 John Sullivan

(req. by Georgine Sullivan & Family)

11:30 Francis Joseph Hoyer (req. by Anthony Hoyer)

**MONDAY, JUNE 6TH**

7:30 **Intention Available**

8:30 James Foley

**TUESDAY, JUNE 7TH**

8:30 Mary Foley

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8TH**

7:30 Josephine Lodini (req. by family)

8:30 Tim Murnane (req. by family)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9TH**

8:30 Josephine Lodini (req. by family)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH**

7:30 Josephine Lodini (req. by Ed & Margaret Finn)

8:30 Brian McWeeney (req. by family)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11TH**

8:30 Mark Jones (req. by Rita & Amelia DiCarlo)

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Kenneth Hofer (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12TH**

7:30 For the People of the Parish

9:30 John Marinacci (req. by The Lynch Family)

11:30 Anthony Joseph Alva (req. by family)

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

**June 11th/June 12th**

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

9:30 a.m. Fr. Herb              11:30 a.m. Fr. Bejoy

**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**

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Food Pantry during the month of May. Through your generosity we collected over 100 boxes of cereal! This will go a long way in providing breakfast foods to over 50 clients a week! For the month of June, the Food pantry is collecting **jams and jellies.** 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!

**MEN'S CLUB**  
**ROCKLAND BOULDERS TRIP**  
**SATURDAY, JULY 23RD**

The Men's Club is running a trip to Palisades Credit Union Park **on Saturday, July 23rd** when the Ottawa Champions vs. the Rockland Boulders. Join us for Irish Heritage Day for tailgating, a great game, fireworks and live music at the Boulder Bar after the game all for \$20 per person. Tailgating starts at 5:00 p.m. in the stadium parking lot and the game starts at 6:30 p.m. Call Peter Morris at 786-3770 or Tom Robinson at 786-3005.

**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS**

**O Jesus, Eternal Priest, keep Your Priests  
within the shelter of Your Sacred Heart  
where none may touch them.**

**Keep unstained their anointed hands,  
which daily touch Your Sacred Body.**

**Keep unsullied their lips,  
daily purpled with Your Precious Blood.**

**Keep pure and unearthly their hearts,  
sealed with the sublime mark of Your Priesthood.**

**Let your Holy Love surround them,  
and shield them from the world's contagion.**

**Bless their labors with abundant fruit,  
and may the souls to whom they minister  
be their joy and consolation, here on earth,  
and in heaven, their everlasting crown.**

**Mary, Mother of Priests, pray for Priests and  
Vocations to the Priesthood.**

**THE MASS BOOK HAS OPENED**  
**FOR**  
**JULY, AUGUST, & SEPTEMBER**

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 most appreciated.

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**NEWS OF INTEREST**

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**Catholic Daughters of the Americas - Court Joan of ARC #604** - Will be hold their monthly meeting on **Tuesday, June 7th at Knights of Columbus Hall in Haverstraw at 7:00 p.m.** Please bring donation for the food pantry. Refreshments will be served. For information call Anastasia Phillips 942-2038.

**Albertus Magnus Soccer Camp** - Boys and Girls Grades K- 5 August 15th - 19th. For more information please contact Coach Brian Fitzpatrick 304-4929 brianfitz.1@verizon.net.

**The Catholic Widow & Widowers Club of Rockland** - will be meeting on July 17th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Augustine's Church (downstairs). Dessert and coffee will be served. Guests are welcome. For information call Dotty at 623-1739.

**The Rockland County Catholic Choir** - comprised of members of parishes throughout the county, will be presenting their spring concert entitled "Songs of Love, Peace and Hope" on Friday June 10th at the Church of St. Joseph, 245 West Main Street Spring Valley and on Saturday, June 11th at the Parish of St. Paul - St. Ann 82 Lake Road West, Congers. Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken. For information about the concerts or if you are interested in joining this non-auditioned choir in the Fall 2016, contact Scott Walters at (845) 558-1225 or email scotthetenor@yahoo.com.

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**

**Collection May 30, 2016 was: \$ 6,155**

**Collection May 26, 2015 was: \$ 6,311**