

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week is going to be one to remember! Beginning tomorrow, July 25th and ending next Sunday the 31st World Youth Day will be taking place in Krakow, Poland.

World Youth Day will be held this coming week in Krakow, Poland. WYD began simply in 1984 at the close of the Holy Year of Redemption, over 300,000 young people from around the world responded to the invitation of His Holiness John Paul II for an International Jubilee of youth on Palm Sunday in St. Peter's square. Looking out to the crowds who answered his invitation he said, "What a fantastic spectacle is presented on this stage by your gathering here today! Who claimed that today's youth has lost their sense of values? Is it really true that they cannot be counted on?" Thirty-two years later WYD is now taking place on the soil of its founder Saint John Paul II.

Our local Catholic cable stations, EWTN and TELECare will certainly cover this week long event. Even by taking part in the events by way of television, may we receive the same graces as will the young pilgrims who have traveled to Krakow.

I am mindful of my encounter with Saint John Paul II as a high school student during his first Papal Visit to New York in 1979 at Madison Square Garden at the Youth in Concert event. As moments from that event still shape my life today, I pray the same for the youth of our world who are attending World Youth Day in Krakow both physically and by way of television.

May all of us be blessed this week as we continue to be witnesses of Christ to one another.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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 to schedule a time to come in to register your child in the 2016-2017 program. After June 30 there will be a \$25.00 late registration fee added to the tuition. There are several classes that are closed on Tuesday. If you are registering a 1st grader or a new student to the program, please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.

Please note that we will not be accepting registration forms on the first week of class. 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

THIS WEEKEND
JULY 23RD/24TH

FOR AIR-CONDITONING EXPENSES

This Summer has been such a terrible Summer as far as heat. We will have a Special Collection this weekend as we did last year in order to help us reach the larger than average expense. **We thank you for your understanding, generosity and support.**

FOOD PANTRY NEWS

For the months of July and August, 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!

MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY

IS NOT A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

**The Morning Masses will be at
7:30 a.m. & 8:30 a.m. as usual.**

HOSPITALIZED

Please contact the parish office before admission into Good Samaritan, Helen Hayes or Nyack Hospitals. We are not always aware of our parishioners in need. New federal regulations have place requirements on hospitals to protect the privacy of patients. Clergy are only allowed to visit those who explicitly request such visits. Please be sure to state your religion as Roman Catholic and your parish as Immaculate Conception and indicate your desire to be visited by us. Remember too that there is a Catholic chaplain on staff at each of the hospitals. Also if you are Homebound and would like to receive a visit from a Priest or receive Holy Communion please call the Rectory, Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

MIDNIGHT RUN

Last Saturday night's run gave us the opportunity to serve a very large number of our less fortunate brothers and sisters on the streets in Manhattan. A small but dedicated group of our parishioners brought our spirit of sharing and fellowship along with a warm meal, refreshments, clothing and other necessities. Their greetings and smiles were greatly appreciated by everyone we met. Many thanks to everyone who participated in any way.

The next run is scheduled for Sunday morning, August 21. It will be a breakfast run. We will plan to depart from the Church parking lot at 7 AM and we should return by 10 or 10:30 that morning. We will prepare for the run on Saturday morning, August 20 at 10 AM. This will give us a great opportunity to clean out our storage room, re-organize the donations and prepare for the run. It is also a great way to get a head start on any service hours needed during the next school or religious education year. **For any information about the run, or to volunteer in any way, please contact Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski at 786 5759.**

PARISH PAY

Along with other parishes we are using Parish pay, a company who helps us with parishioners' request to use checking accounts, savings or their credit cards to give to the offertory. Now you can stop worrying about not having for the collection. You can now give whatever your budget allots. You will be able to budget what you give to the parish and the parish will be able to accurately budget for the year. There are ways to enroll Parish Pay you can visit their website at www.ParishPay.com call **PARISHPAY 1-866-727-4741.** or visit the rectory to get an enrollment form. **Anyone can use this system, only you authorize the amount you wish to give and only you can make modifications on your giving.**

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.**

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:

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, JULY 23RD

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

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Pat Reilly

(req. by Jean & Tom Sullivan)

SUNDAY, JULY 24TH

7:30 *Intention Available*

9:30 Thomas Schassler Sr. (req. by Anastasia Phillips)

11:30 For the People of The Parish

MONDAY, JULY 25TH

7:30 Matthew Pothen (req. by family)

8:30 Peggy Bunyan (req. by Martin & Maeve Feeney)

TUESDAY, JULY 26TH

8:30 Carl Stewart (req. by family)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27TH

7:30 Pat Larkin (req. by family)

8:30 Mark Stewart (req. by Tom & Joyce Robinson)

THURSDAY, JULY 28TH

8:30 Mark Stewart (req. by I.C. Men's Club)

FRIDAY, JULY 29TH

7:30 John & Antonia Portelli (req. by family)

8:30 Mark Stewart (req. by Eugene & Maureen Rogers)

SATURDAY, JULY 30TH

8:30 Mr. Domenic Accurso - Anniversary Mass

(req. by family)

5:30 **Vigil** For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 31ST

7:30 Matthew John (req. by family)

9:30 Rory & Tom McCann (req. by family)

11:30 George Lappe Jr. (1st Anniversary)

(req. by family)

MINISTRY OF LECTOR

We are in need of Lectors for our Sunday liturgies. Deacon John would greatly appreciate hearing from you if you think you might be interested in becoming part of this ministry. The schedule is usually prepared on a monthly basis, with at least two assignments per month. The lectors meet periodically for evenings of prayer and reflection on the ministry of lector. Some training is available. To talk about the ministry or to express your interest in becoming part of the ministry of Lector, please contact Deacon John at 786-5759 or leave a message at the rectory.

BAPTISM CLASS

The dates for the next Baptism Classes are: **July 25th and August 22nd.** **Appointments are needed if you are going to attend the class so we have an idea of how many will be joining each month. The Baptism dates are ordinarily the first and third Sunday of the Month.**

BAPTISM

The dates for our next Baptisms are: **August 7th and August 21st.** We would ask you to please contact the rectory at (786-2742) to make an appointment during Monday - Friday (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

SUMMER TIDBITS
SPONSOR LETTERS

For Baptism, Confirmation - Many times we have younger adults come to the rectory looking for sponsor letters and they are no longer living in our parish. When informed of the fact that they should be going to the parish where they worship, their response is, "Well, we were baptized and received our sacraments here and our parents live here." Sponsor letters are requested by parishes to give an indication of the individual's participation in the Sunday worship of his or her parish. It is best that once one reaches the age of 18, one should register themselves in the parish and once, they move to another parish, they should register there, since that will be where the sponsor's letter will be requested from.

Many times the response also is that the mother lives here in Immaculate Parish - which misses the point that the individual himself/herself as a young worshipping Christian adult once the age of 18 is reached, should be registered in their parish in order to be able to receive sponsor letters.

NEWS OF INTEREST

Saturday, August 6th - "You at Least Try to Console Me." World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mt. View Rd., Washington, NJ, invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea of Dec. 10, 1925 requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation. *Special guest Speaker/Celebrant Fr. Peter Ssekajugo, I.M.C.* Confessions 10:30 am; 11:30 Rosary w/15 minute meditation; 12:00 Holy Mass; 1:30 Benediction; 2:00 Holy House: Confessions, Children's Video, Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: *"And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?"* www.bluearmy.com 908-689-1700 Ext 210.

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 for next month are **August 3 and August 16th.** **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 July 17, 2016 was: \$6,386
Collection July 19, 2015 was: \$6,684

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