

July 31, 2016

Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Dear Friends in Christ,

The last day of July, another month has come and gone, and now we head in to the famous August 'dog days of summer', although after these past ten or so days, many of us feel those days are already here!

Tomorrow, August 1st is a special day for me, it is one year ago tomorrow that I began my assignment here at Immaculate Conception. It is hard to believe that this past year has come and gone so quickly. I am mindful of that famous saying "time flies when you're having fun". As I have mentioned time and time again it was with sheer joy that I found myself returning to Rockland this time last year. Even better that I

was going to be in that part of the county where I was assigned nearby for six years.

You have all made my first year here special and memorable, that just two months ago I was able to celebrate my Silver Anniversary of my priesthood with all of you made that moment in my life more meaningful. As we continue to journey together as a family of faith, united by way of our discipleship with Christ, may the example of our patroness Mary continually lead us to the glory of her son.

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.

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

Thank you from the Men's Club. The Men's Club would like to thank everyone who attended the Rockland Boulders game last Saturday. Although it was hot, a good time was had by all. Thank you!

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!

**NEXT WEEKEND AUG. 7TH
2ND COLLECTION**

Next week, we will have a combined collection for the Catholic Home Missions and the Church in Latin America. While the Church there is overflowing with numbers, new members, and vibrancy, it suffers from material resources. This collection enables the dioceses, parishes, clergy and religious, and other Catholic institutions in these nations to train and form seminarians, men and women religious, and missionaries and catechists so that the Church can continue to serve our poor, sick, and struggling brothers and sisters in the Lord. It is more important than ever that we *keep faith* with the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean.

At the same time, the Catholic Home Missions enables the Church to assist the neediest among us here, at home, in the United States. We know from the news media how our fellow Americans - in Appalachia, the Deep South, and the Rocky Mountain States - are more in need than ever before. Please be generous next weekend to enable the Church to continue our ministry in these areas of evangelization.

**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.**

MASS CARDS

The giving of a "Mass Card" to an individual or a family is a traditional and honored custom of the Catholic Community. **Mass Cards** can be given or sent for the repose of the soul of a deceased person or for a Special Intention:

Special Intention Cards are for a living person and are obtained for a number of reason: general good wishes, birthdays, anniversaries, return to good health, in thanksgiving, or for a particular need or moment in the life of another e.g. a new home. There are two types of Mass Cards:

An "Announced Mass" means that the Mass will be celebrated on a certain day at a scheduled Mass time when the priest announces the intention to the congregation and it is printed in the weekly Parish Bulletin.

An "Unannounced Mass" refers to a Mass when the intention is remembered by one of the priests at a Mass that has no announced Intention.

Mass Cards of all types can be obtained at the Parish Center during regular office hours. **The donation for an Announced Mass is a \$15 weekly and \$20 for Weekend Masses. \$10 for an Unannounced Mass.**

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.**

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Same Pace, Michael Orapello, 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 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)

MONDAY, AUGUST 1ST

7:30 Mr. & Mrs. James Faherty, Jr. (req. by family)

8:30 Mark Stewart (req. by Joe & Norma Rodriguez)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2ND

8:30 Anthony Ionni (req. by Ed & Ellen Goggin)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3RD

7:30 Nora Boyle (req. by Jim & Nan Normoyle)

8:30 Edelmiro Rodriguez

(req.by Norma & Joe Rodriguez)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH

8:30 Charles Miller, Jr. (req. by family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5TH

7:30 Ann Geraldine Hoyer (req. by Anthony Hoyer)

8:30 Michael Connolly (req. by family)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6TH

8:30 Marie Babcock (req. by family)

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Victor Mariani (req. by family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7TH

7:30 For The People of The Parish

9:30 Melody Phillips (req. by family)

11:30 Mary & Frank Sullivan (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: **August 22nd and September 26th.** 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.

**GROWING IN FAITH
LOOK FOR LOVE**

God looks at us with a father's love. He sees us as he created us to be – his beloved children who deserve another chance. “When you're tempted to focus on another's faults, ask God to help you see everyone as he does – with love. God is always patient – patient with us... He never tires of forgiving us if we know to turn to him with a contrite heart.”

Pope Francis

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.

Dominican College – An Information Session interested in Undergraduate and Graduate Degrees, including Undergraduate online programs is scheduled for **Wednesday, August 10, 2016 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hennessy Center.**

Out of Town - Don't Miss Mass - You don't have to miss Mass just because you're on vacation. For Nationwide Mass times and locations, just call 1-800-Mass Times or check out their website at www.Masstimes.org.

Going on Vacation? - Please remember that your parish (and all of our weekly expenses) will still be here. When your return, please remember to make up for missed collections. We count on your financial support 52 weeks a year. Thank You.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection July 25, 2016 was: \$6,687

Collection July 26, 2015 was: \$7,283

Air Conditioning Collection was: \$2,164

