

Dear Friends in Christ,

During my few days off recently, I had the opportunity to visit the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, DC. It is down the street from the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Over the past two years, renovations have been done to the Shrine once the original building was put under the care of the Knights of Columbus.

One of the renovations was the construction of the Redemptor Hominis Chapel. A second smaller chapel, the Luminous Mysteries Chapel, contains a first-class relic of Saint John Paul II's blood in a glass ampoule at the center of a reliquary located on the front the Chapel Altar. This relic was given as a gift the Knights of Columbus by His Eminence Stanisław Cardinal Dziwisz, Archbishop of Kraków and personal secretary to John Paul II.

The main attraction of the shrine is a permanent exhibit called A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II. This exhibit covers the life and teaching of this pope and saint. The exhibit covers Saint John Paul II from his early childhood years to the maturing of his vocation as

a priest and bishop amidst some of the darkest moments of the twentieth century.

Personal artifacts, texts, images and interactive displays combine to illustrate the Pope's historic election, his passion for "Christ, the Redeemer of Man" and his courageous defense of the dignity of the human person. Through the dramatic events of John Paul II's 25-year pontificate, and finally through the witness he bore in his final illness and death, the visitor can glimpse the fruitfulness of a life given over in service.

This Shrine is a powerful holy place to visit. Almost two years ago Cardinal Dolan lead an Archdiocesan Pilgrimage to the shrine. Maybe Immaculate Conception, if interest is out there, could have its own pilgrimage to the two shrines, the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, to honor our patroness and also to the St. John Paul II National Shrine. In the early Fall I will address this possibility in a more formal way.

May we continually be inspired by the life of our mother Mary, and Saint John Paul II.

- 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.

New York Catholic Bible School Program

Beginning Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, the New York Catholic Bible School Program, sponsored by the Archdiocesan Catechetical Office, will be holding classes on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, at the Church of St. Denis, 604 Beekman Road, Hopewell Junction, N.Y.

The New York Catholic Bible School exists because there is joy and hope in the Bible! Being grounded in our beliefs leads us to a deeper relationship with God and an evolving sense of life's meaning. Intense study of the Bible brings us to life-changing personal growth in spirituality and service. This program is for adults who are seeking "something more" in their spiritual journey, and who are willing to commit to two years of study with an option to complete the full four-year program.

No particular educational background is required. Tuition is \$150 per trimester with a \$35 non-refundable registration fee.

Registration is a must and is done through the New York Catholic Bible School website.

FOR MORE INFORMATION . . .

E-mail: Bible@archny.org

Telephone: Maureen McKew, Director
646-794-2855

Elda Luisi, Registrar

646-794-2862

Website: <http://www.nyfaithformation.org/ny-catholic-bible-school>

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.

MEN'S CLUB MEETING
FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH
8:30 P.M.

The Men's Club Meeting will be on Friday, August 19th at 8:30 p.m. in Fr. Keenan Hall. All Men of the Parish are invited to attend. As always, bring a friend.

MIDNIGHT RUN

Here is another great opportunity to get a head start on service hours for this coming school year. The next run is a breakfast run scheduled for **Sunday, August 21.** The run prep will take place on Saturday morning August 20 starting at 10 AM. There is a lot of sorting and storing work to be done at the annex, so everyone's help will be appreciated.

For the run, we will meet in the Church parking lot at 6:45 AM and plan to depart by 7 AM. We should return to Stony Point in time for the 11:30 Mass that morning. For the run, any donations of water, sack lunches or back packs will be greatly appreciated. For any information about the run or to volunteers in any way, please call Deacon John or Jessica Sadowski at 845 786 5759.

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!

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Sam 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, AUGUST 13TH

8:30 Marge Ferro (req. by Pat & JoAnn DiGasbarro)

5:30 **Vigil** Michael & Catherine Looby (req. by family)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14TH

7:30 Marie Babcock (req. by family)

9:30 For the People of the Parish

11:30 Nora & John Saunders (req. by Pat & Jack Ryan)

MONDAY, AUGUST 15TH

7:30 Mass In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony

(req. by The Lewis Family)

8:30 Deirdre Michella (req. by The Rose Family)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16TH

8:30 Marge Ferro (req. by Greg & Shirley Hladik)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17TH

7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 Marge Mazza (req. by Greg & Shirley Hladik)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18TH

8:30 Thomas John (req. by family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19TH

7:30 Edgar Galea & Mary Ann Cassar

(req. by family)

8:30 Eugene B. D'Onofrio (req. by family)

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20TH

8:30 Marge Ferro (req. by Joe & Norma Rodriguez)

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21ST

7:30 Helen Trimble (req. by family)

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

11:30 For The People of the Parish

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 date for our next Baptism is **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.)

NEWS OF INTEREST

Mt. Alvernia Retreat Center 158 Delavergne Avenue Wappingers Falls, NY 12590 announces Women's Retreat September 9 – 11 Theme: Jubilee of Divine Mercy Includes: Private Bedroom with full bath, Linens, Friday Dinner 6:00 p.m. 3 Meals on Saturday, 2 meals Sunday. The Retreat consists of communal & private prayer times, 4 Conferences, Adoration, Opportunity for Reconciliations, Saturday & Sunday Mass. Cost \$175.00 Deposit \$50.00 to reserve your place. More information (845) 29-5706 x 112.

Please Make A Will And Remember Your Parish - Most of us own more than we realize. But no matter the size of an estate, if you want to provide for your surviving relatives and others, you need to have a will. If you die without making a will, you lose the ability to control the disposition of your assets. The law of the state will tell your family where your money and property goes. Your bequest can be a specific amount of money, property or stock. Naming our Parish as a charitable beneficiary is simple, to make a gift, simply include the following words in your will: *I give, devise, and bequeath to Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church of Stony Point, New (here you write the amount being give) to be used for the needs of the Church).*

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Blood Drive: Sunday August 28, 2016. Please plan to donate! Blood Supplies are traditionally run low in the summer and each and every pint can help save a life! For more information please

contact the rectory at 359-1230 or email secretary@olshtappan.com.

H.A.N.D.S. – (Healing and Nurturing Distraught Survivors) sponsors a bereavement support group for parents who have lost a child. 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 meeting this month is August 16th. **For more information call Ann 634-6706. Services are free of charge.**

H.A.N.D.S. has a Widows 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 10956.

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](mailto:RachelMinister1@aol.com) or call 4926709. The next meeting will be on August 15th at 7:00 p.m.

YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING

Collection August 7, 2016 was: \$7,189
Collection August 9, 2015 was \$6,485

Home Missions/Latin America 2016 was: \$1,614
Home Missions/Latin America 2015 was: \$1,419

Parish Pay for July 2016 was: \$3,709.00

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Jeneeta Howe & Daniel O'Connor (I)