

Dear Friends in Christ,

We welcome back the monthly Family Mass at the 9:30am mass this weekend. Something different this year, a class from our Religious Education Program will be taking part in the mass as readers and gift bearers. I pray that each first Sunday of the month more and more families will attend and celebrate with us. A reminder that after the 9:30 mass today all are invited over to the School Auditorium for Hospitality Sunday.

Today the church celebrates Respect Life Sunday If you are able to, please join the Rockland County Life Chain from 2:00 to 3:30 this afternoon. They will be gathering at the intercession of Route 59 and Middletown Road in Nanuet. What a beautiful way to celebrate Respect Life Sunday and to make a firm statement of our belief that every life is sacred from the moment of conception to natural death.

Two months ago I shared news with you about my visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and the possibility of a Parish day trip there and also a visit to

the Saint John Paul II Center that is very close to the shrine. I have heard from five parishioners that they would be interested in that in the future. This could be a possible parish function in the Spring of 2017. I bring this up because the Archdiocese of New York is planning a day pilgrimage to the National Shrine on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. The cost is \$40 and busses are leaving from various places. The closest bus is leaving from the Palisades Mall, from the commuter parking lot. Buses will leave at 6:00 AM and return at 10:00 PM. If anyone is interested in joining Cardinal Dolan and others from the Archdiocese, you may visit the pilgrimage website at [www.archny.org/mercy](http://www.archny.org/mercy). It is at that site you will be able to reserve you seat and ticket for the day. You may also call Elizabeth Guevera, Director of Adult Faith Formation at 646-794-2579.

In these final weeks of the Year of Mercy, may God continue to bless us with His mercy.

- Fr. Herbert T. DeGaris

**OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS**

Look in the vestibule this weekend for the St. Francis Animal Giving Tree! Mrs. Martinez and Mrs. Costa's class will be in charge of this project for community service, This project will benefit animals in need at Hi-Tor Shelter. Please be generous and join St. Francis in his love for "All Creatures, Great and Small"! Items will be collected from September 24 through Sunday, October 16. We thank you in advance.

**ANNUAL GOLDEN WEDDING & SILVER WEDDING MASS CELEBRATION**  
**. Our Parish is celebrating the Anniversaries for 25th & 50th on Sunday, OCTOBER 16TH during the 11:30 a.m. Mass followed by a reception. Please call the rectory to register. Thank you.**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**  
**PLEASE NOTE TIME 9A.M. - 12 NOON**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place after the 8:30 a.m. Mass **on Friday, October 7th.** The Blessed Sacrament will remain exposed in the Chapel until 12 Noon. **Hopefully this will allow more people to spend a 1/2 hour in prayer in the Chapel.** The Exposition will conclude with a Prayer Service and Benediction. We invite you to spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament exposed on the altar to pray for stability and peace in our world. **We are in need of volunteers; please call Jane Hylas 786-5904.**

**1<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BETH LONGO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GOLF EVENT**  
**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**  
**SPOOK ROCK COUNTRY CLUB**  
Join us at the Spook Rock Country Club, Suffern New York **on Thursday, October 13, 2016.** \$90 per person. All proceeds will benefit the Beth Longo Memorial Scholarship Fund for North Rockland High School for Students pursuing a career in Nursing or Medicine. Registration is at 11:30 a.m. 12:00 Lunch and 1:00 Shotgun Start. Reception at 5:30 cocktail hour 6:30 Dinner Prizes and Raffles.  
\* Reception only Tickets can be purchased for \$50.00 **RSVP Karen Cappabianca at 786-2997. Or Cappabk2@optonline.net.**  
Fees and donations can be sent to  
**Beth Longo Memorial Scholarship Fund**  
**P.O. Box 164**  
**Tomkins Cove, NY**  
**Thank You**  
**Please confirm by October 1, 2016**

**FOOD PANTRY NEWS**  
The Food Pantry is starting to prepare for the holidays. We are requesting canned yams/ sweet potatoes, turkey gravy and corn muffin mixes. If you can help out, please leave your donations in the food bin in the back of the church. Thank you again for your generosity.

**MEN'S CLUB FLEA MARKET**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**TRACTOR SUPPLY PARKING LOT**

Our Men's Club Flea Market will be held on Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in the Tractor Supply parking lot. Time to clean out your garage and attic. To arrange for pick up, call, Tom Robinson 786-3005 or Bob Mariani 270-7098 or any member of the Men's Club. Items can be dropped off the day of the flea market. **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE ANY ITEMS AT THE RECTORY.**

**MEN'S CLUB ANNUAL FALL**  
**ROAST BEEF DINNER**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**

The Men's Club Annual Fall Roast Beef Dinner will be held on **Saturday, October 29th** in the school hall **after the 5:30 p.m. Mass.** We will be serving our expertly prepared Roast Beef, covered with our "world" famous gravy and delicious oven roasted potatoes, green beans, and dessert.

Cost: Adults - \$15. Seniors & Children over 12 - \$12

Children 6 - 12 \$6 For reservations, and to reserve a table **Call Tom Robinson 786-3005**

**PLEASE BRING A FOOD ITEM TO THE**  
**DINNER FOR OUR PARISH FOOD PANTRY**

**YOUTH CHORUS**

It is my pleasure to announce the start-up of a new **Youth Chorus** at Immaculate Conception Church! Students from grades 2 through 8 who enjoy singing are invited and encouraged to participate. The Youth Choir will sing at the monthly Family Mass- which is the 9:30 AM mass the first Sunday of each month. They will also sing at other important masses such as Christmas eve 4:30 mass.

**Rehearsals** will be held in the church on **Thursday evenings from 6:15- 6:55** beginning September 29.

I am looking forward to working with your child to develop a special group of young singers here at Immaculate. ***Thank You. Marilyn Marino***

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

All those who are ill at home, in the hospital and in nursing homes, especially: Lynn Westbrook, Rita Quirk, Ed & Ann Hanus, Sam Pace, 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, OCTOBER 1ST**

8:30 Mary O'Connell (req. by family)

5:30 p.m. **Vigil** Edward Onderdonk

(req. by Ann Sheridan)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**

7:30 *Intention Available*

9:30 *For the People of the Parish*

11:30 Marguerite Cristantello

(req. by Elliott Cristantello)

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**

7:30 Della Hickey (req. by The Williams Family)

8:30 Pam Lionetti (req. by family)

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4TH**

8:30 Margaret Mazza (req. by family)

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**

7:30 Jeffrey Muscat (req. by family)

8:30 The Dec'd Members of the DeLuca Family

(req. by family)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6TH**

8:30 Penny Jo Mazza (req. by family)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH**

7:30 *Intention Available*

8:30 James Gamboli (req. by Ann & Wareen Sayre)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8TH**

8:30 Daniel T. O'Connor (req. by family)

5:30 **Vigil** Vincent & Marie Ivancich (req. by family)

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9TH**

7:30 Yannick Lastennet (req. by family)

9:30 Mark Stewart (req. by Bea & Marty Sasin)

11:30 *For the People of the Parish*

**BOY SCOUTS OF TROOP 61**  
**POPCORN SALE OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>/9<sup>TH</sup>**

Our Troop is having our annual popcorn fundraiser, please support your Troop by purchasing a bag or box of popcorn. Our scouts will be selling popcorn before and after the [5:30pm Mass on Saturday October 8](#), and the [9:30](#) and [11:30am Mass on Sunday October 9th](#). Thanks for your support.

**IMC is looking into starting a new program for the Parish,**

**The Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation Program.**

A statue of the Virgin Mary would be brought to the sick and shut-in's of the parish and remain in their home for one week. This is a wonderful way to reach out to the sick and shut-in's who are alone and those with family and friends to gather in prayer and companionship. If anyone is interested or knows someone who would like to have the statue please contact Mary Ann Winheim 845-270-7648 or Kathy Messina 845-354-1106

food item to help the county food pantry for the needy, it would be greatly appreciated.

**NEWS OF INTEREST**

**Catholic Charities Community Services of Rockland (CCCSR) is the principal social service agency of the Catholic Church in Rockland County.**

Among other services, CCCSR provides emergency financial assistance to person facing homelessness, a food pantry, food stamp outreach, community vegetable garden and immigrant services. CCCSR will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year with a dinner on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at Town & Country Caterers in Congers and honor 2016 Community Service Award Honorees: Community Service Award: Stokes Farm, Tappan and Alex Bursztein, Legal Aid Society of Rockland, Inc., Business Community Service Award: Curtis Landscaping Life Time Volunteer Community Award: Marylyn and Don Colucci. Immaculate Conception would like to support the mission of the agency by purchasing at least ten seats at a cost of \$100 per seat. Would you kindly consider joining us at our parish table by purchasing a ticket? Journal ads are available as well. If so, please call the rectory (845-786-2742) to reserve a space. Thank You.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court Joan of Arc #604 – will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday October 4<sup>th</sup> at the Knights of Columbus building in Haverstraw at 7:00 p.m.**

Please bring a donation for the food pantry. Refreshments will be served. For information call Anastasia Phillips at (845) 942-2038.

**Immaculate Heart Academy - will be hosting an Open House on Sunday, October 16 from 11 a.m.**

– 2 p.m.. IHA's Open House is a great opportunity to learn about the school. Call (201) 445-6800 for more information. IHA is located at 500 Van Emburgh Avenue, Township of Washington, NJ.

**CYO BASKETBALL WILL HOST**  
**POCKETBOOK BINGO**  
**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT KIRKBRIDE HALL**  
CYO will host Pocketbook Dinner at Kirkbride Hall on **Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Admission \$40.00, includes 10 games of Bingo 3 cards per game. For tickets or more information please call:  
Kathy Hurley 821-0566  
Jaimie Reilly 527-9999  
**TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup>. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.**  
Doors Open at 6:00 p.m. Bingo starts at 7:00 p.m. Please bring your own refreshments.

**John Cardinal McCloskey Council**  
**Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge**

All boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2016 Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The local competition will be held Sunday, October 2nd, from 1:30 pm, at Albertus Magnus High School (rain or shine).

Participants are required to furnish proof of age (copy of Birth Certificate) and written parental consent. Entry forms will be available at Albertus on the day of the competition.

There Are No Fees For Participation. We do ask that if you can possibly bring a non-perishable

**BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

*James Manzione & Nicole Diaz (I)*  
*Jessica Burke & Michael Husted (III)*  
*Raymond Gregg & Colleen Rossi (III)*

**YOUR SACRIFICIAL GIVING**  
Collection September 25, 2016 was: \$ 7,649  
Collection September 27, 2015 was: \$ 7,011

